UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION



In the Matter of	SECRE
POM WONDERFUL LLC and ROLL	
GLOBAL, as successor in interest to Roll)
International companies, and) Docket No. 9344
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STEWART A. RESNICK, LYNDA RAE)
RESNICK, and MATTHEW TUPPER,)
individually and as officers of the companies)
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RESPONDENT MATTHEW TUPPER'S OPPOSITION TO COMPLAINT COUNSEL'S MOTION TO REOPEN THE RECORD

Respondent Matthew Tupper incorporates by reference the arguments raised by Respondents in their Opposition to Complaint Counsel's Motion to Reopen the Record filed concurrently herewith. In addition to the arguments raised therein, Mr. Tupper also submits the following, additional grounds why the record should not be re opened in this matter:

Complaint Counsel seeks to reopen the record to admit certain advertisements made by Respondent POM Wonderful LLC ("POM") after the public issuance of the Initial Decision on May 21, 2012, and following Mr. Tupper's departure from POM approximately seven months ago. The advertisements sought to be admitted are not probative of any claim against Mr. Tupper and are highly prejudicial in light of Mr. Tupper's departure. In determining whether to reopen the record, the Commission considers: (1) whether the moving party can demonstrate due diligence; (2) the extent to which the proffered evidence is probative; (3) whether the evidence is cumulative; and (4) and whether reopening the record would prejudice the non-moving party. *In re Brake Guard Products, Inc.* 125 F.T.C. 138 (1998).

In its Motion, Complaint Counsel claims, among other things, that "Respondents' new POM product advertisements are highly probative of whether the provisions of the Order issued by the ALJ are adequate to address Respondents' conduct in the future" and suggest that "Respondents continue to engage in the deceptive conduct that Complaint Counsel challenged at trial..." (Mot. at 5.) As the record demonstrated, however, Mr. Tupper retired from POM at the end of 2011 and no longer has any involvement with the company. (RFF 53-54.)

If the Commission grants Complaint Counsel's Motion, POM's recent advertising campaign, if anything, is only further evidence that Mr. Tupper had no control over the dissemination of POM's advertising. The evidence is undisputed that Mr. Tupper retired at the end of 2011. As such, Mr. Tupper certainly did not play (and could not have played) any role in launching POM's "aggressive advertising campaign" as alleged by Complaint Counsel in the Motion to Reopen the Record. (Mot. at 6.) Thus, because POM's advertising practices after the Initial Decision cannot be attributed to Mr. Tupper given his long absence from the company and clear lack of control, the probative value of such new evidence, if any, should only aid the Commission in a determination that Mr. Tupper is not liable and that any order against him would be both without merit and purposeless.

Finally, it would be patently inequitable and prejudicial to consider any such new "evidence" created <u>after Mr. Tupper's departure to support an order against him.</u> There is no basis in the law to support this view and Complaint Counsel has not presented any such authority.

For the foregoing reasons and those incorporated in Respondents' separate opposition, Complaint Counsel's Motion to Reopen the Record should be denied.

Dated: June 25, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Respondents' **OPPOSITION TO COMPLAINT COUNSEL'S MOTION TO REOPEN THE RECORD**, and that on this 25th day of June, 2012, I caused the foregoing to be served by hand delivery and email on the following:

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