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

In	the	Matter	of
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BENCO DENTAL SUPPLY CO., a corporation,

HENRY SCHEIN, INC., a corporation, and

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC., a corporation.

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RESPONDENT BENCO DENTAL SUPPLY CO.'S MOTION TO ADMIT PRIOR TESTIMONY FROM OTHER PROCEEDINGS

In accordance with FTC Rule 3.43(b), Respondent Benco Dental Supply Co. respectfully

moves to admit a series of prior deposition transcripts from SourceOne Dental, Inc. v. Patterson

Companies, Inc., 15-cv-5440 (E.D.N.Y.) and In Re: Dental Supplies Antitrust Litigation, 1:16-

cv-00696 (E.D.N.Y.): RX1121-38 (prior depositions¹).

Complaint Counsel has also moved to admit deposition transcripts from these matters and

stated in its motion that the Respondents "have not consented to the admissibility of these

¹ The prior depositions include Brian Evans – Director of Sales for the West, Benco (11-21-2016) (RX1121), Mike Wade – former Regional Manager in Arizona, Benco; current Western Regional Manager, Southern Dental Industries (11-22-2016) (RX1122), Steven Desautel – Vice Presidents of Sales and Marketing, Dental Health Products, Inc. (1-26-2017) (RX1123), Mark Rowe – Director of Sales, Benco (1-31-2017 (RX1124) and 8-1-2017 (RX1132)), Rick Dunn – Regional Manager for Dallas, Benco (2-1-2017 (RX1125) and 8-1-2017 (RX1133)), Ron Fernandez – former Regional Manager for San Antonio, Austin, and Houston, Benco; current Salesman, Gideon Services (2-3-2017 (RX1126) and 8-17-2017 (RX1134)), Chuck Cohen – Managing Director, Benco (6-16-2017 (RX1130) and 10-27-2017 (RX1137)), Mike McElaney – current Vice President of Sales and Branch Operations, Benco; former Acting Director of the Northeast District, Benco (RX1128), Pat Ryan – Director of Sales for Strategic Markets, Benco (RX1129), John Johnson – Benco Expert Witness (6-27-2017 (RX1131) and 1-10-2018 (RX1138)), and Jeffrey Reece – Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Burkhart (individual (RX1135) and as corporate designee (RX1136)).

transcripts."² That is not Benco Dental's position. We do not contest the admissibility of Complaint Counsel's desired depositions. We believe, though, that the Court should treat all deposition transcripts from these litigations equally and also admit our requested deposition transcripts from the same cases. Because Complaint Counsel has not consented to the admission of these deposition transcripts, we ask that the Court grant this motion and admit both parties' requested deposition transcripts from these two prior cases.

Where one party did not participate in the prior proceeding and does not consent to admission, Rule 3.43(b) nevertheless permits the admission of prior deposition testimony on a motion showing that (1) the prior testimony would not be duplicative, (2) it would not present unnecessary hardship to a party or delay to the proceedings, and (3) it would aid in the determination of the matter. The requested deposition transcripts meet these requirements.

First, the requested prior testimony would not be duplicative of other testimony in this case; the majority of the deponents have not testified and will not testify in this case.

Second, the requested prior testimony will not present unnecessary hardship to Complaint Counsel, which has had access to all of it from early in this case, and which had the opportunity to seek additional discovery from any of the deponents if it so chose. This is especially true for Chuck Cohen, Pat Ryan, Jeff Reece, and Dr. John Johnson, all of whom Complaint Counsel later deposed in this case; Complaint Counsel had full opportunity to question them, including about their prior testimony, and in a number of instances did so.

Third, the requested prior testimony would aid in the determination of this matter, as it pertains to Complaint Counsel's allegations surrounding Patterson's, Schein's, and Benco's decisions not to attend a 2014 trade show hosted by the Texas Dental Association. Complaint

 $^{^2}$ See October 9, 2018 Complaint Counsel Motion to Admit Prior Testimony from Other Proceedings at 1.

Counsel apparently considers Respondents' decisions relating to the Texas Dental Association to be an important prong of its case and has included numerous documents on its exhibit list containing statements from or references to these witnesses.³ The Court would benefit from hearing what these witnesses have said under oath, especially about these documents.

For all these reasons, we respectfully ask that the Court admit the prior case materials.

Dated: October 11, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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³ Complaint Counsel has included hundreds of documents as exhibits in this case that contain statements from or references to these witnesses. *See also* October 10, 2018 Complaint Counsel Pre-Trial Brief at 32 (referencing emails with statements made by Ron Fernandez (citing CX1278 and CX1289) as well as an email discussing Ron Fernandez (citing CX0178)); 34 (referencing an email with statements made by Mike Wade (citing CX1378)); 46 (referencing an email with statements made by Ron Fernandez and Mark Rowe (citing CX1332); October 2, 2018 Complaint Counsel's Opposition to Patterson Motion for Summary Decision at 22 (referencing an email with statements made by Ron Fernandez (citing CX1289)).

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