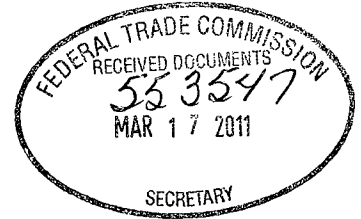


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

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In the Matter of)

LABORATORY CORPORATION)
OF AMERICA)

and)

LABORATORY CORPORATION)
OF AMERICA HOLDINGS,)
Respondents.)

DOCKET NO. 9345

**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND
CERTAIN SCHEDULING ORDER DEADLINES**


On March 17, 2011, Complaint Counsel and Respondents Laboratory Corporation of America and Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings (collectively, "LabCorp") submitted a Joint Motion to Extend Certain Scheduling Order Deadlines ("Motion to Extend"). The parties state that Respondents will file today, with the Commission, a Motion to Withdraw the Matter from Adjudication pursuant to Commission Rule 3.26(c) ("Motion to Withdraw") and that Complaint Counsel will not oppose that motion. The parties further state that the Scheduling Order in this case includes several impending deadlines that may be due before the Commission rules on the Motion to Withdraw.

Under the Scheduling Order, Complaint Counsel and Respondents must comply with several deadlines between March 22 and April 15, 2011 that pertain to witness lists, deposition designations, and expert discovery. The parties state that both parties will have to expend significant resources to meet these obligations, which will prove unnecessary if the Commission agrees to grant Respondents' Motion to Withdraw. Accordingly, the parties seek an extension of certain deadlines in the Scheduling Order by five days.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 3.21(c)(2), the Administrative Law Judge may, upon a showing of good cause, grant a motion to extend any deadline or time specified in the Scheduling Order, other than the date of the evidentiary hearing. The parties do not seek an extension of the date of the evidentiary hearing, currently scheduled for May 2, 2011. Extending the requested deadlines by five days will allow both Complaint Counsel and Respondents to avoid potentially unnecessary expenses. Therefore, there is good cause to grant the Motion to Extend.

Accordingly, the Joint Motion to Extend is GRANTED. The deadlines in the Scheduling Order for filings or exchanges due on March 22, March 25, March 29, April 1, April 4, April 5, April 8, and for responses to motions for *in camera* treatment on April 15, 2011¹ are hereby extended by five days.

ORDERED:


D. Michael Chappell
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: March 17, 2011

¹ The April 15, 2011 deadline for filing motions *in limine* is not extended by this Order.