

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

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In the Matter of)	
Microsoft Corp.,)	
a corporation, and)	
Activision Blizzard, Inc.,)	Docket No. 9412
a corporation,)	
Respondents.)	
_____)	

**ORDER GRANTING CONSENT MOTIONS FOR LEAVE
TO AMEND ANSWER AND DEFENSES**

On January 3, 2023, Respondent Microsoft Corp. (“Microsoft”) and Respondent Activision Blizzard, Inc. (“Activision”) each filed a Consent Motion for Leave to Amend its Answer and Defenses (“Consent Motions”). Respondents each seek to withdraw Defenses No. 17 through 22 raised in the Answers each filed December 22, 2022.

A motion for leave to amend may be granted “whenever determination of a controversy on the merits will be facilitated thereby.” 16 C.F.R. § 3.15(a)(1). Granting the Consent Motions will facilitate a determination on the merits in this proceeding by narrowing the issues to be decided. The proposed amendment to each Answer will not cause prejudice to any party, and expediting the resolution of this matter is in the public interest. Microsoft and Activision acted promptly in bringing the Consent Motions and Complaint Counsel consents to the proposed amendments.

Accordingly, the Consent Motions are GRANTED. It is ORDERED that Microsoft and Activision may each file the proposed Amended Answer and Defenses, attached as Exhibit B to the respective Consent Motions, as the operative Answer and Defenses in this matter, within five business days.

ORDERED:



D. Michael Chappell
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: January 4, 2023