

THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO MEMORANDUM 2024-24
Antitrust Law: Status Report (Consultant Update)

This memorandum provides an update on the status of the Commission's consultant contract relating to the Antitrust Study.¹ As the Commission knows, at its October 19, 2023, meeting, the Commission approved the staff recommendation to hire Cheryl Lee Johnson in that capacity.² The Commission approved the contract for an initial six months (ending on June 30, 2024) in the amount of \$10,000.³ As indicated in Memorandum 2023-37,⁴ the staff anticipated that the Commission could decide whether to extend the agreement into the 2024-25 fiscal year prior to the end of the initial term. Ms. Johnson's qualifications and the scope of services she is performing are described in that memorandum.⁵

The staff has found Ms. Johnson's contributions to the study process immensely helpful.

The staff recommends that the consultant contract with Cheryl Lee Johnson be amended to extend the term through 2024-25 fiscal year (ending June 30, 2025). Due to the twelve-month extension, the amendment to the contract would be for \$20,000.00 plus travel expenses.

DECISION

The Commission's approval is required before the Executive Director can execute an amendment to this contract.⁶ In the past, the Executive Director has always sought the Commission's approval before entering into a contract for expert consulting services.

The Commission needs to decide whether to approve the amendment to extend the contract with Ms. Johnson, along the lines described above. If approved, the staff will take care of the formalities.

¹ See [Memorandum 2023-37](#), pp. 2-4.

² See [Minutes \(Oct. 2023\)](#), p. 5.

³ See *id.*; [Memorandum 2023-37](#), pp. 3-4.

⁴ See *id.* at 3.

⁵ See *id.* at 2-3.

⁶ See *Commission Handbook of Practices and Procedures* § 900.

Respectfully submitted,

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