

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION



In the Matter of)
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Red Sky Holdings LP,)
a limited partnership,)
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and)
)
Newpark Resources, Inc.,)
a corporation.)

Docket No. 9333

JOINT MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER

Pursuant to Rule 4.3(b) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice, Complaint Counsel and Respondents Red Sky Holdings LP and Newpark Resources, Inc. (collectively “Respondents”) move to extend the time for Respondents to file their respective Answers to the Commission’s Complaint from November 12, 2008 to December 12, 2008. The bases for this motion are the following:

1. The Commission’s Complaint in this matter was served on the Respondents on October 23, 2008, making the Answers of Respondents due on November 12, 2008. *See* Rule 3.12(a).
2. Complaint Counsel filed a complaint against Respondents in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas on October 23, 2008, seeking a preliminary injunction enjoining the Respondents’ proposed acquisition. A hearing on the matter is scheduled to take place in Houston, Texas on November 18, 2008, before the Honorable Kenneth M. Hoyt.
3. Complaint Counsel and Respondents are in the process of conferring on a possible settlement that would resolve the violations alleged by Complaint Counsel in the Commission’s Complaint.
4. Complaint Counsel and Respondents have requested that Judge Hoyt postpone the federal court hearing scheduled for November 18, 2008 to the week of December 15, 2008.

5. An extension of time for Respondents to file their Answers to the Commission's Complaint would permit Complaint Counsel and Respondents to negotiate a possible settlement to resolve the violations alleged in the Commission's Complaint.
6. Good cause exists to justify the extension as described above. A proposed order is attached.
7. If the Court believes ruling on this motion is outside of its authority, Complaint Counsel and Respondents request the Court to certify this motion to the Commission pursuant to Rule 3.22(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice.


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PROPOSED ORDER ON JOINT MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER

UPON THE MOTION of Complaint Counsel and Respondents pursuant to Section 4.3(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice; and

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that good cause exists for an extension of time for Respondents to file their Answers to the Commission's Complaint; it is hereby

ORDERED that the time for Respondents to file their Answers is hereby extended to December 12, 2008.

The Honorable D. Michael Chappell
Administrative Law Judge

Date: November ____, 2008

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This will certify that the attached Join Motion for an Extension of Time to Answer was served on November 10, 2008, via electronic mail to:

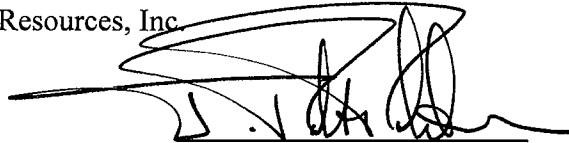
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