

COOK COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
69 West Washington Street, Suite 3040
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Joanne NUGENT, Complainant)	
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)	Case No. 2015PA002
v.)	
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JEWEL FOOD STORES, INC., Respondent)	Entered: March 23, 2015
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ORDER EXTENDING TIME

On February 23, 2015, Complainant Joanne Nugent (“Nugent”) filed the above-captioned complaint with the Cook County Commission on Human Rights (“Commission”), alleging that she was unlawfully denied access to a public accommodation owned, leased or otherwise controlled by Respondent Jewel Food Stores, Inc. (“Jewel”). In accordance with the Commission’s Procedural Rules 120.110 and 420.130, the Commission mailed this complaint to Respondents on February 27, 2015. Accordingly, Respondents’ verified response is due to be filed with the Commission on March 30, 2015. See CCHR Pro. R. 420.165. On March 20, 2015, Jewel filed a motion to extend its time to file a response to the complaint by 30 days to April 29, 2015.

The Commission prefers to resolve complaints on their merits. In order to do so, the Commission relies on a respondent’s verified response, position statement and answers to questionnaires to assist in its neutral fact finding investigation. Therefore, when a respondent in good faith requests an extension and proffers good cause, the Commission has been inclined to liberally grant such a request. However, when delay and disregard for Commission process and procedure are evident, as a last resort, due to the punitive nature of the default sanction, the Commission will commence default proceedings against a dilatory respondent. *Arnett v. Cezar’s Inn*, 2003PA005 (CCHRC June 20, 2003).

Jewel’s motion, in pertinent part, states that the request is being made in order to gather the probative information necessary for response to the Commission. The Commission finds that Jewel has requested this extension in good faith and proffered good cause. For these reasons, the Commission hereby grants Jewel’s Motion.

The Commission orders Jewel to file verified responses on or before April 29, 2015. Failure to file the verified response may result in the commencement of default proceedings. See CCHR Pro. R. 420.165.

March 23, 2015

By delegation:

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Ranjit Hakim
Executive Director of the Cook County
Commission on Human Rights