

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

In the Matter of)
)
)

EVANSTON NORTHWESTERN HEALTHCARE)
CORPORATION,)
)

and)

ENH MEDICAL GROUP, INC.,)
Respondents.)
_____)


Docket No. 9315

**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 Orders dated February 9, 2005, April 6, 2005, and June 8, 2005, the one year deadline was extended to August 9, 2005. The eight week trial in this matter concluded on April 7, 2005. The parties prepared post-trial briefs and reply briefs prior to closing arguments which were heard on July 7, 2005. Additional time is necessary to review the pleadings, trial transcripts, and evidence in this matter. 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 October 11, 2005.

ORDERED:



Stephen J. McGuire
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: August 8, 2005