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

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In the Matter of)	
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HomeAdvisor, Inc., a corporation,)	
d/b/a Angi Leads,)	Docket No. 9407
d/b/a HomeAdvisor Powered By Angi,)	
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Respondent.)	
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ORDER EXTENDING TIME AND SETTING INITIAL PREHEARING CONFERENCE

T.

On March 23, 2022, Respondent HomeAdvisor, Inc. filed an Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Answer the Complaint and Other Deadlines ("Motion to Extend"), which included, *inter alia*, a request to extend the deadline for holding the prehearing scheduling conference in this matter. Under Rule 3.21(b) of the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") Rules of Practice, the conference must be held "[n]ot later than 10 days after the answer is filed" 16 C.F.R. § 3.21(b).

By Order issued March 24, 2022, Respondent's request to extend the deadline for filing an answer was granted based on a showing of good cause. The request to extend the deadline for holding the scheduling conference was denied as premature, as Respondent had not yet filed an answer. Respondent filed its Answer to the Complaint on April 4, 2022. Accordingly, the request to extend the deadline for holding the scheduling conference is now ripe.

II.

Under Rule 3.21(b) the last day to hold the scheduling conference would be April 14, 2022. In support of the request to extend the deadline, the Motion to Extend stated that various counsel for Respondent and Complaint Counsel would be unavailable during the weeks of April 11 and April 18, 2022. FTC Rule 4.3(b) provides that, except under circumstances not here presented, the Administrative Law Judge may, for good cause shown, extend any time limit prescribed or allowed by the rules. 16 C.F.R. § 4.3(b).

Based on the foregoing, good cause exists to extend the deadline for holding the prehearing scheduling conference. Accordingly, the unopposed request to extend the deadline is GRANTED.

It is hereby ORDERED that the prehearing scheduling conference pursuant to Rule 3.21(b) will be held on April 25, 3:00 p.m. EDT. Due to ongoing public health concerns related to COVID-19, the scheduling conference will be conducted telephonically. The proceedings will be stenographically recorded. To the extent practicable, members of the press and public will be allowed to access the proceedings of the scheduling conference via a public call-in number. Interested parties are directed to contact the FTC Office of Public Affairs for call-in information.

The parties are directed to confer in advance of the scheduling conference and to comply with Commission Rule 3.21(a) and (b). The expected scheduling order will be provided to the parties in advance of the scheduling conference.

ORDERED:

D. Michael Chappell
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: April 7, 2022