

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

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In the Matter of)	
Natalia Lynch,)	
Appellant.)	Docket No. 9423
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ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE

By motion filed on February 9, 2024, Appellant Natalia Lynch (“Appellant”) and the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority jointly request a second extension of the 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. By order dated January 12, 2024, that deadline was extended to February 12, 2024 upon joint motion of the parties. In the present Joint Motion, the parties seek a further extension to March 1, 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 because the parties agree that: no party will be prejudiced by the delay; scheduling conflicts warrant the requested extension of time; and an extension allows for potential settlement discussions, which may resolve the matter without the involvement of the Administrative Law Judge and thereby conserve judicial resources.

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 March 1, 2024.

ORDERED:


D. Michael Chappell
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: February 12, 2024