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Riviana Foods Inc.

v.

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A notice of opposition to the registration sought in the above-identified application has been filed. A copy of the notice is attached.

ANSWER IS DUE FORTY DAYS after the mailing date hereof. (See Trademark Rule 2.196 for expiration date falling on Saturday, Sunday or a holiday).

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Discovery period to open: **11/11/07**

Discovery period to close: **5/9/08**

30-day testimony period for party in position of plaintiff to close: **8/7/08**

30-day testimony period for party in position of defendant to close: **10/6/08**

15-day rebuttal testimony period for plaintiff to close: **11/20/08**

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Briefs shall be filed in accordance with Trademark Rule 2.l28(a) and (b). An oral hearing will be set only upon request filed as provided by Trademark Rule 2.l29.

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