

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**COMMISSIONERS:**                         **Joseph J. Simons, Chairman  
Noah Joshua Phillips  
Rohit Chopra  
Rebecca Kelly Slaughter  
Christine S. Wilson**

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| <i>In the Matter of</i>                          | ) |                        |
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| <b>NTT GLOBAL DATA CENTERS</b>                   | ) |                        |
| <b>AMERICAS, INC., as successor in</b>           | ) |                        |
| <b>interest to RagingWire Data Centers, Inc.</b> | ) | <b>DOCKET NO. 9386</b> |
| <b>a corporation.</b>                            | ) |                        |
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**Decision and Order**

The Federal Trade Commission (“Commission”) issued a complaint challenging certain acts and practices of the Respondent named above in the caption. The Commission’s Bureau of Consumer Protection (“BCP”) filed the Complaint, which charged the Respondent with violating the Federal Trade Commission Act.

Respondent and BCP thereafter executed an Agreement Containing Consent Order (“Consent Agreement”). The Consent Agreement includes: 1) statements by Respondent that it neither admits nor denies any of the allegations in the Complaint, except as specifically stated in this Decision and Order, and that only for purposes of this action, it admits the facts necessary to establish jurisdiction; and 2) waivers and other provisions as required by the Commission’s Rules.

The Secretary of the Commission thereafter withdrew this matter from adjudication in accordance with Section 3.25(c) of the Commission’s Rules, 16 C.F.R. 3.25(c) (“Rule 3.25”).

The Commission accepted the executed Consent Agreement and placed it on the public record for a period of 30 days for the receipt and consideration of public comments. The Commission duly considered any comments received from interested persons pursuant to Rule 2.34. Now, in further conformity with the procedure prescribed in Rule § 3.25 (f), the Commission makes the following Findings and issues the following Order:

## Findings

1. Respondent is NTT Global Data Centers Americas, Inc., a Nevada corporation, with its principal office or place of business at 1625 W. National Drive, Sacramento, CA 95834. NTT Global Data Centers Americas, Inc. is the successor in interest to RagingWire Data Centers, Inc.
2. The Federal Trade Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding and over the Respondent, and the proceeding is in the public interest.

## ORDER

### Definitions

For purposes of this Order, the following definition applies:

- A. “**Respondent**” means NTT Global Data Centers Americas, Inc., and any successors and assigns.
- B. “**EU**” means European Union.
- C. “**Privacy Shield**” means the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework and/or the Swiss-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework, administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce.
- D. “**Privacy Shield Principles**” means the requirements for self-certified participants of the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework and/or the Swiss-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework, as reflected in Exhibit A.

### Provisions

#### I. Prohibition Against Misrepresentations About Participation in or Compliance with Privacy Programs

**IT IS ORDERED** that Respondent and its officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, in connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of any product or service must not misrepresent in any manner, expressly or by implication, the extent to which Respondent is a member of, adheres to, complies with, is certified by, is endorsed by, or otherwise participates in any privacy or security program sponsored by a government or any self-regulatory or standard-setting organization, including but not limited to the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework, the Swiss-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework, and the APEC Cross-Border Privacy Rules.

## **II. Requirement for Annual Outside Compliance Review**

**IT IS ORDERED** that, commencing no later than 120 days after the effective date of this Order and for so long as Respondent is a self-certified participant in Privacy Shield, Respondent and its officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, in connection with the advertisement, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of any product or service, shall obtain an annual outside compliance review from an independent third-party assessor approved by the Associate Director for the Division of Enforcement of the Bureau of Consumer Protection at the Federal Trade Commission, that demonstrates that the assertions Respondent makes about its Privacy Shield practices are true, and that those Privacy Shield practices have been implemented as represented and in accord with the Privacy Shield Principles. A statement verifying that an outside compliance review has been successfully completed must be signed by the third-party assessor and made available to the Commission upon request.

## **III. Requirement to Meet Continuing Obligations Under Privacy Shield**

**IT IS ORDERED** that Respondent and its officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, in connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of any product or service, must affirm to the Department of Commerce, within thirty (30) days after any withdrawal or lapse in its certification to the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework or the Swiss-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework, and on an annual basis thereafter for as long as it retains such information, that it will:

- A. Continue to apply the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework Principles to the personal information it received while it participated in the Privacy Shield; or
- B. Protect the information by another means authorized under EU (for the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework) or Swiss (for the Swiss-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework) law, including by using a binding corporate rule or a contract that fully reflects the requirements of the relevant standard contractual clauses adopted by the European Commission; or
- C. Return or delete the information.

