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In the Matter of)
McWANE, INC., a corporation, and)
STAR PIPE PRODUCTS, LTD., a limited partnership, Respondents.)))

DOCKET NO. 9351

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING POST-TRIAL BRIEFS

On November 9, 2012, pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice 4.3(b), 16 C.F.R. § 4.3(b), the parties submitted a Joint Motion for Extension of Time ("Joint Motion") to submit post-hearing findings of fact, conclusions of law and supporting briefs ("Post-hearing Briefs") and to submit reply findings of fact, reply conclusions of law and reply briefs ("Post-hearing Reply Briefs"). Specifically, the parties request that the deadline for filing Post-hearing Briefs be extended to December 14, 2012 and that the deadline for filing Post-hearing Reply Briefs be extended to January 18, 2013.

In support of the Joint Motion, the parties state that the record from this multi-week trial is extensive, and that the proposed briefing schedule will negate conflicts with a two-week trial at the beginning of December involving Respondent's counsel and with the parties' holiday travel plans. In addition, the parties note that the additional time for replies will help ensure that the Post-hearing Reply Briefs are as thorough and careful as possible in replying to each other's proposed findings, including in distinguishing the admissible evidence from evidence that was not offered for the truth of the matter asserted or was conditionally admitted. Therefore, the parties argue, good cause exists under Rule 4.3(b) to support the requested extensions.

Based on the foregoing, good cause exists under Rule 4.3 to extend the filing deadlines for the Post-hearing Briefs in this case. Accordingly, the parties' Joint Motion is GRANTED, and the deadlines for filing Post-hearing Briefs and Post-hearing Reply Briefs are extended as requested by the parties. A separate Order will issue specifying the briefing schedule, and addressing the details concerning briefing requirements.

ORDERED:

D. Michael Chappell

Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: November 13, 2012