



IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Case No: 1203/6/1/12

BETWEEN:

JOHN LEWIS PLC

Applicant

- v -

OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING

Respondent

and

DSG RETAIL LIMITED
COMET GROUP LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATION)

Proposed Interveners

ORDER

UPON reading the notice of application filed by the Applicant on 21 December 2012

AND UPON reading the requests for permission to intervene filed pursuant to rules 16 and 25 of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2003 (S.I. No. 1372 of 2003) (“the Tribunal Rules”) by DSG Retail Limited (“Dixons”) and Comet Group Limited (In Administration) (“Comet”) on 7 January 2013

AND UPON reading the submissions of the parties filed in advance of the case management conference

AND UPON hearing the legal representatives of the parties at the case management conference on 14 January 2013

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Pursuant to rules 18 and 25 of the Tribunal Rules the proceedings be treated as proceedings in England and Wales
2. Dixons and Comet be granted permission to intervene
3. In relation to proceedings before the Tribunal:
 - a. The Respondent file and serve its defence and any supporting evidence by 5pm on 31 January 2013;
 - b. Dixons and Comet file and serve skeleton arguments by 5pm on 11 February 2013;
 - c. The Applicant and Respondent file and serve skeleton arguments by 5pm on 19 February 2013;
 - d. The parties file six copies of an agreed bundle of documents to serve as the core bundle for the hearing, together with six copies of an agreed bundle of authorities to be referred to at the hearing with key sections flagged for reference, by 5pm on 22 February 2013;
 - e. A hearing be listed for 27 February 2013 with a time estimate of one day
4. A meeting be convened by no later than 24 January 2013 between the Applicant, Respondent, Dixons and Comet (to which Argos Limited should also be invited) in order to attempt to resolve the issues raised by the Applicant's notice of application, and the OFT should inform the Tribunal of the outcome of that meeting by 5pm on 25 January 2013
5. There be liberty to apply

Vivien Rose
Chairman of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 14 January 2013
Drawn: 15 January 2013