

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS: **Lina M. Khan, Chair**
Rebecca Kelly Slaughter
Alvaro M. Bedoya
Melissa Holyoak
Andrew Ferguson

In the Matter of

**Facebook, Inc.,
a corporation.**

Respondent.

DOCKET NO. C-4365

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONDENT TO FILE A FURTHER REPLY

On May 3, 2023, the Commission issued an order directing Respondent Facebook, Inc. (now known as Meta Platforms, Inc.) to show cause why the Commission should not modify an order issued to Facebook on April 27, 2020, based on changed conditions of fact and the public interest. Order to Show Cause Why the Commission Should Not Modify the Order and Enter the Proposed New Order (“Order to Show Cause”). On April 1, 2024, Meta submitted its response to the Order to Show Cause.

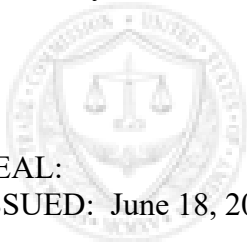
Meta’s response raised a number of threshold legal issues regarding the show cause proceeding, among other arguments and factual assertions. To help facilitate the resolution of these threshold issues, on May 8, 2024, the Commission directed Complaint Counsel to submit, within thirty days, a reply to the legal questions raised in Meta’s response, excluding those concerning remedy. Complaint Counsel submitted their reply on June 7, 2024.¹

The Commission now directs that Meta submit a further reply within thirty days of this order. The Commission expects to hold oral argument on the threshold legal issues and will set a date for the argument at a later time. Accordingly,

¹ Complaint Counsel’s Reply to Legal Issues Raised in Respondent Meta Platforms, Inc.’s Response to the Order to Show Cause Why the Commission Should Not Modify the Order and Enter the Proposed New Order (“Complaint Counsel’s Reply”). Complaint Counsel also submitted a notice of filing under seal because their Reply cited to certain portions of the Order to Show Cause and associated materials for which Meta had sought confidential treatment. The Commission directs the General Counsel or her designee to act on this request for confidential treatment of portions of Complaint Counsel’s Reply consistent with 16 C.F.R. § 4.9(c).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent Meta Platforms, Inc. is directed to file, within thirty days of this order, a reply addressing the legal issues raised by Complaint Counsel's Reply.

By the Commission.



April J. Tabor
Secretary

SEAL:
ISSUED: June 18, 2024