# UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

## Before The Honorable Doris Johnson Hines Administrative Law Judge

In the Matter of

CERTAIN VAPORIZER DEVICES, CARTRIDGES USED THEREWITH, AND COMPONENTS THEREOF Investigation No. 337-TA-1372

## JOINT MOTION TO TAKE FACT DEPOSITION OF NON-PARTY WILLIAM STEIGER OUT OF TIME AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

Pursuant to 19 C.F.R. § 210.15 and the Ground Rules in this Investigation, Complainant NJOY, LLC ("Complainant") and Respondent JUUL Labs, Inc. ("Respondent") (collectively "the Private Parties") hereby jointly request leave to conduct the deposition of non-party fact witness, Mr. William Steiger, taking place on March 29, 2024, after the close of fact discovery, and respectfully request expedited treatment.

#### **Ground Rule 5.1 Certification**

Pursuant to Ground Rule 5.1, counsel for Complainant and counsel for Respondent certify that they have conferred with each other and the Staff prior to filing this motion. The Staff does not oppose this motion.

#### Motion for Leave and Request for Expedited Treatment

Pursuant to Order No. 22, the date for the close of fact discovery is March 12, 2024. Mr. William Steiger is a non-party who received a subpoena from Respondent JLI in connection with his role as former employee and general counsel of non-party Fuma International LLC. Mr. Steiger's original deposition took place on March 5, 2024, which included objections and instructions on the basis of privilege during the course of Mr. Steiger's original deposition. The



Private Parties have conferred regarding the objections and instructions on the basis of privilege. After conferring, the Private Parties have agreed to continue the deposition of non-party Mr. Steiger solely for continuing of questions to address the issue relating to Mr. Steiger's recollection regarding WES\_00040 without delving into any privileged attorney-client communications. Due to the parties' prior dispute over objections, meet and confers, and subsequent conferring with counsel for Mr. Steiger on scheduling and availability, the parties were not able to schedule Mr. Steiger's follow-on deposition for March 29<sup>th</sup> until yesterday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Yesterday, on March 27, 2024, counsel for Mr. Steiger informed the Private Parties that Mr. Steiger is available to continue his deposition on Friday March 29, 2024, in a video conference for a short duration.

The Private Parties have agreed to split the three-hour deposition time equally, with each side having approximately one-and-a-half hours of deposition time, if needed.

For the foregoing reasons, Complainant and Respondent respectfully request that the ALJ grant this motion to take the fact deposition of Mr. William Steiger out of time, and respectfully request expedited treatment.

Dated: March 28, 2024 Respectfully submitted,

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