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**BEFORE THE DIVISION OF SECURITIES**  
**OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OF THE STATE OF UTAH**

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IN THE MATTER OF:

**NOVUS TECHNOLOGIES, LLC;**  
**RALPH W. THOMPSON, JR.;** and  
**DUANE C. JOHNSON;**

Respondents.

**ORDER STAYING PROCEEDINGS**

**Docket No. SD-07-0089**  
**Docket No. SD-07-0090**  
**Docket No. SD-07-0091**

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This matter was initiated on December 18, 2007 with an Order to Show Cause issued by the Division. No Respondent filed an answer. Respondent Johnson filed a motion to stay, which was received on January 17, 2008.

A hearing was held on January 28, 2008 as scheduled in the Notice of Agency Action accompanying the Order to Show Cause. At the hearing, the Division was represented, but none of the Respondents appeared and no counsel made an appearance. The Division represented that Respondent Thompson told the Division he intends to file a request for a stay. The Division indicated it has been engaged in discussions with Respondents and recommended staying proceedings to permit exploration of a settlement of this action and of a pending civil action brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to some of the same conduct.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that further proceedings in this matter are stayed. Any party may request that a scheduling hearing be set in the future.

DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.

  
WAYNE KLEIN  
Director, Presiding Officer



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008 copies of the foregoing

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