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

In the Matter of	)	
Natalia Lynch,	)	Docket No. 9423
Appellant.	)	

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE

By motion filed on January 11, 2024, Appellant Natalia Lynch ("Appellant") and the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority jointly request to extend the January 12, 2024 deadline for Appellant to comply with the order issued by this Court on December 28, 2023 ("Joint Motion"). Specifically, the December 28, 2023 order granted Appellant's request for an evidentiary hearing and directed Appellant to submit a statement identifying the additional evidence she seeks to introduce and the facts she seeks to contest at the evidentiary hearing, by January 12, 2024. The parties jointly seek a 30-day extension of the deadline, until February 12, 2024.

Federal Trade Commission Rule of Practice 4.3(b)(1) permits the Administrative Law Judge to "[e]xtend any time limit prescribed or allowed by order of the Administrative Law Judge . . . ." for "good cause shown . . . ." 16 C.F.R. § 4.3(b)(1). The parties contend that there is good cause for extending that deadline by 30 days because the extension: is for the purpose of engaging in settlement discussions, which may allow for a mutually agreeable resolution of the case; is agreed to by both parties; will not cause prejudice to either party; and will conserve resources of the parties and the Court.

Based on the foregoing, there is good cause for extending the deadline as requested and the Joint Motion is GRANTED. It is hereby ORDERED that the deadline for Appellant to submit a statement in compliance with the December 28, 2023 order is hereby extended to February 12, 2024.

ORDERED:

D. Michael Chappell
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: January 12, 2024