

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

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In the Matter of )  
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Advocate Health Care Network, )  
a corporation, )  
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Advocate Health and Hospitals Corporation, )  
a corporation, and )  
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Northshore University HealthSystem, )  
a corporation, )  
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Respondents. )  
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DOCKET NO. 9369

**ORDER RESETTING SCHEDULING CONFERENCE**

On January 11, 2016, Respondents filed an Amended Unopposed Motion to Reschedule Initial Scheduling Conference (“Motion”).<sup>1</sup> By Order issued on January 6, 2016, pursuant to Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) Rule 3.21(b), the initial scheduling conference in this matter is currently set for January 13, 2016. Respondents request that the initial scheduling conference be rescheduled to January 20, 2016.

Respondents state that lead counsel for Respondent NorthShore University HealthSystem (“NorthShore”) is unavailable on January 13, 2016, due to a summary judgment hearing in another matter pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Furthermore, Respondents state, certain counsel for Respondents Advocate Health Care Network and Advocate Health and Hospitals Corporation (collectively, “Advocate”), including Advocate’s lead counsel, are also unavailable on that date. Respondents state that FTC Complaint Counsel does not oppose the Motion.

<sup>1</sup> Respondents state that they filed an amended motion to clarify that Federal Trade Commission Complaint Counsel does not join, but does not oppose, Respondents’ motion.

FTC Rule 4.3(b) authorizes the Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) to extend the time limit under Rule 3.21(b) for convening the initial scheduling conference upon a finding of good cause. *See* 16 C.F.R. § 3.21(b) (requiring that initial scheduling conference be held “[n]ot later than 10 days after the answer is filed by the last answering respondent”); 16 C.F.R. § 4.3(b) (providing that, except in situations not herein applicable, ALJ may “extend any time limit prescribed by the rules”).

Respondents have demonstrated good cause to extend the date for the initial scheduling conference. Accordingly, the Motion is GRANTED, and it is hereby ORDERED that the initial scheduling conference, currently set for January 13, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. is rescheduled, and will be held on January 20, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 532, Federal Trade Commission Building, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC.

ORDERED:

  
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D. Michael Chappell  
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: January 12, 2016