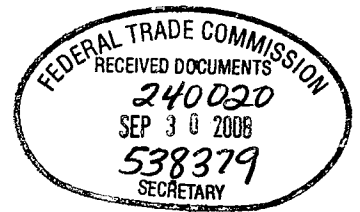


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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

In the Matter of _____
Polypore International, Inc. _____
a corporation. _____

Docket No. 9327
PUBLIC

**RESPONSE TO RESPONDENT’S MOTION TO EXTEND
RESPONDENT’S TIME TO RESPOND TO COMPLAINT AND
TO SET DATE FOR INITIAL SCHEDULING CONFERENCE**

Respondent (“Polypore”) seeks a two-week extension, from October 6 to 20, 2008, to answer the complaint, and proposes that the scheduling conference be held on October 22 or 23, 2008. Complaint Counsel does not oppose the motion, so long as neither the commencement of discovery nor trial is delayed. We agree with Polypore that holding the scheduling conference promptly after the answer is filed is likely to facilitate the smooth administration of this case.

We emphasize that Complaint Counsel respectfully opposes any delay of trial or discovery for any reason. No delay of discovery or trial is warranted because Parker Poe, sophisticated antitrust counsel, has been involved in this case for nearly six months, and every day of delay harms consumers. In several letters dated as early as May 1, 2008, to Commission staff, Polypore’s counsel represented that Parker Poe has been responsible for collecting, reviewing, and producing Polypore’s documents during the course of the Commission’s Part 2 investigation. Back in June 2008, Parker Poe was also responsible for drafting Polypore’s Civil Investigative Demand responses.

This case is not complex. It is a straightforward application of the antitrust laws to a merger. The application of the antitrust laws to Respondent’s anticompetitive conduct also

answer. Thus, it should promptly admit or deny the matters set forth in the complaint so that this case can proceed toward a resolution on the merits.

Dated: September 30, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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