

**FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION**  
**Office of Administrative Law Judges**

GLOBERUNNERS, INC., *Complainant*

v.

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

**DOCKET NO. 22-27**

Served: June 8, 2023

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

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**ORDER ON SECOND MOTION TO ENLARGE TIME**

On June 7, 2023, the day before Complainant's initial brief was due, Complainant filed a motion seeking a six-day enlargement of time to file its brief, which it captioned as Joint Motion for Enlargement of Time to File Brief (Second Motion to Enlarge). Complainant requests the six-day extension of time to file its initial brief because the parties are engaging in settlement discussions and, "the parties are very close to settling this matter." Second Motion to Enlarge at 1. Respondent indicated by electronic mail that it consents to the motion for an extension of time for Complainant to file its brief; there is no indication that it joins in the motion.

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 14, 2023. To avoid further delay, Respondent's brief is now due on July 17, 2023, and Complainant's reply brief is due on July 31, 2023.

This is the second motion to enlarge time for Complainant to file its brief that was filed in under seven days from the date the brief was due. The parties are cautioned that any further requests for extensions of time may be denied.

  
Linda S. Harris Crovella  
Administrative Law Judge