

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

COMMISSIONERS: Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman
Orson Swindle
Thomas B. Leary
Pamela Jones Harbour
Jon Leibowitz

In the Matter of

**North Texas Specialty Physicians,
a corporation.**

Docket No. 9312

**RESPONDENT NORTH TEXAS SPECIALTY PHYSICIANS’
MOTION TO CONTINUE ORAL ARGUMENT**

TO: THE COMMISSION

Respondent North Texas Specialty Physicians (“NTSP”) respectfully requests that the Commission continue the oral argument of this proceeding for 14 days. As grounds therefore, NTSP would show as follows.

I.

On May 19, 2005, NTSP first received notice of the scheduling of the oral argument in this proceeding. That notice set the date for oral argument on June 10, 2005, which is just over three weeks after the notice was sent.

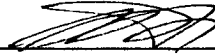
NTSP’s entire board of directors is made up of practicing physicians. Because of their practices, those board members have significant time commitments to patients already scheduled. The chairman of the board is also currently out of the country and not scheduled to return until after the June 10 hearing. Those physicians desire to attend the

oral argument of this proceeding, but due to appointments with patients and calendar conflicts, they are unable to make appropriate arrangements to attend the oral argument at its current setting. Therefore, NTSP asks that the Commission continue the oral argument of the appeal of this proceeding for 14 days. Such a continuance will allow the practicing physicians of NTSP's board to attend the oral argument and will prevent any adverse consequences upon patient care that may result from their attendance. Further, such a short continuance will not cause any prejudice. This motion is not being filed to cause undue delay, but instead only seeks to provide the opportunity for NTSP's board members to attend the oral argument concerning the appeal of this proceeding.

II.

In conclusion, Respondent North Texas Specialty Physicians requests that the Commission continue the oral argument of the appeal of this matter for 14 days and to provide such other and further relief to which it may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDED NOTICE SCHEDULING ORAL ARGUMENT

Respondent North Texas Specialty Physicians' Motion to Continue Oral Argument is granted. The oral argument on the appeal and the cross-appeal from the Initial Decision in this matter has been scheduled for June ____, 2005, at _____ a.m., in the Federal Trade Commission's Hearing Room 532, Headquarters Building, located at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20580.

Each side will be allotted thirty minutes to present its argument. Respondents will have the opportunity to open and close the argument.

By direction of the Commission.