

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

In the Matter of)
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RAMBUS INCORPORATED,)
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Respondent.)
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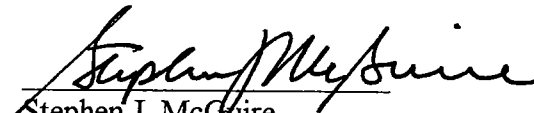
**ORDER EXTENDING THE ONE YEAR
DEADLINE FOR FILING THE INITIAL DECISION**

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 current extension expires on December 18, 2003.

The parties' post trial briefs totaled 443 pages. The parties' proposed findings of fact numbered 4,879. The Initial Decision will consist of over a thousand findings of fact and a thorough, detailed analysis of the legal issues, as required by 16 C.F.R. § 3.51(c). This requires intensive review of the 11,806 page transcript and over 2,200 admitted exhibits. Additional time is thus necessary for completing the Initial Decision. Accordingly, extraordinary circumstances continue to be present.

Therefore, it is HEREBY ORDERED that the deadline for filing the Initial Decision is extended by 60 days until February 17, 2004.

ORDERED:


Stephen J. McGuire
Chief Administrative Law Judge

December 17, 2003