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Office of the Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street NE
Washington, D.C. 20549-1090

Re: SR-FINRA-2015-003
Proposed Rule Change to Amend the Codes of Arbitration Procedure Relating to Cancelling or Postponing a Hearing

To the Office of the Secretary:

I am a partner at Aidikoff, Uhl and Bakhtiari, a law firm devoted to the representation of individuals and institutions in disputes with Wall Street and the financial service industry. I am a former President of the Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association (PIABA) and the current Chairman of FINRA's National Arbitration and Mediation Committee (NAMC).

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Securities and Exchange Commission with comments on the above referenced rule proposal. The proposed amendments to Rules 12214 and 12601 represent an immediate improvement to the arbitral process. The proposed Rules are fair and strike a balance between the parties and arbitrators that serve the forum. The proposed rules would provide a financial incentive for parties to discuss and consummate settlements at an earlier time while providing arbitrators with fair compensation when hearings are cancelled at the last minute.

I urge the Commission to approve the proposed rule.

Very truly yours,

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