

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

COMMISSIONERS: Timothy J. Muris, Chairman
Mozelle W. Thompson
Orson Swindle
Thomas B. Leary
Pamela Jones Harbour

In the Matter of

South Carolina State Board of Dentistry

Docket 9311

**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR ORAL ARGUMENT
AND SCHEDULING ORAL ARGUMENT**

Counsel for the Complaint and Counsel for Respondent have filed a Joint Motion for Oral Argument ("Joint Motion") on Respondent's October 22, 2003 Motion to Dismiss. The stated grounds for the Joint Motion are that the Motion to Dismiss involves several complex legal issues, and that oral argument could assist both the Commission and the parties by ensuring a clear understanding of the parties' positions and by permitting the parties to respond to questions from the Commission.

The Commission has determined that oral argument in this matter will be of assistance, by permitting the parties to emphasize and clarify the written arguments appearing in their briefs. *See* Commission Rule 3.52(h), 16 C.F.R. § 3.52(h) (2003). The Commission has therefore determined to grant the Joint Motion. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT the Joint Motion be and it hereby is granted;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Oral Argument on Respondent's Motion to Dismiss will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in Federal Trade Commission Hearing Room 532, Headquarters Building, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT each side will be allotted forty-five minutes to present its argument, and Respondent will have the opportunity to open and close the argument.

By the Commission.



Donald S. Clark
Secretary

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ISSUED: December 17, 2003