UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER

April 4, 2025

QUN WANG, Complainant,)	
V.)))	8 U.S.C. § 1324b Proceeding OCAHO Case No. 2025B00033
META PLATFORMS, INC., Respondent.)	

Appearances: Daniel Low, Esq., for Complainant

Eliza A. Kaiser, Esq., Matthew S. Dunn, Esq., and Amelia B. Munger, Esq., for

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION (ANSWER)

On March 5, 2025, Complainant, Qun Wang, filed a complaint with the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer (OCAHO) against Respondent, Meta Platforms, Inc. The complaint alleges Respondent discriminated on the basis of citizenship status, in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324b(a)(1)(B).

That same day, the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer sent a Notice of Case Assignment for Complaint Alleging Unfair Immigration-Related Employment Practices and a copy of the complaint to Respondent via U.S. certified mail. Based on the date of receipt, Respondent's answer is due by April 17, 2025.

On April 2, 2025, Respondent filed an Unopposed Motion Requesting Extension of Time to Answer and Respond to Complaint, along with a Declaration of Eliza A. Kaiser. The motion requests a 30-day extension and includes proof Complainant does not oppose the extension. Mot. Ext. 1; Decl. Eliza A. Kaiser, Ex. A. "Respondent requests additional time so it may adequately investigate the claims in the Complaint for its answer and assess the possible merits of a motion to dismiss." Mot. Ext. 1.

As Respondent correctly notes in its motion, the Court looks for good cause when granting extensions. Mot. Ext. 1 (quoting *Tingling v. City of Richmond*, 13 OCAHO no. 1324c, 2 (2021)). The "good cause" standard can "consider the diligence of the party seeking the [change in deadlines]." *Johnson v. Mammoth Recreations, Inc.*, 975 F.2d 604, 609 (9th Cir. 1992).

While "seeking additional time to 'research and assess the merits' of . . . [a] potential motion," may not always constitute good cause; here, the Court considered Respondent's diligence in both bringing this issue expeditiously and obtaining the position of Complainant. Both serve as key factors in determining an extension is appropriate here. See generally Wangperawong v. Meta Platforms, Inc., 18 OCAHO no. 1510, 2 (2023).

Accordingly, Respondent's motion is GRANTED, and its answer is due by May 19, 2025.

Separately, the Court is attaching a copy of OCAHO's Email Filing Program Registration Form and Certification.

SO ORDERED.

Dated and entered on April 4, 2025.

Honorable Andrea R. Carroll-Tipton Administrative Law Judge

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