### **Federal Trade Commission**

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#### **I. Basic Information Regarding Report**

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http://www.ftc.gov/foia/annualreports.shtm.

#### 3. How to obtain a copy of the report in paper form:

**Federal Trade Commission** 

Consumer Response Center

Room 130

600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20580

#### II. Making a FOIA Request

All FOIA requests must be in the form of a written request precisely describing the records sought. Any request for nonpublic records will be handled as a FOIA request regardless of how it is identified, but requests should be identified as a "FOIA request" in order to avoid delay in processing.

FOIA requests should contain a precise description of the records sought, including the subject matter, relevant time period, and the name and address of any company to which the request pertains. Requests should also include an agreement to pay any FOIA processing fees and the requester's address and telephone number.

1. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all individual agency components and offices that receive FOIA requests:

Regardless of how submitted (via mail, fax, or e-mail) requests should be addressed as follows:

Freedom of Information Act Request

Office of the General Counsel

**Federal Trade Commission** 

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Washington, D.C. 20580

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2. Brief description of why some requests are not granted and an overview of certain general categories of records to which the FOIA exemptions apply.

The FTC primarily receives requests for consumer complaints regarding a company's business practices and requests for records relating to the FTC's law enforcement investigations. The majority of requests that are initially denied, or partially denied, are based on personal privacy concerns reflected in FOIA Exemption 6. Many denials are also due to statutory constraints on disclosure or because disclosure would interfere with ongoing law enforcement activities.

#### III. Acronyms, Definitions, and Exemptions

#### 1. Agency-specific acronyms or terms:

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FOIA – Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552)

FTC – Federal Trade Commission

HSR – Hart-Scott-Rodino (Clayton Act)

FY – Fiscal Year

PA – Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a)
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#### 2. Basic terms, expressed in common terminology:

- **a.** Administrative Appeal a request to a federal agency asking that it review at a higher administrative level a FOIA determination made by the agency at the initial request level.
- **b.** Average Number the number obtained by dividing the sum of a group of numbers by the quantity of numbers in the group. For example, of 3, 7, and 14, the average number is 8.
- **c. Backlog** the number of requests or administrative appeals that are pending at an agency at the end of the fiscal year and are beyond the statutory time period for a response.
- **d. Component** for agencies that process requests on a decentralized basis, a "component" is an entity, also sometimes referred to as an Office, Division,

Bureau, Center, or Directorate, within the agency that processes FOIA requests. The FOIA now requires that agencies include in their Annual FOIA Report data for both the agency overall and for each principal component of the agency.

- e. Consultation the procedure whereby the agency responding to a FOIA request first forwards a record to another agency for its review because that other agency has an interest in the document. Once the agency in receipt of the consultation finishes its review of the record, it responds back to the agency that forwarded it. That agency, in turn, will then respond to the FOIA requester.
- **f. Exemption 3 Statute** a federal statute that exempts information from disclosure and which the agency relies on to withhold information under subsection (b)(3) of the FOIA.
- g. FOIA Request a FOIA request is generally a request to a federal agency for access to records concerning another person (i.e., a "third-party" request), or concerning an organization, or a particular topic of interest. FOIA requests also include requests made by requesters seeking records concerning themselves (i.e., "first-party" requests) when those requesters are not subject to the Privacy Act, such as non-U.S. citizens. Moreover, because all first-party requesters should be afforded the benefit of both the access provisions of the FOIA as well as those of the Privacy Act, FOIA requests also include any first-party requests where an agency determines that it must search beyond its Privacy Act "systems of records" or where a Privacy Act exemption applies, and the agency looks to FOIA to afford the greatest possible access. All requests which require the agency to utilize the FOIA in responding to the requester are included in this Report.

Additionally, a FOIA request includes records referred to the agency for processing and direct response to the requester. It does not, however, include records for which the agency has received a consultation from another agency. (Consultations are reported separately in Section XII of this Report.)

- **h. Full Grant** an agency decision to disclose all records in full in response to a FOIA request.
- i. Full Denial an agency decision not to release any records in response to a FOIA request because the records are exempt in their entireties under one or more of

the FOIA exemptions, or because of a procedural reason, such as when no records could be located.

