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In the matter of:

DOCKET NO. S-20843A-12-0121

BENJAMIN M. CVETKOVICH;
STERLING INVESTMENTS GROUP
INTERNATIONAL, LLC; and
GEORGE A. PRUDEN AND JANET F.
PRUDEN, husband and wife,

Respondents.

PROCEDURAL ORDER
(Extension of Time)

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 30, 2012, the Securities Division ("Division") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") filed a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing ("Notice") against Benjamin M. Cvetkovich, Sterling Investments Group International, LLC ("SIGI"), and George A. Pruden and Janet F. Pruden, husband and wife, (collectively "Respondents"), in which the Division alleged multiple violations of the Arizona Securities Act ("Act") in connection with the offer and sale of securities in the form of stock or investment contracts.

Respondent spouse, Janet F. Pruden, was joined in the action for the purpose of determining the liability of the marital community pursuant to A.R.S. §44-2031(C).

The Respondents were duly served with copies of the Notice.

On May 21, 2012, pursuant to A.A.C. R14-4-305, Respondent Benjamin M. Cvetkovich filed an Answer on his own behalf. However, Respondent Cvetkovich failed to request a hearing as required by A.R.S. § 44-1972, and A.A.C. R14-4-406, a prerequisite to filing his Answer. Respondent Cvetkovich's failure to file a request for hearing could be cured if an extension of time was granted for leave which would enable him to file a request if he wanted a hearing in this matter.

On June 6, 2012, by Procedural Order, Respondent Cvetkovich was granted an extension of time until June 27, 2012, for leave to file a request for hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-1972 and

1 A.A.C. R14-2-306 if he wanted to request a hearing on the issues raised in the Notice.

2 On June 12, 2012, pursuant to A.A.C. R14-4-305, an Answer similar to that filed by
3 Respondent Cvetkovich was filed by it appears one of the Pruden Respondents on his or her own
4 behalf. However, this Respondent failed to request a hearing as required by A.R.S. § 44-1972, and
5 A.A.C. R14-4-406, a prerequisite to filing his or her Answer. Further, the Answer which was filed on
6 June 12th was not signed and only identifiable by a return address. The Respondent who failed to file
7 a request for hearing may cure the defect if an extension of time is granted for leave which will
8 enable him or her to file a request if he or she wants a hearing in this matter. When filing the request,
9 it should be signed by the party filing the request or both Pruden Respondents, if both Mr. and Mrs.
10 Pruden are requesting a hearing.

11 Accordingly, the Pruden Respondents should be granted an extension of time for leave to file
12 a request for hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-1972 and A.A.C R14-2-306, if he or she wants to
13 request a hearing on the issues raised in the Notice.

14 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that **the Pruden Respondents** shall be granted an extension
15 of time for leave to file their requests for hearing until **July 3, 2012**, if he or she wants a hearing on
16 the issues raised by the Notice in this proceeding

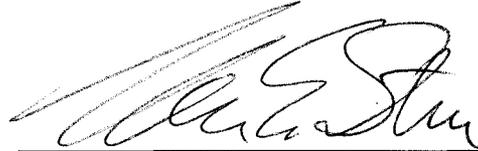
17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113-Unauthorized
18 Communications) is in effect and shall remain in effect until the Commission's Decision in this
19 matter is final and non-appealable.

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Rules 31 and 38 of the Rules
21 of the Arizona Supreme Court and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to the practice of law and admission
22 *pro hac vice*.

23 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal or representation must be made in compliance
24 with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Rule 42 of the
25 Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court). Representation before the Commission includes appearances
26 at all hearings and procedural conferences, as well as all Open Meetings for which the matter is
27 scheduled for discussion, unless counsel has previously been granted permission to withdraw by the
28 Administrative Law Judge or the Commission.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter,
2 amend, or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by
3 ruling at hearing.

4 DATED this 12th day of June, 2012.

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7 MARC E. STERN
8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

9 Copies of the foregoing mailed/delivered
10 this 12th day of June, 2012 to:

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