# U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-03590-ACR

# GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY & OVERSIGHT v. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Assigned to: Judge Ana C. Reyes Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

#### <u>Plaintiff</u>

# GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY & OVERSIGHT

Date Filed: 12/03/2023 Jury Demand: None Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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#### **Defendant**

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/03/2023	1	COMPLAINT against SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC–10533109) filed by GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY & OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons to US Attorney, # <u>3</u> Summons to US Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons to SEC)(Hardin, Matthew) (Entered: 12/03/2023)
12/06/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Ana C. Reyes. (zljn) (Entered: 12/06/2023)
12/06/2023	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zljn) (Entered: 12/06/2023)
12/06/2023	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Christopher Cochran Horner on behalf of GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY & OVERSIGHT (Horner, Christopher) (Entered: 12/06/2023)

01/05/2024	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Mary Alexandra Verdi on behalf of SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Verdi, Mary) (Entered: 01/05/2024)
01/05/2024	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.(Verdi, Mary) (Entered: 01/05/2024)
01/05/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff filed this Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") action on December 3, 2023. Dkt 1. Defendant filed its Answer on January 5, 2024. Dkt. 5. Cases filed under FOIA are exempt from the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) and Local Civil Rule 16.3. <i>See</i> LCvR 16.3(b)(10). Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and file a joint status report on or before January 29, 2024. The joint status report should address, among other things, (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for a stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing. Counsel shall not contact Chambers directly concerning scheduling or other matters, as Chambers personnel will not handle questions relating to the status or scheduling of pending matters, except in case of an emergency. In an emergency, Chambers can be reached at (202) 354–3350. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 1/5/2024. (lcar3) (Entered: 01/05/2024)
01/22/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 1/29/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 01/22/2024)
01/26/2024	<u>6</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Verdi, Mary) (Entered: 01/26/2024)
03/12/2024	7	Joint STATUS REPORT by SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Verdi, Mary) (Entered: 03/12/2024)
03/13/2024		MINUTE ORDER. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before April 2, 2024. The Court reminds the parties that they should not submit a proposed briefing schedule for dispositive motions in a joint status report; the Court will not authorize or set a schedule for briefing on dispositive motions unless the parties comply with the pre-motion notice requirement described in the Court's Standing Order. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 3/13/2024. (lcar3) (Entered: 03/13/2024)
03/15/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 4/2/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 03/15/2024)
04/02/2024	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Verdi, Mary) (Entered: 04/02/2024)
05/01/2024	9	Joint STATUS REPORT by SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Verdi, Mary) (Entered: 05/01/2024)
05/31/2024	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Verdi, Mary) (Entered: 05/31/2024)
07/02/2024	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Verdi, Mary) (Entered: 07/02/2024)
08/02/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Verdi, Mary) (Entered: 08/02/2024)
08/19/2024	<u>13</u>	STANDING ORDER. The Court hereby ORDERS the parties to comply with its Standing Order. See Standing Order for details. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 8/19/2024. (lcar3) (Entered: 08/19/2024)
09/03/2024	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Verdi, Mary) (Entered: 09/03/2024)