- **j. Median Number** the middle, not average, number. For example, of 3, 7, and 14, the median number is 7.
- k. Multi-Track Processing a system in which simple requests requiring relatively minimal review are placed in one processing track and more voluminous and complex requests are placed in one or more other tracks. Requests granted expedited processing are place in yet another track. Requests in each track are processed on a first in/first out basis.
  - i. Expedited Processing an agency will process a FOIA request on an expedited basis when a requester satisfies the requirements for expedited processing as set forth in the statute and in agency regulations.
  - **ii. Simple Request** a FOIA request that an agency using multi-track processing places in its fastest (non-expedited) track based on the low volume and/or simplicity of the records requested.
  - iii. Complex Request a FOIA request that an agency using multi-track processing places in a slower track based on the high volume and/or complexity of the records requested.
- **I.** Partial Grant/Partial Denial in response to a FOIA request, an agency decision to disclose portions of the records and to withhold other portions that are exempt under the FOIA, or to otherwise deny a portion of the request for a procedural reason.
- m. Pending Request or Pending Administrative Appeal a request or administrative appeal for which an agency has not taken final action in all respects.

- **n. Perfected Request** a request for records which reasonably describes such records and is made in accordance with published rules stating the time, place, fees (if any) and procedures to be followed.
- **o. Processed Request or Processed Administrative Appeal** a request or administrative appeal for which an agency has taken final action in all respects.
- **p.** Range in Number of Days the lowest and highest number of days to process requests or administrative appeals.
- **q. Time Limits** the time period in the statute for an agency to respond to a FOIA request (ordinarily twenty working days from receipt of a perfected FOIA request).

#### 3. Descriptions of the nine FOIA exemptions:

- a. Exemption 1: classified national defense and foreign relations information
- **b. Exemption 2:** information that is related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- **c. Exemption 3:** information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law
- d. Exemption 4: trade secrets and other confidential business information
- **e. Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges
- f. Exemption 6: information involving matters of personal privacy

- g. Exemption 7: records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records (A) could reasonably by expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual
- h. Exemption 8: information relating to the supervision of financial institutions
- i. Exemption 9: geological information on wells

### **IV. EXEMPTION 3 STATUTES**

| Statute           | Type of Information<br>Withheld  | Case Citation   | Agency /<br>Component | Number of<br>Times<br>Relied upon<br>by Agency /<br>Component | Total Number<br>of<br>Times Relied<br>upon<br>by Agency<br>Overall |
|-------------------|--|---|-----------------------|---|--|
| 15 U.S.C. § 46(f) | "[A]ny trade secret or any commercial or financial information which is obtained from any person and which is privileged or confidential"  | Doherty v. FTC, No. 80-0513, 1981<br>WL 2094, at *3 (D.D.C. June 24,<br>1981) (15 U.S.C. § 46(f)).  | FTC                   | 55  | 55   |
| 15 U.S.C. § 57b-2 | Certain investigative materials received by the FTC and "provided pursuant to any compulsory process under this subchapter or which is provided voluntarily in place of such compulsory process"                     | A. Michael's Piano, Inc. v. FTC, 18<br>F.3d 138, 143-44 (2d Cir. 1994) (15<br>U.S.C. § 57b-2); Carter, Fullerton &<br>Hayes, LLC v. FTC, 637 F. Supp.<br>2d 1, 9 (D.D.C. 2009) (15 U.S.C. §<br>57b-2); National Educ. Ass'n v.<br>FTC, No. 79-959-S, 1983 WL 1883,<br>at *1 (D. Mass. Sept. 26, 1983) (15<br>U.S.C. § 57b-2). | FTC                   | 54  | 144  |
|                   | "[A]ny material reflecting a consumer complaint obtained from any other foreign source, if that foreign source supplying the material has requested confidential treatment as a condition of providing the material" | None  | FTC                   | 90  |  |

| 41 U.S.C. § 4702(b) | Contractor proposals that are in the possession or control of an executive agency and that have not been set forth or incorporated by       | (S.D. Ohio Mar. 15. 2012):                        | FTC | 1  | 1  |
|---------------------|---|---|-----|----|----|
| 15 U.S.C. §18a(h)   | Information submitted in connection with the premerger notification provisions of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976. | Lieberman v. FTC, 771 F.2d 32<br>(2nd Cir. 1985). | FTC | 14 | 14 |
| 21 U.S.C. § 355     | Any information or documentary material that may have been filed pursuant to a pharmaceutical agreement notification.                       | None  | FTC | 2  | 2  |

## V.A. FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED AND PENDING FOIA REQUESTS

| Agency / Component | Number of<br>Requests<br>Pending as of<br>Start<br>of Fiscal Year | Number of<br>Requests<br>Received<br>in Fiscal Year | Number of<br>Requests<br>Processed<br>in Fiscal Year | Number of<br>Requests<br>Pending as of End<br>of Fiscal Year |
|--------------------|---|---|--|--|
| FTC                | 7   | 1,447   | 1,443  | 11   |
| AGENCY OVERALL     | 7   | 1,447   | 1,443  | 11   |

## V.B.(1). DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- ALL PROCESSED REQUESTS

|                       |                             | Number                                       |   |         | Number  | of Full De | nials Base                | ed on Reaso       | ns Other th  | nan Exem | ptions               |  |       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|---------|---|------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--|----------|----------------------|--|-------|
| Agency /<br>Component | Number<br>of Full<br>Grants | of Partial<br>Grants /<br>Partial<br>Denials | Number of<br>Full Denials<br>Based on<br>Exemptions | Records | All Records<br>Referred to<br>Another<br>Component<br>or Agency | Request    | Fee-<br>Related<br>Reason | not<br>Reasonably | Improper<br>FOIA<br>Request<br>for Other<br>Reason |          | Duplicate<br>Request | Other<br>*Explain<br>in Chart<br>Below | TOTAL |
| FTC                   | 489                         | 571  | 33  | 240     | 2   | 50         | 14                        | 12                | 6  | 1        | 15                   | 10                                     | 1,443 |
|                       |                             |  |   |         |   |            |                           |                   |  |          |                      |  | 0     |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL     | 489                         | 571  | 33  | 240     | 2   | 50         | 14                        | 12                | 6  | 1        | 15                   | 10                                     | 1,443 |

## V.B.(2). DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- "OTHER" REASONS FOR "FULL DENIALS BASED ON REASONS OTHER THAN EXEMPTIONS"

| Agency /<br>Component | Description of "Other" Reasons for Denials from Chart B(1) | Number of Times<br>"Other" Reason<br>Was Relied Upon | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|--|--|-------|
| FTC                   | Public records only  | 7  | 10    |
|                       | Request is overly burdensome                               | 3  | 10    |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL     |  |  | 10    |

## V.B.(3). DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- NUMBER OF TIMES EXEMPTIONS APPLIED

| Agency /<br>Component | Ex. 1 | Ex. 2 | Ex. 3 | Ex. 4 | Ex. 5 | Ex. 6 | Ex. 7(A) | Ex. 7(B) | Ex. 7(C) | Ex. 7(D) | Ex. 7(E) | Ex. 7(F) | Ex. 8 | Ex. 9 |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------|-------|
| FTC                   | 0     | 0     | 176   | 56    | 89    | 504   | 52       | 0        | 25       | 5        | 14       | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL     | 0     | 0     | 176   | 56    | 89    | 504   | 52       | 0        | 25       | 5        | 14       | 0        | 0     | 0     |

# VI.A. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS OF INITIAL DETERMINATIONS OF FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED, AND PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

| Agency / Component | Number of Appeals<br>Pending as of Start<br>of Fiscal Year | Number of<br>Appeals Received<br>in Fiscal Year | Number of<br>Appeals Processed<br>in Fiscal Year | Number of Appeals<br>Pending as of End<br>of Fiscal Year |
|--------------------|--|---|--|--|
| FTC                | 0  | 29  | 26   | 3  |
| AGENCY OVERALL     | 0  | 29  | 26   | 3  |

## VI.B. DISPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS -- ALL PROCESSED APPEALS

| Agency / Component | Number Affirmed on<br>Appeal | Number Partially<br>Affirmed & Partially<br>Reversed/Remanded on<br>Appeal | Number Completely<br>Reversed/Remanded on<br>Appeal | Number of Appeals<br>Closed for Other<br>Reasons | TOTAL |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--|---|--|-------|
| FTC                | 4                            | 5  | 5   | 12   | 26    |
| AGENCY OVERALL     | 4                            | 5  | 5   | 12   | 26    |

## VI.C.(1). REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- NUMBER OF TIMES EXEMPTIONS APPLIED

| Agency /<br>Component | Ex. 1 | Ex. 2 | Ex. 3 | Ex. 4 | Ex. 5 | Ex. 6 | Ex. 7(A) | Ex. 7(B) | Ex. 7(C) | Ex. 7(D) | Ex. 7(E) | Ex. 7(F) | Ex. 8 | Ex. 9 |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------|-------|
| FTC                   | 0     | 0     | 6     | 3     | 5     | 3     | 1        | 0        | 1        | 2        | 1        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL     | 0     | 0     | 6     | 3     | 5     | 3     | 1        | 0        | 1        | 2        | 1        | 0        | 0     | 0     |

## VI.C.(2). REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- REASONS OTHER THAN EXEMPTIONS

| Agency /<br>Component | No<br>Records | Records<br>Referred at<br>Initial<br>Request<br>Level | Request<br>Withdrawn | Fee-<br>Related<br>Reason | Records<br>not<br>Reasonably<br>Described | Improper<br>Request<br>for Other<br>Reasons | Not<br>Agency<br>Record | Duplicate<br>Request or<br>Appeal | Litigation | Appeal Based Solely on Denial of Request for Expedited Processing |   |
|-----------------------|---------------|---|----------------------|---------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|---|---|
| FTC                   | 1             | 0   | 4                    | 4                         | 0   | 1   | 0                       | 0                                 | 0          | 0   | 2 |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL     | 1             | 0   | 4                    | 4                         | 0   | 1   | 0                       | 0                                 | 0          | 0   | 2 |

## VI.C.(3). REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- "OTHER" REASONS

| Agency /<br>Component | Description of "Other" Reasons for Denial on Appeal from Chart C(2) | Number of Times<br>"Other" Reason<br>Was Relied Upon | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|---|--|-------|
| FTC                   | Appeal interpreted as a new request                                 | 1  | 2     |
|                       | Discretionary release of information                                | 1  | _     |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL     |   |  | 2     |

## VI.C.(4). RESPONSE TIME FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

| Agency / Component | Median Number of Days | Average Number of<br>Days | Lowest Number of Days | Highest Number of<br>Days |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| AGENCY OVERALL     | 19.50                 | 16.15                     | 1.00                  | 20.00                     |

## VI.C.(5). TEN OLDEST PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

| Agency /<br>Component |                           | 10th<br>Oldest<br>Appeal | 9th | 8th | 7th | 6th | 5th | 4th | 3rd        | 2nd        | Oldest<br>Appeal |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|------------------|
| AGENCY                | Date of Appeal            | N/A                      | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2013-09-23 | 2013-09-11 | 2013-09-09       |
| OVERALL               | Number of Days<br>Pending | 0                        | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5          | 13         | 15               |

### VII.A. FOIA REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME FOR ALL PROCESSED PERFECTED REQUESTS

| SIMPLE                |                             |                              |        |                              | COMPLEX |                              |   |                              | EXPEDITED PROCESSING |   |                             |                              |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Agency /<br>Component | Median<br>Number<br>of Days | Average<br>Number<br>of Days | Number | Highest<br>Number<br>of Days |         | Average<br>Number<br>of Days |   | Highest<br>Number<br>of Days |                      |   | Lowest<br>Number<br>of Days | Highest<br>Number<br>of Days |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL     | 4                           | 7.36                         | 1      | 111                          | 18      | 27.6                         | 1 | 588                          | 8                    | 8 | 8                           | 8                            |

## VII.B. PROCESSED REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME FOR PERFECTED REQUESTS IN WHICH INFORMATION WAS GRANTED

|                       |                             | SIM                          | PLE                         |                              |                             | COM                          | PLEX                        |                              | EXF                         | PEDITED F                    | PROCESS                     | ING                          |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Agency /<br>Component | Median<br>Number<br>of Days | Average<br>Number<br>of Days | Lowest<br>Number<br>of Days | Highest<br>Number<br>of Days | Median<br>Number<br>of Days | Average<br>Number<br>of Days | Lowest<br>Number<br>of Days | Highest<br>Number<br>of Days | Median<br>Number<br>of Days | Average<br>Number<br>of Days | Lowest<br>Number<br>of Days | Highest<br>Number<br>of Days |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL     | 5                           | 7.7                          | 1                           | 106                          | 21.5                        | 34.12                        | 1                           | 588                          | N/A                         | N/A                          | N/A                         | N/A                          |

