UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES



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In the Matter of)		
RAMBUS INC.,)	Docket No. 9302	
Respondent.)		

ORDER EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR FILING THE INITIAL DECISION

Commission Rule 3.51(a) requires that initial decisions be filed within one year following the issuance of the complaint, but allows the Administrative Law Judge to extend the one year deadline by an additional period of up to 60 days, upon a finding of extraordinary circumstances. 16 C.F.R. § 3.51(a). Such extension may be continued for additional consecutive periods of up to 60 days, provided that each additional period is based upon a finding by the Administrative Law Judge that extraordinary circumstances are still present. 16 C.F.R. § 3.51(a).

The Complaint in this matter was issued on June 18, 2002. By Order dated June 18, 2003, because the trial was then ongoing, extraordinary circumstances were found to extend the deadline for filing the Initial Decision by 60 days until August 18, 2003. The evidentiary portion of the trial concluded on August 1, 2003. By Order dated August 18, 2003, because the parties had not yet filed post trial briefs, extraordinary circumstances were found to extend the deadline for filing the Initial Decision by 60 days until October 17, 2003.

The parties' reply briefs and replies to proposed findings were filed on September 29, 2003. The parties presented closing arguments on October 8, 2003. In order to allow adequate time to fully consider the parties' pleadings, the trial transcript, and the evidence introduced at trial, additional time is necessary for writing the Initial Decision. Extraordinary circumstances continue to be present. Accordingly, the deadline for filing the Initial Decision is extended by 60 days until December 18, 2003.

ORDERED:

Meghen J. McGuire

Chief Administrative Law Judge

October 17, 2003