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

In the Matter of	)	
BENCO DENTAL SUPPLY CO., a corporation,	)	
HENRY SCHEIN, INC., a corporation, and	)	DOCKET NO. 9379
PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC., a corporation,	)	PUBLIC
Respondents.	)	

ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO FILE INITIAL DECISION

Rule 3.51(a) of the Commission Rules of Practice provides that an Initial Decision shall be filed "within 70 days after the filing of the last filed initial or reply proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and order." 16 C.F.R. § 3.51(a) (2019). The rule further provides that "[t]he Administrative Law Judge may extend any of these time periods by up to 30 days for good cause. The Commission may further extend any of the time periods for good cause." Id. The last reply proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law were filed on June 6, 2019, and pursuant to Rule 3.51(a), the 70-day period was set to expire on August 15, 2019. For good cause shown, on August 5, 2019, Chief Administrative Law Judge D. Michael Chappell extended the time period until September 16, 2019. Judge Chappell has now filed a request that the Commission further extend the time for filing the Initial Decision in this matter until October 18, 2019. For the reasons set forth below, the Commission has determined to grant that request.

The Commission issued the complaint in this matter on February 12, 2018, alleging that the respondents entered into an agreement constituting an unfair method of competition in violation of Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act ("FTC Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 45. The complaint further alleged that one of the respondents invited a competitor to collude, in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act. Each of the three respondents denied the allegations in the complaint. A