

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION
Office of Administrative Law Judges

GLOBERUNNERS, INC., *Complainant*

v.

HOYER GLOBAL (USA), INC., *Respondent*.

DOCKET NO. 22-27

Served: May 8, 2023


ORDER OF: Linda S. Harris CROVELLA, *Administrative Law Judge*.

ORDER ON MOTION TO ENLARGE TIME

On May 8, 2023, the date Complainant's initial brief was due, Complainant filed a motion seeking a 30-day enlargement of time to file its brief, which it captioned as Joint Motion for Enlargement of Time to File Brief (Motion to Enlarge).¹ Complainant requests the 30-day extension of time to file its initial brief because the parties are engaging in settlement discussions, as reflected in Exhibit A.

The Commission has a strong and consistent policy of encouraging settlements. "The resolution of controversies by means of compromise and settlement is generally faster and less expensive than litigation; it results in saving time for the parties, the lawyers, and the courts, and it is thus advantageous to judicial administration, and in turn, to government as a whole." *Old Ben Coal Co. v. Sea-Land Ser., Inc.*, 18 S.R.R. 1085, 1092 (ALJ 1978) (quoting 15A AM. JUR. 2D *Compromise and Settlement* § 3 (1976)).

Complainant has established good cause for an enlargement of time and requests an extension that is reasonable. Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the motion be **GRANTED**. If a settlement is reached, the parties must file a motion requesting approval of it along with a copy of the settlement. In the absence of a settlement, Complainant's initial brief is now due on June 8, 2023. Moreover, the parties must file a joint status report on May 26, 2023, to provide an update regarding the status of negotiations but not the parties' positions. To avoid further delay, Respondent's brief is now due on July 10, 2023, and Complainant's reply brief is due on July 24, 2023.



Linda S. Harris Crovella
Administrative Law Judge

¹ Attached to the Motion to Enlarge as Exhibit A is an electronic mail chain in which counsel for Respondent consents to a motion for an extension of time for Complainant to file its brief; there is no indication that it joins in the motion and the motion is not jointly signed.