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



In	the	Matter	of
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MCWANE, INC., a corporation, and

STAR PIPE PRODUCTS, LTD., a limited partnership.

PUBLIC DOCKET NO. 9351

UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to Rule of Practice 3.21(c)(2), Respondent McWane, Inc. ("McWane") respectfully moves for a seven (7) day extension of time to respond and object to Complaint Counsel's Requests for Admission served on May 22, 2012 and currently due on June 1, 2012. McWane also moves for corresponding 7-day extensions to the deadlines in the Scheduling Order for the provision of expert reports. In support of its motion, McWane states as follows:

1. Complaint Counsel served Requests for Admission on Respondent McWane on May 22, 2012. Responses and objections are due on June 1, 2012, the same date established by the Scheduling Order as the close of discovery. During this same 10-day time period between May 22 and June 1 (which includes Memorial Day), eighteen (18) fact depositions have been or are scheduled to be taken in nine (9) different cities. Good cause exists for the requested extension in that McWane counsel does not have sufficient time to adequately respond to the detailed Requests on behalf of their client, McWane, in light of the other, ongoing discovery.

2. Counsel for McWane has discussed the requested extension with Complaint Counsel. Because Complaint Counsel expects the responses to its Requests for Admissions to be used for its expert report, Complaint Counsel does not oppose the extension of time provided

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there is a corresponding extension of the deadline for Complaint Counsel to provide its expert witness reports. The extension of the deadline for Complaint Counsel to provide expert witness reports would necessitate a similar extension of time of the deadline for McWane counsel to provide expert witness reports and the deadline for Complaint Counsel to identify rebuttal experts and provide rebuttal expert reports. Counsel for McWane agrees that there is good cause for this extension.

3. In sum, if the relief sought by McWane is granted, (i) McWane's responses and objections to the pending Requests for Admission would be due on Friday, June 8, 2012; (ii) the deadline for Complaint Counsel to provide expert witness reports would be extended to Friday, June 15, 2012; (iii) the deadline for McWane to provide expert witness reports would be extended to Friday, June 29, 2012; and, (iv) the deadline for Complaint Counsel to identify rebuttal experts and to provide rebuttal expert reports would be extended to Thursday, July 12, 2012. Neither the trial date nor any other deadlines established by the Scheduling Order would be affected.

4. No extensions of any other deadlines set by the Scheduling Order have been sought previously.

5. A proposed Order is attached for the Court's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER ON UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On May 29, 2012, Respondent McWane, Inc. filed an unopposed motion seeking to extend the time for it to respond to pending Requests for Admission until June 8, 2012. Complaint Counsel does not object to the extension in the event the deadlines set by the Scheduling Order for Complaint Counsel to provide expert reports and rebuttal expert reports are extended by the same amount of time to June 15, 2012 and to July 12, 2012, respectively. In turn, McWane seeks a corresponding extension of the deadline in the Scheduling Order for it to provide expert reports to June 29, 2012. No other extensions have been sought and no other dates in the Scheduling Order would be affected. Based upon the agreement of the parties and good cause, the motion is GRANTED.

ORDERED this ____ day of May, 2012

D. MICHAEL CHAPPEL Chief Administrative Law Judge