



**WHEREAS**, the Respondents admit the Securities Commissioner (the "Commissioner") has jurisdiction in this matter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner finds the investor protections and remedies in this Consent Order both appropriate and in the public interest for the protection of the investors and the capital markets of the State of South Carolina;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, and the Respondents expressly consent and agree, that:

- a. Effective as of the date of the Division's Administrative Order, the Respondents **CEASED AND DESISTED** from violating the Act and the South Carolina Code of Regulations;
- b. Effective immediately, the Respondents will **CEASE AND DESIST** from participating in any aspect of the securities industry; and
- c. If the State of North Carolina Securities Division repeals, rescinds, or otherwise vacates its Final Consent Order with the Respondents, and FINRA repeals, rescinds, or otherwise vacates the Respondents' expulsion from membership, the Respondents may re-apply for investment adviser and investment adviser representative registrations in this State.

Upon execution by the Commissioner, this Order resolves Administrative Proceeding 20172001 as it relates to the Respondents.

The parties to this Order agree the Order does not and should not be interpreted to waive any (i) criminal cause of action, (ii) private cause of action that may have accrued to any investor or investors, or (iii) other cause of action which may result from any activity of the Respondents not detailed above or which may hereafter arise.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 27 day of August, 2018.

By: Alan Wilson  
Alan Wilson  
Securities Commissioner  
State of South Carolina

RESPONDENT HIGHTOWER FINANCIAL PARTNERS, LLC:

By: Christopher Taylor Date: 8/22/2018  
Christopher Taylor  
Its: Owner

RESPONDENT CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR:

By: Christopher Taylor Date: 8/22/2018  
Christopher Taylor

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

SECURITIES DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:

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