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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

In the Matter of	)	
Dr. Scott Shell, DVM	)	Docket No. 9439
Appellant.	)	

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE BRIEF

On December 9, 2024, an order was issued pursuant to Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") Rule 1.146 (c)(3), 16 C.F.R. § 1.146(c)(3), directing the parties to submit proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, a proposed order, and a supporting legal brief by December 26, 2024 and permitting the filing of reply findings of fact, conclusions of law and briefs within ten days thereafter ("December 9 Order"). On December 11, 2024, the parties filed a joint motion to extend these deadlines to January 9 and January 21, 2025, respectively ("Joint Motion").

Pursuant to FTC Rule 4.3(b)(1), for good cause shown, the Administrative Law Judge may, except in situations not here applicable, "[e]xtend any time limit prescribed or allowed by order of the Administrative Law Judge . . . ." 16 C.F.R. § 4.3(b)(1). To establish good cause, the Joint Motion recites counsels' conflicts arising from both work and Christmas holiday obligations, as well as a need for additional time to review hearing transcripts being prepared in accordance with the December 9 Order.

Based on the representations of the parties, there is good cause to extend the deadlines as requested. Accordingly, the Joint Motion is GRANTED and it is hereby ORDERED that the briefing schedule set forth in the December 9 Order is extended as follows: The parties shall each file proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, a proposed order, and a supporting legal brief by January 9, 2025, and any reply findings of fact, conclusions of law and briefs shall be filed by January 21, 2025.[1]

ORDERED:

D. Michael Chappell
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: December 11, 2024

[1] Ten days from January 9, 2025 is Sunday, January 19, 2025. The next business day is Tuesday, January 21, due to the federal holiday on January 20.