UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS:

Timothy J. Muris, Chairman Mozelle W. Thompson Orson Swindle Thomas B. Leary Pamela Jones Harbour

In the Matter of

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, a corporation.

Docket No. 9305

SCHEDULING ORDER

On December 12, 2003, the Commission issued its Order Granting Extension of Time to File Briefs And Denying Extension of the Word Count Limitation ("Order Granting Extension"). The Order extended the appellant/Complaint Counsel's time to file their appeal brief until January 14, 2004. It also extended the appellee/Respondent's time to file an answering brief until February 27, 2004. In doing so, the Commission also stated that the Commission "would like to see this matter proceed expeditiously." Order Granting Extension at 3. Consistent with this goal, the Commission has scheduled the oral argument in this cause for Wednesday, March 10, 2004.

In order to ensure that the parties and the Commission have an adequate opportunity to review the parties' submissions prior to the oral argument, however, the Commission further directs appellant/Complaint Counsel to file any reply brief by Thursday, March 4, 2004, should they wish to submit one pursuant to Commission Rule 3.52(d), 16 C.F.R. § 3.52(d). Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT Complaint Counsel shall file their reply brief, if they choose to submit one, by Thursday, March 4, 2004.

By the Commission.

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Shira Pavis Minton Acting Secretary

ISSUED: January 12, 2004