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**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS  
SECURITIES DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING ) Order No.: S-15-1768-16-CO01  
Whether there has been a violation of the )  
Securities Act of Washington by: ) CONSENT ORDER  
 ) AS TO KIRTAN KHALSA  
Ascension Energy Group, Inc.; Sequoia )  
Energy Project LLLP; Matthew D. Ehrhardt )  
a/k/a Danny Ehrhardt; Lon E. Stein; Michael )  
F. Camacho; Kirtan Khalsa; Elvis R. Mendes )  
a/k/a Ron Mendes; )  
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Respondents. )

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**INTRODUCTION**

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On March 2, 2016, the Securities Administrator of the Securities Division of the Department of Financial Institutions (“Securities Division”) issued a Statement of Charges and Notice of Intent to Enter Order to Cease and Desist, to Impose Fines, and to Charge Costs (“Statement of Charges”), Order Number S-15-1768-16-SC01, against Respondents Ascension Energy Group, Inc.; Sequoia Energy Project LLLP; Matthew D. Ehrhardt a/k/a Danny Ehrhardt; Lon E. Stein; Michael F. Camacho; Kirtan Khalsa; and Elvis R. Mendes a/k/a Ron Mendes.

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Pursuant to the Securities Act of Washington, RCW 21.20, the Securities Division and Respondent Kirtan Khalsa hereby enter into this Consent Order in settlement of the matters set forth in the Statement of Charges and as alleged below. Respondent Kirtan Khalsa neither admits nor denies the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as set forth in the Statement of Charges, which are hereby incorporated by reference into this Consent Order.

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**CONSENT ORDER**

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IT IS AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent Kirtan Khalsa, and his agents and employees, each shall cease and desist from violating RCW 21.20.140, the securities registration section of the Securities Act of Washington.

1 IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent Kirtan Khalsa, and his agents and  
2 employees, each shall cease and desist from violating RCW 21.20.040, the securities salesperson and  
3 broker-dealer registration section of the Securities Act of Washington.

4 IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent Kirtan Khalsa, and his agents and  
5 employees, each shall cease and desist from violating RCW 21.20.010, the anti-fraud section of the  
6 Securities Act of Washington.

7 IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent Kirtan Khalsa shall be liable for and  
8 shall pay a fine of \$1,000 prior to the entry of this Consent Order.

9 IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent Kirtan Khalsa shall be liable for and  
10 shall pay investigative costs of \$100 prior to the entry of this Consent Order.

11 IT IS FURTHER AGREED that, except in an action by the Securities Division, this Consent Order  
12 may neither be deemed or used as an admission of or evidence of any fault, omission, or liability of  
13 Respondent Kirtan Khalsa in any civil, criminal, arbitration, or administrative proceeding.

14 IT IS FURTHER AGREED that, for any person or entity not a party to this Consent Order, this  
15 Consent Order does not limit or create any private rights or remedies against, or limit or create defenses of  
16 Respondent Kirtan Khalsa.

17 IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Securities Division has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Order.

18 IT IS FURTHER AGREED that Respondent Kirtan Khalsa enters into this Consent Order freely and  
19 voluntarily and with a full understanding of its terms and significance.

20 IT IS FURTHER AGREED that in consideration of the foregoing, Respondent Kirtan Khalsa waives  
21 his right to a hearing and to judicial review of this matter pursuant to RCW 21.20.440 and Chapter 34.05  
22 RCW.

23 **WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.**

Signed this \_\_\_\_19th\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_August\_\_\_\_, 2016.

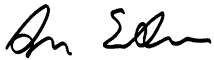
Signed by:

/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Kirtan Khalsa

SIGNED and ENTERED this 23rd day of August, 2016.



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William M. Beatty  
Securities Administrator



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Suzanne Sarason  
Chief of Enforcement



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