

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
RICHMOND DIVISION**

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY	)	
COMMISSION,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Civil Action No. 3:15-cv-00452 (MHL)
v.	)	
	)	
POWHATAN ENERGY FUND, LLC,	)	
HOULIAN "ALAN" CHEN,	)	
HEEP FUND, INC., and	)	
CU FUND, INC.	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
	)	

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to the Court's Order of August 18, 2020 (Dkt. No. 138), Plaintiff Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the "Commission") and Defendants Powhatan Energy Fund, LLC, Houlian Chen, HEEP Fund, Inc., and CU Fund, Inc. (collectively "Defendants") jointly provide this status report addressing the procedural status of this case.

Defendants decided not to file a petition for certiorari with the Supreme Court of the United States. Defendants will file an Answer to the Commission's Complaint dated July 31, 2015 (Dkt. No. 1) and as amended on January 29, 2018 (Dkt. No. 93) at a time directed by the Court. The parties are thereafter prepared to participate in a conference to establish a schedule for initial disclosures, discovery and the other matters encompassed by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26.

The parties are continuing negotiations regarding settlement, which may render moot other scheduling efforts. However, any settlement negotiations, Court mandated or otherwise, may proceed in parallel with establishing a schedule for the remainder of the proceeding.



