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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE )  
COMMISSION, )  
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PLAINTIFF, )  
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v. )  
 )  
PATRICK O. HOWARD; )  
HOWARD CAPITAL HOLDINGS, LLC; )  
AND OPTIMAL ECONOMICS CAPITAL )  
PARTNERS, LLC, )  
 )  
DEFENDANTS. )

Civil Action No.: 3:17-cv-00420-L

FILED UNDER SEAL

**ORDER GRANTING EX PARTE MOTION TO FILE  
UNDER SEAL AND TEMPORARILY SEALING DOCKET AND PROCEEDINGS**

This matter came before the Court on the motion of Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") for a temporary seal of the docket and proceedings in this case under Local Rule 79.3(b). The Court, having reviewed the motion, the brief in support, the contents of the file, and the arguments of counsel, is of the opinion that Plaintiff has shown good cause and that the motion is well-founded and should be and hereby is GRANTED.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that these proceedings, the pleadings, motions, memoranda, all orders, and all other filings herein shall be sealed until the earlier of one of the following:

1. Executed returns of service or waivers of service are filed, whereupon, the Clerk is ORDERED to unseal the matter;
2. The Commission files a Notice of Status stating that because one or more of the defendants in the action have sufficient notice of this action, further sealing is unnecessary, whereupon, the Clerk is ORDERED to unseal the matter; or

3. If neither of the above occurs before 5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2017, the Clerk is ORDERED to unseal the matter at that time.

Dated: February 14, 2017, 3:15 p.m.

*Sam G. Lindsay*  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE