of the Post Office Department could not under the principles of *res judicata* bar this proceeding; and

The order of the hearing examiner to this effect being correct:

It is ordered, That the respondents' appeal therefrom and request for oral argument be, and hereby are, denied.

RECOTON CORPORATION ET AL.

Docket 7601. Order, Dec. 31, 1959

Order denying motion to defer hearings pending joinder as co-respondents, business concerns engaged in practices similar to those challenged.

This matter having come on for hearing upon the motion filed by respondent Recoton Corporation which requests that hearings be suspended pending joinder as co-respondents to this proceeding of the business concerns named in the motion, and stated in the motion's supporting affidavit to be engaged in practices similar to those challenged in the complaint; and

The Commission having duly considered the motion and its supporting affidavit and exhibits and the answer thereto filed by counsel supporting the complaint; and

The Commission having determined that the public interest will be better served if this case proceeds in regular course for disposition on its merits and that the motion should be denied, and the Commission having additionally directed that the Secretary transmit copies of the affidavit and exhibits to the Commission's Bureau of Investigation for appropriate consideration:

It is ordered, That the motion of respondent Recoton Corporation be, and it hereby is, denied.

SUNBEAM CORPORATION

Docket 7409. Order, Jan. 14, 1960

Interlocutory order denying appeal from the hearing examiner's rulings sustaining respondent's objections to receipt in evidence of certain documents and oral testimony.

Counsel in support of the complaint having filed an interlocutory appeal from a number of rulings of the hearing examiner sus-