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



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In the Matter of)
EVANSTON NORTHWESTERN HEALTHCARE CORPORATION,)))
and) Docket No. 9315
ENH MEDICAL GROUP, INC., Respondents.)
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ORDER EXTENDING THE ONE YEAR DEADLINE FOR FILING THE INITIAL DECISION

Commission Rule 3.51(a) requires that initial decisions be filed within one year following the issuance of the complaint, but allows the Administrative Law Judge to extend the one year deadline by an additional period of up to sixty days, upon a finding of extraordinary circumstances. 16 C.F.R. § 3.51(a). Such extension, upon its expiration, may be continued for additional consecutive periods of up to sixty days, provided that each additional period is based upon a finding by the Administrative Law Judge that extraordinary circumstances are still present. 16 C.F.R. § 3.51(a).

The Complaint in this matter was issued on February 10, 2004. By Order dated February 9, 2005, the one year deadline was extended to April 11, 2005. Trial commenced on February 10, 2005 and is expected to continue until April 8, 2005. The parties will then prepare post-trial briefs pursuant to Rule of Practice 3.46(a). Accordingly, extraordinary circumstances exist for extending by sixty days the deadline for filing the Initial Decision. The deadline for filing the Initial Decision is hereby extended to June 10, 2005.

ORDERED:

Stephen J. McGuire

Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: April 6, 2005