

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**COMMISSIONERS:**        **Joseph J. Simons, Chairman**  
                                  **Noah Joshua Phillips**  
                                  **Rohit Chopra**  
                                  **Rebecca Kelly Slaughter**  
                                  **Christine S. Wilson**

**In the Matter of**

**Thomas Jefferson University,  
a corporation,**

**and**

**Albert Einstein Healthcare Network,  
a corporation.**

**Docket No. 9392**

**SECOND ORDER REGARDING SCHEDULING  
IN LIGHT OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

On April 7, 2020, Complaint Counsel and Respondents Thomas Jefferson University and Albert Einstein Healthcare Network submitted a joint motion requesting that the Commission stay this proceeding by an additional 45 days. The parties state that the ongoing public health emergency has rendered timely discovery and hearing preparation untenable. By order dated March 19, 2020, the Commission has already stayed this proceeding and deferred the commencement of the evidentiary hearing by 30 days.

Because of the declared public health emergency<sup>1</sup> associated with the outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), also known as SARS-CoV-2, and because it has been advised that gatherings of ten or more persons may facilitate the spread of the disease, the Commission has determined that it is in the public interest to mitigate the transmission and impact of COVID-19, and that good cause exists to stay this proceeding for an additional 45 days and to again reschedule the evidentiary hearing. Accordingly, the Joint Motion to Stay

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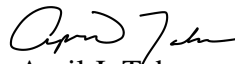
<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the Public Health Services Act, 42 U.S.C. 247d, on January 31, 2020, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services issued a declaration that a health emergency exists because of COVID-19; and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a proclamation that a national emergency exists concerning COVID-19. Remarks by President Trump, *available at* <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-vice-president-pence-members-coronavirus-task-force-press-conference-3/> (Mar. 13, 2020).

the Administrative Proceeding for an Additional 45 Days is **GRANTED**; and

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that this proceeding be fully stayed, except for matters of settlement, for an additional 45 calendar days; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the evidentiary hearing date and all pre-hearing deadlines in this proceeding be further extended by the number of calendar days of this additional stay. The Administrative Law Judge retains discretion to adjust any such pre-hearing deadlines to the extent compatible with the hearing date as extended by this Order or to make a recommendation to the Commission regarding an alternative hearing date.

By the Commission, Chairman Simons recused.

  
April J. Tabor  
Acting Secretary

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ISSUED: April 13, 2020