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

In the Matter of

HomeAdvisor, Inc., a corporation, d/b/a Angi Leads, d/b/a HomeAdvisor Powered By Angi,

Respondent.

Docket No. 9407

ORDER ON RESPONDENT'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On March 23, 2022, Respondent HomeAdvisor, Inc. filed an Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Answer the Complaint and Other Deadlines ("Motion"). Respondent seeks to extend the deadline for HomeAdvisor to answer the Complaint in this matter, issued on March 11, 2022, from March 28, 2022 to April 4, 2022. Respondent also requests an order establishing other dates and deadlines related to the initial scheduling conference and the conduct of initial discovery. Respondent represents that Complaint Counsel does not oppose this Motion.

FTC Rule 3.12(a) provides that a respondent shall file an answer within 14 days after being served with the complaint. 16 C.F.R. § 3.12(a). FTC Rule 4.3(b) provides that, except under circumstances not here presented, the Administrative Law Judge may, for good cause shown, extend any time limit prescribed or allowed by the rules. 16 C.F.R. § 4.3(b). Respondent states it is seeking extensions because of pre-existing commitments and unavailability of HomeAdvisor's counsel.

Good cause exists to extend the deadline for Respondent to file its Answer. Respondent's Motion to extend the deadline to file and answer the Complaint is GRANTED, and it is hereby ORDERED, that the deadline for filing Respondent's Answer shall be April 4, 2022.

The deadlines for the mandatory initial disclosures, the meeting of the parties before the initial schedule conference, and the initial scheduling conference do not arise until after a respondent has filed an answer. *See* 16 C.F.R. §§ 3.21(a), (b), 3.31(a). Thus, Respondent's request to extend these deadlines before an answer has been filed is DENIED as premature. In addition, deadlines related to discovery will be established within two days of the Initial

Scheduling Conference. Thus, Respondent's request to extend certain discovery deadlines is also DENIED as premature. Nothing in this Order is intended to limit or delay the parties' commencement of discovery to the extent allowed by the Rules or agreed to by the parties.

ORDERED:

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D. Michael Chappell Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: March 24, 2022