ILLINOIS INDEPENDENT

TAX TRIBUNAL

MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP., (F/K/A SCHERING CORPORATION), Petitioner,	)	
v.	)	16 TT 103
	)	Judge Brian F. Barov
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Respondent.	)	

ORDER

This order applies to the related matters of 16 TT 104, 16 TT 105 and 16 TT 106, and will be entered on the docket in those cases.

In a voice mail received on September 26, 2016, the Department moved for a 30-day extension of time to issue its written discovery requests. The Petitioner objected to the requested extension due to its length and because the amnesty double-interest penalty continues to run during the course of this case.

While the Petitioner's concern about the cost of delay is well-taken, based on the allegations of its Petition, this appears to be a fact-intensive case, and the parties should be entitled to some leeway in issuing and completing discovery. Thus, the Department's motion is GRANTED, and its written discovery requests are due to be issued on or before October 26, 2016. Further extension requests, however, will be looked upon with disfavor.

The November 17, 2016, telephone status remains as scheduled.

s/ *Brian Barov*

BRIAN F. BAROV
Administrative Law Judge

Date: September 27, 2016