

US TECH WORKERS ET AL.,	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	8 U.S.C. § 1324b Proceeding
v.	)	OCAHO Case No. 2024B00100
	)	
MORNINGSTAR, INC.,	)	
Respondent.	)	
_____	)	

<sup>1</sup> OCAHO Rules of Practice and Procedure, 28 C.F.R. pt. 68 (2023).

Respondent requests a 30-day extension to file an answer to the Complaint due to counsel's work and travel obligations through July and early August. Mot. Extension Time 4. Respondent does not indicate whether it discussed the motion with Complainant, but Complainant has not filed an objection.

"OCAHO rules do not provide specific standards for granting extensions, but the standard routinely applied is good cause." *Tingling v. City of Richmond*, 13 OCAHO no. 1324c, 2 (2021) (citations omitted).<sup>2</sup> Good cause requires "a demonstration of good faith on the part of the party seeking an enlargement of time and some reasonable basis for noncompliance with the time specified in the rule." *Id.* (citations omitted).

The Court finds that Respondent has shown good cause for an extension of the deadline to file an answer to the Complaint. Respondent's counsel asserts that he requires more time to assess and respond to the Complaint's allegations, given his work and travel obligations. Given this explanation, and the short period of time requested, the Court finds good cause for a 30-day extension of the answer deadline. *See, e.g., United States v. Space Expl. Techs. Corp.*, 18 OCAHO no. 1499, 7 (2023) (finding good cause for extension of answer deadline where the motion was agreed, it was the first requested extension, and the request for 30 days was unlikely to substantially impact the proceedings).

Respondent's Motion for Extension of Time is GRANTED, and Respondent's answer deadline is EXTENDED until September 6, 2024.

SO ORDERED.

Dated and entered on August 15, 2024.

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Honorable Jean C. King  
Chief Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>2</sup> Citations to OCAHO precedents in bound volumes one through eight include the volume and case number of the particular decision followed by the specific page in the bound volume where the decision begins; the pinpoint citations which follow are to the pages, seriatim, of the specific entire volume. Pinpoint citations to OCAHO precedents after volume eight, where the decision has not yet been reprinted in a bound volume, are to pages within the original issuances; the beginning page number of an unbound case will always be 1 and is accordingly omitted from the citation. Published decisions may be accessed through the Westlaw database "FIM OCAHO," the LexisNexis database "OCAHO," and on the United States Department of Justice's website: <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/office-of-the-chief-administrative-hearing-officer-decisions>.