

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS: Joseph J. Simons, Chairman
Noah Joshua Phillips
Rohit Chopra
Rebecca Kelly Slaughter
Christine S. Wilson

DOCKET NO. 9377

ORDER EXTENDING BRIEFING SCHEDULE

On February 11, 2019, Complaint Counsel and respondents Tronox Limited (“Tronox”), National Industrialization Company (TASNEE), National Titanium Dioxide Company Limited (“Cristal”), and Cristal USA, Inc., jointly moved to revise the deadlines for filing the parties’ remaining briefs on appeal in this proceeding. Tronox submitted an opening brief on January 28, 2019.¹ Under the current briefing schedule, Complaint Counsel’s answering brief is due on February 26, 2019, and any reply brief is due no later than March 6, 2019. Under the parties’ joint request, Complaint Counsel’s answering brief would be filed on March 28, 2019, and any reply brief would be filed on April 8, 2019.

The parties explain that they are currently engaged in settlement discussions regarding a consent proposal intended to resolve fully the Commission’s competitive concerns. They state that the requested extension would facilitate further settlement discussion and avoid wasting resources. Under these circumstances and pursuant to Commission Rule 4.3(b), 16 C.F.R. § 4.3(b), we find that good cause exists to extend the briefing schedule as requested. Accordingly,

¹ The brief purported to speak for both Tronox and Cristal, but was signed only by counsel for Tronox.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the Joint Motion to Revise Briefing Schedule for Appeal is GRANTED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT Complaint Counsel's answering brief shall be filed no later than March 28, 2019, and any reply brief shall be filed no later than April 8, 2019.

By the Commission.

April J. Tabor
Acting Secretary

SEAL:
ISSUED: February 15, 2019