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



In the Matter of)
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Ferrellgas Partners, L.P., a limited partnership,)
and)
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Ferrellgas L.P., a limited partnership, also doing)
business as Blue Rhino, and)
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Amerigas Partners, L.P., a limited partnership,)
also doing business as Amerigas Cylinder)
Exchange, and)
)
UGI Corporation, a corporation,)
Respondents.)

DOCKET NO. 9360

**ORDER GRANTING COMPLAINT COUNSEL'S UNOPPOSED
MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR MOTIONS TO COMPEL
RESPONSES TO DISCOVERY REQUESTS**

On June 30, 2014, Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") Complaint Counsel filed an Unopposed Motion to Extend Deadline for Motions to Compel Responses to Discovery Requests ("Motion"). Specifically, the Motion seeks an order extending, by fourteen (14) days, the deadline for filing motions to compel discovery under the Additional Provisions of the Revised Scheduling Order issued in this case. Additional Provision 10 states in pertinent part:

Any motion to compel responses to discovery requests shall be filed within 30 days of service of the responses and/or objections to the discovery requests or within 20 days after the close of discovery, whichever first occurs.

Revised Scheduling Order, May 21, 2014, Additional Provision 10.

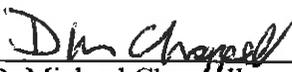
The Motion states that on May 5, 2014, Complaint Counsel issued a First Set of Requests for Production and a First Set of Interrogatories to Respondents Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. and Ferrellgas L.P., also doing business as Blue Rhino (collectively, "Blue Rhino"), and that Blue Rhino served its Objections and Responses to the foregoing discovery on June 4, 2014. Pursuant

to Additional Provision 10, any motion to compel with respect to Complaint Counsel's discovery requests would be due on or before July 7, 2014; however, Complaint Counsel states, the parties have been engaged in efforts to resolve Blue Rhino's objections to the discovery requests. The Motion asserts that the requested extension of time will allow the parties to continue these efforts, and may result in an amicable resolution of most, or all, of the current disputes. Complaint Counsel further states that Blue Rhino does not oppose the Motion.

Based on the foregoing, good cause exists to extend the deadline as requested by Complaint Counsel. *See* 16 C.F.R. § 3.21(c)(2) (providing that the Administrative Law Judge may, upon a showing of good cause, extend any deadline in the scheduling order, other than the date set for the evidentiary hearing). Furthermore, extending the deadline as requested will not affect the "need to conclude the evidentiary hearing and render an initial decision in a timely manner." *Id.*

Accordingly, the Motion is GRANTED, and it is hereby ORDERED that the deadline for Complaint Counsel to file any motion to compel responses to Complaint Counsel's First Set of Requests for Production and/or First Set of Interrogatories shall be July 21, 2014.

ORDERED:



D. Michael Chappell
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: July 1, 2014