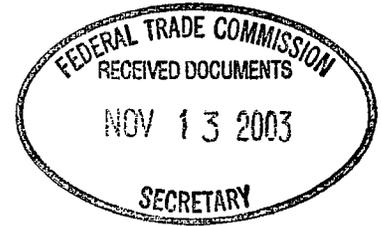


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In the Matter of )  
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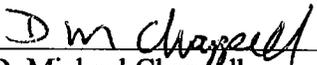
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**ORDER REQUIRING EXPEDITED RESPONSE**

On November 12, 2003, Respondent North Texas Specialty Physicians filed a motion for a protective order seeking, *inter alia*, postponement of depositions noticed by Complaint Counsel to begin November 17, 2003, until at least ten days after Complaint Counsel (a) has answered interrogatories that disclose the specific allegations against NTSP, and (b) has produced documents obtained during the pre-complaint investigation. Respondent also moves for a protective order that requires Complaint Counsel to schedule depositions on dates and at times and locations that are mutually convenient for all counsel and witnesses.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 3.22(c), Complaint Counsel is hereby ORDERED to file an opposition addressing these two requests raised by Respondent's motion on an expedited basis. Complaint Counsel shall serve by facsimile a courtesy copy of its opposition to Respondent's counsel and to the Office of Administrative Law Judges by 8:00 EST November 13, 2003. Complaint Counsel shall file this opposition by November 14, 2003. Complaint Counsel has until November 19, 2003 to file its opposition to the other issues raised in Respondent's motion.

ORDERED:

  
D. Michael Chappell  
Administrative Law Judge

November 12, 2003