

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

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

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In the Matter of	)	
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UNION OIL COMPANY OF	)	
CALIFORNIA	)	
	)	DOCKET NO. 9305
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**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 ninety (90) days after closing the hearing record pursuant to § 3.44(c) . . . or within such further time as the Commission may by order allow upon written request from the Administrative Law Judge.” 16 C.F.R. § 3.51(a) (2003). Pursuant to this rule, the current deadline for filing the Initial Decision in this case was May 4, 2005. Judge Chappell has filed a request that the Commission extend the time for filing the Initial Decision in this matter until September 9, 2005. Judge Chappell indicates that the parties sought and were granted extensions of time to file post-trial briefs and that closing argument has not yet been heard. In light of this and other relevant factors, the Commission has determined that there is good cause for this extension, and anticipates that the Initial Decision will be completed on or before the new deadline.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the time for filing the Initial Decision in this matter, be, and it hereby is, extended until September 9, 2005.

By the Commission.

C. Landis Plummer  
Acting Secretary

ISSUED: May 20, 2005