UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DANTE DEMARTINI, et al., Plaintiffs,

V.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION,

Defendant.

Case No. 22-cv-08991-JSC

ORDER FOLLLOWING JANUARY 19, 2023 HEARING

This antitrust action seeks to enjoin Microsoft Corporation's proposed acquisition of Activision Blizzard, Inc. as a violation of Section 7 of the Clayton Antitrust Act, 15 U.S.C. § 18. Plaintiffs' complaint was accompanied by a motion for a preliminary injunction seeking to enjoin the merger. (Dkt. No. 4.) On January 19, 2023, the Court heard argument regarding Microsoft's motion to stay this action pending resolution of Federal Trade Commission's action, *In re Microsoft/Activision Blizzard*, No. 9412. (Dkt. No. 26.) The motion to stay is DENIED for the reasons stated on the record.

However, in light of Microsoft's stipulation on the record that the merger would not close before March 31, 2023, the Court RESETS the hearing on the pending motion for a preliminary injunction to March 23, 2023 at 10:00 am in Courtroom 8, 450 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, California. The Court sets a further status conference for February 2, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom video. The parties shall file a joint statement by January 31, 2023, which sets forth (1) a proposed briefing schedule for the motion for a preliminary injunction which has the reply brief filed by March 9, 2023, and (2) a discovery plan.

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JACQUELINE SCOTT CORLEY United States District Judge

This Order disposes of Docket No. 26. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: January 19, 2023 Northern District of California United States District Court