

Re: Duration of the Public Comment Period in Matter No. R207011,
Trade Regulation Rule on Unfair or Deceptive Fees

The Commission has received several requests seeking an extension of the period for public comment on its notice of proposed rulemaking in Matter No. R207011, Trade Regulation Rule on Unfair or Deceptive Fees. Those requesting an extension have stated they desire additional time to provide information.

Pursuant to Section 18 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 57a, also known as the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Federal Trade Commission Improvements Act, which authorizes the FTC to prescribe rules with respect to unfair or deceptive fees, the Commission voted to authorize the publication of its NPRM on October 6, 2023. Thereafter, on October 11, 2023, the NPRM was announced and made publicly available on the Commission's website. The NPRM was subsequently published in the Federal Register on November 9, 2023, with a sixty-day comment period that ends on January 8, 2024. The public will thus have had 60 days between the proposal's publication and the close of the comment period. While this period affords the public a meaningful opportunity to provide the Commission with comments regarding its rulemaking proposal, the Commission will extend the period for public comment on its NPRM an additional 30 days to February 7, 2024.

The Commission has appreciated its ongoing engagement with stakeholders on issues relating to unfair or deceptive fees. The Commission will continue to welcome public comment on its NPRM through the extended comment period, which will now close on February 7, 2024.

By the Commission,

April Tabor
Secretary

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