



was terminating their relationship.”) Indeed, American is now advertising the fact that its flights are not available on Orbitz.com and that travelers should use its website, AA.com, instead:



This fact makes American’s antitrust case against Orbitz—premised on Orbitz supposedly preventing American from reaching customers through an alleged unlawful exclusive contract with Travelport—incongruous. But, it also has important implications for the expedited discovery that American apparently intends to seek.

As a primary basis for its Request, American indicates it believes it will need to seek a preliminary injunction against “*Defendants*” to prevent them from engaging in “further damaging and anticompetitive actions in the next few months” because “*Defendants*” have supposedly refused “to provide any assurances to the contrary.” *See* Request at 1-2 (emphasis added). Because American terminated—and now trumpets the end of—its business relationship with Orbitz, Orbitz is not in a position to provide “assurances” to American about future conduct relative to American. In fact, when the Court looks at the Exhibits to American’s request, it will note that American has not even made a request for “assurances” to Orbitz. The business relationship between American and Orbitz was brought to an end *by American*; for that reason, there is nothing for the Court to enjoin with respect to Orbitz and the Request certainly does not

point to any conduct of Orbitz that American seeks to enjoin. That means that American's speculations about a possible preliminary injunction motion provides no basis, whatsoever, for expedited discovery against Orbitz.

American's Request also points to ongoing litigation between American and Travelport as the basis for its contention that "absolutely no prejudice will befall *Defendants* for moving forward with the necessary discovery." Request at 6 (emphasis added). Not so. American fails to inform the Court that Orbitz *is not a party* to the litigation pending in state court in Illinois. In fact, Orbitz will be prejudiced in this case because American's Complaint fails to state a claim as a matter of law (*see* Orbitz's motion to dismiss) and discovery against Orbitz should not proceed until the Court has ruled on that motion.

For the foregoing reasons, Orbitz respectfully requests that the Court deny American's Request.

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