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

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In the Matter of)	
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Traffic Jam Events, LLC,)	
a limited liability company,)	Docket No. 9395
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and)	
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David J. Jeansonne II, individually and as an)	
officer of Traffic Jam Events, LLC,)	
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Respondents.)	
_____)	

**ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENTS’ MOTION FOR
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL**

I.

On December 17, 2020, counsel of record for Respondents Traffic Jam Events, LLC (“TJE”) and David J. Jeansonne II (“Jeansonne”) (collectively, “Respondents”) filed a Motion for Leave to Withdraw as Counsel (“Motion”). Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) Complaint Counsel filed a response to the Motion on December 18, 2020 (“Response”). As set forth below, the Motion is GRANTED.

II.

Respondents’ counsel state that Respondents “are unable to continue paying for legal representation in defense of the claims asserted by the Commission,” and that Respondents “have formally requested” that counsel withdraw from representation in this case. Complaint Counsel does not oppose counsel’s withdrawal from representation of Respondents.¹

¹ Complaint Counsel requests that if Respondents’ counsel are permitted to withdraw, any order should specify that TJE, Jeansonne, and any designated officers of TJE are obligated to comply with discovery and other obligations set forth in the FTC’s Rules. In the event that Respondents fail to comply with discovery and other obligations set forth in the FTC’s Rules, Complaint Counsel can file an appropriate motion.

III.

Although FTC Rules do not expressly address withdrawal of counsel, Rule 4.1(a)(2)(i) permits Respondents to appear without counsel. 16 C.F.R. § 4.1(a)(2)(i) (“Any individual or member of a partnership involved in any proceeding or investigation may appear on behalf or himself or of such partnership upon adequate identification. A corporation or association may be represented by a bona fide officer thereof upon a showing of adequate authorization.”). Motions for leave for counsel to withdraw have been granted. *See, e.g., In re Dynamic Health of Florida, LLC*, 2004 FTC LEXIS 156 (Sept. 13, 2004) (granting leave to withdraw for good cause); *In re Griffin Systems, Inc.*, 1993 FTC LEXIS 46 (Mar. 9, 1993) (same). *See also In re Wayne Phillips*, 1990 FTC LEXIS 330, *1 (Sept. 21, 1990).

Based on the Motion and Response, the Motion of Respondents’ counsel to withdraw from this case is GRANTED.

IT IS ORDERED that counsel shall file a notice of withdrawal of counsel with the Office of the Secretary.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, within 10 days of receipt of this Order, Respondent TJE shall appoint an officer pursuant to Rule 4.1(a)(2)(i) who is located in the United States and who shall enter an appearance as its representative and that Respondent Jeansonne shall enter an appearance on behalf of himself.

ORDERED:



D. Michael Chappell
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: December 21, 2020