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

In the Matter of)
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POLYPORE INTERNATIONAL, INC.,)
Respondent.)
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Docket No. 9327

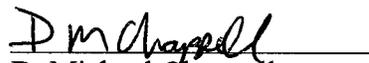
**ORDER EXTENDING THE ONE YEAR
DEADLINE FOR FILING THE INITIAL DECISION**

Commission Rule 3.51(a) requires that initial decisions be filed within one year following the issuance of the complaint, but allows the Administrative Law Judge to extend the one year deadline by an additional period of up to sixty days, upon a finding of extraordinary circumstances. 16 C.F.R. § 3.51(a). The Complaint in this matter was issued on September 9, 2008. One year from the issuance of the Complaint is September 9, 2009.

The trial in this matter commenced on May 12, 2009 and concluded on June 12, 2009. Closing arguments were heard on August 20, 2009. Over 2,100 exhibits were admitted, 35 witnesses testified, either live or by deposition, and there are 5,590 pages of trial transcript. The parties' proposed findings of fact, replies to proposed findings of fact, post trial briefs, and reply briefs total 2,329 pages. The parties' final post trial briefs were filed on July 31, 2009.

The extensive record must be thoroughly reviewed. Additional time is necessary to properly develop the findings of fact and legal analysis. Accordingly, extraordinary circumstances are present. The one year deadline is hereby extended by an additional period of sixty days, extending the deadline for filing the Initial Decision in this case to November 9, 2009.

ORDERED:


D. Michael Chappell
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: September 8, 2009