UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

CCC HOLDINGS INC.,

and

Docket No. 9334

AURORA EQUITY PARTNERS III L.P., Respondents.

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COMPLAINT COUNSEL'S OPPOSITION TO RESPONDENTS' MOTION FOR STAY OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

By motion, Respondents seek to stay this proceeding until February 20, 2009 when it anticipates that the pending evidentiary hearing in Complaint Counsel's Section 13(b) action in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia will be completed. For the reasons set forth below, Complaint Counsel respectfully requests that Respondents' motion be denied.

The language of Rule 3.51(a), 16 C.F.R. § 3.51(a), states that the "ALJ may stay the administrative proceeding until resolution of the collateral federal court proceeding." As Chief Justice Rehnquist explained for the Court in *Fogerty v. Fantasy, Inc.*, 510 U.S. 517, 533, 114 S.Ct. 1023, 127 L.Ed.2d 455 (1994), "[t]he word 'may' clearly connotes discretion." Here, the Commission has directed that the trail begin on March 31, 2009, leaving no discretion as to the date for commencement of trial. *See* Complaint Notice.

In light of a firm March 31, 2009 trial date, allowing a delay in the proceedings will only prejudice Complaint Counsel's rights to seek discovery to prepare for trial. In good faith, we have offered to Respondents that we see no reason to take depositions until after January 24th,

when the federal hearing is completed. We cannot agree, however, to defer the commencement of written discovery and notices for deposition to occur after the 24th, which is a two week delay, much less Respondants' request for a seven week delay, which would put us in a position of initiating both written and oral discovery in less than a month to prepare for trial on March 31, 2009. Moreover, we have reason to believe that Respondents' would be unable to accommodate an expedited discovery schedule based on our experience under the expedited discovery schedule in our Section 13(b) federal district court proceeding. In that proceeding, our document requests were submitted to Respondents on December 4, 2008. We received the bulk of responsive documents from Respondents exactly a month later (January 4, 2009), which also happened to be the night before of our federal district court hearing. Respondents' inability to produce documents in a timely manner put us in a position of arguing our 13(b) action without full knowledge of what Respondents' business documents contain. There is nothing that leads us to believe that Respondants would respond any differently under an expedited Part 3 discovery schedule. Receiving documents the night before we are charged with conducing a full trial on the merits would potentially be devastating. Therefore, we respectfully request that we have as much time as possible to conduct discovery in preparation for this case and that any stay that would delay the start of discovery be denied.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reason, Complaint Counsel respectfully requests that Respondents' Motion to Stay This proceeding be denied.

Dated: January 5, 2009

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 5, 2009, I filed via hand an original and two copies of the foregoing Complaint Counsel's Opposition to Respondents' Motion for Stay of Administrative Proceedings with:

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I also certify that on January 5, 2009, I delivered via hand delivery two copies of the foregoing to:

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