# Competition Tribunal



## Tribunal de la Concurrence

Reference: Commissioner of Competition v. Sears Canada Inc., 2002 Comp. Trib. 22

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IN THE MATTER OF the Competition Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-34;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an inquiry pursuant to subparagraph 10(1)(b)(ii) of the *Competition Act* relating to certain marketing practices of Sears Canada Inc.;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by the Commissioner of Competition for an order pursuant to section 74.01 of the *Competition Act*.

#### BETWEEN:

The Commissioner of Competition (applicant)

and

Sears Canada Inc. (respondent)

Date of hearing: 20031022 Member: Dawson J. (presiding) Date of order: 20031023

Order signed by: Madam Justice Eleanor R. Dawson



ORDER REGARDING SEARS' MOTION TO AMEND ITS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

- [1] FURTHER to a motion in writing filed on Friday, October 17, 2003 by respondent Sears Canada Inc. ("Sears") for an order that:
  - 1. Sears be granted leave to amend its disclosure statement to:
  - (a) amend the will-say statements of William McMahon (General Manager of Automotive), Harry McKenna (Retail Marketing Manager), and Paul Cathcart (Home & Hardlines Group Manager) in the form attached at Schedule "A" to the notice of motion ("Schedule "A"); and
  - (b) include will-say statements of Vince Power (Director of Corporate Communications) and Bonnie Drever (Business Analyst) in the form also set out in Schedule "A".
  - 2. In the alternative, providing directions to clarify that Sears may lead evidence from McMahon, McKenna, Cathcart, Power and Drever, including evidence as disclosed in Schedule "A".
  - 3. Sears receive the costs of this motion.
- [2] AND UPON hearing the submissions of counsel orally on October 22, 2003;

IT IS ORDERED THAT, for reasons to be delivered in writing:

- [3] Sears is given leave to amend its disclosure statement to amend the will-say statements of Messrs. McMahon, McKenna and Cathcart as set out in Schedule "A".
- [4] In all other respects the motion is dismissed.
- [5] The issue of costs is reserved for further submissions to be made at a time and in a manner directed by the Tribunal.

DATED at Ottawa, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2003.

SIGNED on behalf of the Tribunal by the presiding judicial member.

(s) Eleanor R. Dawson

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