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In the Matter of   )
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McWANE, INC.,   )
    a corporation, and   )   DOCKET NO. 9351
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STAR PIPE PRODUCTS, LTD.,   )
    a limited partnership,   )
        Respondents.   )
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ORDER DENYING COMPLAINT COUNSEL'S REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED BRIEFING

On April 4, 2012, Complaint Counsel filed a Motion to Compel Respondent McWane, Inc.'s Answers to Interrogatories Numbers 13 through 16 ("Motion"). In that Motion, Complaint Counsel requested an expedited briefing schedule and an order requiring Respondent's response to the Motion be filed no later than 5:00 pm on April 10, 2012.

Complaint Counsel filed its Motion pursuant to Commission Rule 3.38. That rule sets forth that any opposition to a motion to compel must be filed within 5 days of receipt of service of the motion and that the Administrative Law Judge shall rule on a motion to compel within 3 business days of the date on which the response is due. Pursuant to Commission Rules 3.38 and 4.3[1], Respondent's Opposition is due no later than 5:00 pm on April 11, 2012. Therefore, the Commission's Rules of Practice require expedited briefing on motions to compel. Accordingly, Complaint Counsel's request to further expedite the briefing schedule is DENIED.

ORDERED: _D M Chappell_____
                                D. Michael Chappell
                                Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: April 9, 2012

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[1] Commission Rule 4.3 sets forth that computation of any period of time prescribed by the rules shall begin with the first business day following that on which the act, event, or development initiating such period of time shall have occurred and that when such period of time, with the intervening Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays counted, is seven (7) days or less, each of the Saturdays, Sundays, and such holidays shall be excluded from the computation.