4. The depositions of the experts represent a significant cost and a substantial time

commitment on behalf of both parties,

5. Hence we are requesting Your Honor's permission to postpone the date for

completing expert depositions until June 28,

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We are not requesting the postponement of any other events set forth in the First Revised

Scheduling Order (e.g., the exchange of final witness and exhibit lists, which is set for June 17),

nor will we seek to use the postponement of the expert depositions as a basis for delaying the

trial. Indeed, we do not believe that granting this request will have any impact on the deadlines

affecting Your Honor's role in managing this case to its timely completion.

For the foregoing reasons, Complaint Counsel and Respondents respectfully request that

Your Honor grant this motion and issue the attached proposed Order Postponing the Date for

Completing Expert Depositions.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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and

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individually.

Docket No. 9314

Proposed Order Postponing Date for Completing Expert Depositions

The parties shall complete expert depositions no later than June 28, 2004. This Order does not modify any other deadlines or other matters set forth in the Scheduling Order entered on January 30, 2004 or the First Revised Scheduling Order entered on April 15, 2004.

ORDERED:	
	D. Michael Chappell
	Administrative Law Judge

Date: June 9, 2004