

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION



In the Matter of)
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ALABAMA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION, INC.,)
Respondent.)
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Docket No. 9307

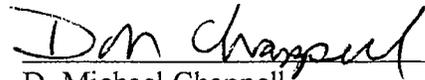
**ORDER ON MOTION TO
EXTEND TIME TO FILE ANSWER**

On August 4, 2003, Respondent Alabama Trucking Association, Inc. filed a motion to extend time to file an answer to the complaint. Respondent seeks an extension until September 1, 2003. Respondent's motion is DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

Motions for extensions of time are not a mere formality that are granted without adequate support. Respondent is hereby required to re-file its motion with a sworn declaration or affidavit by a person with personal knowledge attesting to the reasons for seeking an extension of time. Respondent's renewed motion shall be filed by 12:00 p.m. on August 7, 2003.

Under the Commission's Rules of Practice, settlement discussions do not toll deadlines. Section 3.51(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 16 C.F.R. § 3.51(a), requires an initial decision to be filed within one year of the filing of the complaint. In the event the parties are not able to settle this matter, the trial may be set to begin as early as January 2004.

ORDERED:



D. Michael Chappell
Administrative Law Judge

Date: August 4, 2003