## **IV. Acknowledgments of the Order**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent obtain acknowledgments of receipt of this Order:

- A. Respondent, within ten (10) days after the effective date of this Order, must submit to the Commission an acknowledgment of receipt of this Order.
- B. For five (5) years after the issuance date of this Order, Respondent must deliver a copy of this Order to: (1) all principals, officers, directors, and LLC managers and members; (2) all employees having managerial responsibilities for conduct related to the subject matter of the Order and all agents and representatives who participate in conduct related to the subject matter of the Order; and (3) any business entity resulting from any change in structure as set forth in the Provision titled Compliance Report and Notices. Delivery must occur within ten (10) days after the effective date of this Order for current personnel. For all others, delivery must occur before they assume their responsibilities.
- C. From each individual or entity to which Respondent delivered a copy of this Order, Respondent must obtain, within thirty (30) days, a signed and dated acknowledgment of receipt of this Order.

#### **V. Compliance Report and Notices**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent make timely submissions to the Commission:

- A. Sixty (60) days after the effective date of this Order, Respondent must submit a compliance report, sworn under penalty of perjury, in which Respondent must: (a) identify the primary physical, postal, and email address and telephone number, as designated points of contact, which representatives of the Commission, may use to communicate with Respondent; (b) identify all of Respondent's businesses by all of their names, telephone numbers, and physical, postal, email, and Internet addresses; (c) describe the activities of each business; (d) describe in detail whether and how Respondent is in compliance with each Provision of this Order; and (e) provide a copy of each Acknowledgment of the Order obtained pursuant to this Order, unless previously submitted to the Commission.
- B. Respondent must submit a compliance notice, sworn under penalty of perjury, within fourteen (14) days of any change in the following: (1) any designated point of contact; or (2) the structure of Respondent or any entity that Respondent has any ownership interest in or controls directly or indirectly that may affect compliance obligations arising under this Order, including: creation, merger, sale, or dissolution of the entity or any subsidiary, parent, or affiliate that engages in any acts or practices subject to this Order.
- C. Respondent must submit notice of the filing of any bankruptcy petition, insolvency proceeding, or similar proceeding by or against Respondent within fourteen (14) days of its filing.

- D. Any submission to the Commission required by this Order to be sworn under penalty of perjury must be true and accurate and comply with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, such as by concluding: “I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on: \_\_\_\_\_” and supplying the date, signatory’s full name, title (if applicable), and signature.
- E. Unless otherwise directed by a Commission representative in writing, all submissions to the Commission pursuant to this Order must be emailed to [Debrief@ftc.gov](mailto:Debrief@ftc.gov) or sent by overnight courier (not the U.S. Postal Service) to: Associate Director of Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. The subject line must begin: In re *RagingWire Data Centers, Inc.*, FTC File No. 1823189.

## **VI. Recordkeeping**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent must create certain records for ten (10) years after the issuance date of the Order, and retain each such record for five (5) years. Specifically, Respondent must create and retain the following records:

- A. accounting records showing the revenues from all goods or services sold;
- B. personnel records showing, for each person providing services, whether as an employee or otherwise, that person’s: name; addresses; telephone numbers; job title or position; dates of service; and (if applicable) the reason for termination;
- C. all records necessary to demonstrate full compliance with each provision of this Order, including all submissions to the Commission; and
- D. a copy of each widely disseminated representation by Respondent making any representation subject to this Order, and all materials that were relied upon in making the representation.

## **VII. Compliance Monitoring**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, for the purpose of monitoring Respondent’s compliance with this Order:

- A. Within ten (10) days of receipt of a written request from a representative of the Commission, Respondent must: submit additional compliance reports or other requested information, which must be sworn under penalty of perjury, and produce records for inspection and copying.
- B. For matters concerning this Order, representatives of the Commission are authorized to communicate directly with Respondent. Respondent must permit representatives of the

Commission to interview anyone affiliated with Respondent who has agreed to such an interview. The interviewee may have counsel present.

- C. The Commission may use all other lawful means, including posing through its representatives as consumers, suppliers, or other individuals or entities, to Respondent or any individual or entity affiliated with Respondent, without the necessity of identification or prior notice. Nothing in this Order limits the Commission's lawful use of compulsory process, pursuant to Sections 9 and 20 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 49, 57b-1.

### VIII. Order Effective Dates

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the final and effective date of this Order is the 60th day after this Order is served. This Order will terminate twenty (20) years from the date of its issuance (which date may be stated at the end of this Order, near the Commission's seal), or twenty (20) years from the most recent date that the United States or the Commission files a complaint (with or without an accompanying settlement) in federal court alleging any violation of the Order, whichever comes later; *provided, however*, that the filing of such a complaint will not affect the duration of:

- A. any Provision in this Order that terminates in less than twenty (20) years;
- B. this Order's application to any respondent that is not named as a defendant in such complaint; and
- C. this Order if such complaint is filed after the order has terminated pursuant to this Provision.

*Provided, further*, that if such complaint is dismissed or a federal court rules that Respondent did not violate any provision of the Order, and the dismissal or ruling is either not appealed or upheld on appeal, then the Order will terminate according to this Provision as though the complaint had never been filed, except that the Order will not terminate between the date such complaint is filed and the later of the deadline for appealing such dismissal or ruling and the date such dismissal or ruling is upheld on appeal.

**THEREFORE**, the Federal Trade Commission, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, has issued this Complaint against Respondent.

By the Commission.

April J. Tabor  
Acting Secretary

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