

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

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In the Matter of)	
Altria Group, Inc.,)	
a corporation,)	
))	Docket No. 9393
and)	
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JUUL Labs, Inc.)	
a corporation,)	
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Respondents.)	
_____)	

**ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR FILING INITIAL
DECISION PURSUANT TO COMMISSION RULE 3.51**

Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) Rule of Practice 3.51(a) provides that “[t]he Administrative Law Judge shall file an initial decision within 70 days after the filing of the last filed initial or reply proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and order” 16 C.F.R. § 3.51(a). The last reply proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law and briefs were filed on October 13, 2021. Pursuant to Rule 3.51, the Initial Decision would be issued on or before December 22, 2021. FTC Rule 3.51(a) provides also that “[t]he Administrative Law Judge may extend [this time period] by up to 30 days for good cause.” 16 C.F.R. § 3.51(a).

The record from this multi-week trial is extensive, involving numerous witnesses and complex issues. Over 2,480 exhibits were admitted into evidence. Thirty-seven witnesses testified, either live or by deposition and there are 3,410 pages of trial transcript from witnesses’ live testimony. The parties submitted a total of 3,900 proposed findings of fact. The parties’ proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, replies to proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, post-trial briefs, and reply briefs total 4,067 pages. Thus, the amount of information to review is extraordinarily high.

For the foregoing reasons, good cause exists to extend the deadline for filing the *in*

camera version of the Initial Decision in this matter by up to 30 days, to January 21, 2022.¹

ORDERED:



D. Michael Chappell
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: December 17, 2021

¹ Pursuant to Commission Rule 3.45(f), the public version of the Initial Decision is filed within five business days of the filing of the *in camera* version of the Initial Decision.