## VII.C. PROCESSED SIMPLE REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

| Agency /<br>Component | <1-20<br>Days | 21-40<br>Days | 41-60<br>Days | 61-80<br>Days | 81-100<br>Days | 101-120<br>Days | 121-140<br>Days | 141-160<br>Days | 161-180<br>Days | 181-200<br>Days | 201-300<br>Days | 301-400<br>Days | 401+<br>Days | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|
| FTC                   | 1,052         | 54            | 8             | 2             | 1              | 2               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0            | 1,119 |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL     | 1,052         | 54            | 8             | 2             | 1              | 2               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0            | 1,119 |

## VII.C. PROCESSED COMPLEX REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

| Agency /<br>Component | <1-20<br>Days | 21-40<br>Days | 41-60<br>Days | 61-80<br>Days | 81-100<br>Days | 101-120<br>Days | 121-140<br>Days | 141-160<br>Days | 161-180<br>Days | 181-200<br>Days | 201-300<br>Days | 301-400<br>Days | 401+<br>Days | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|
| FTC                   | 192           | 76            | 23            | 16            | 11             | 2               | 0               | 1               | 0               | 0               | 2               | 0               | 0            | 323   |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL     | 192           | 76            | 23            | 16            | 11             | 2               | 0               | 1               | 0               | 0               | 2               | 0               | 0            | 323   |

## VII.C. PROCESSED REQUESTS GRANTED EXPEDITED PROCESSING -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

| Agency /<br>Component | <1-20<br>Days | 21-40<br>Days | 41-60<br>Days | 61-80<br>Days | 81-100<br>Days | 101-120<br>Days | 121-140<br>Days | 141-160<br>Days | 161-180<br>Days | 181-200<br>Days | 201-300<br>Days | 301-400<br>Days | 401+<br>Days | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|
| FTC                   | 1             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0              | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0            | 1     |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL     | 1             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0              | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0            | 1     |

### VII.D. PENDING REQUESTS -- ALL PENDING PERFECTED REQUESTS

|                    |                   | SIMPLE                      |                              |                   | COMPLEX                     |                              | EXPED             | ITED PROC                   | ESSING                       |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Agency / Component | Number<br>Pending | Median<br>Number of<br>Days | Average<br>Number of<br>Days | Number<br>Pending | Median<br>Number of<br>Days | Average<br>Number of<br>Days | Number<br>Pending | Median<br>Number of<br>Days | Average<br>Number of<br>Days |
| AGENCY OVERALL     | 2                 | 11                          | 11                           | 9                 | 11                          | 50                           | 0                 | N/A                         | N/A                          |

## VII.E. PENDING REQUESTS -- TEN OLDEST PENDING PERFECTED REQUESTS

| Agency /<br>Component |                           | 10th Oldest<br>Request | 9th        | 8th        | 7th        | 6th        | 5th        | 4th        | 3rd        | 2nd        | Oldest<br>Request |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| AGENCY                | Date of Receipt           | 2013-09-20             | 2013-09-20 | 2013-09-18 | 2013-09-17 | 2013-09-13 | 2013-09-11 | 2013-09-11 | 2013-08-27 | 2013-08-08 | 2012-05-11        |
|                       | Number of Days<br>Pending | 6                      | 6          | 8          | 9          | 11         | 13         | 13         | 23         | 36         | 344               |

### **VIII.A. REQUESTS FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING**

| Agency /<br>Component | Number Granted |    | Median Number of<br>Days to<br>Adjudicate | Average Number of Days to Adjudicate | Number<br>Adjudicated<br>Within Ten<br>Calendar Days |
|-----------------------|----------------|----|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL     | 1              | 31 | 3   | 4.94                                 | 29   |

<sup>\*</sup>The FTC did not make a determination for 2 requests for expedited processing because the request was closed within ten calendar days.

<sup>2</sup> requests for expedited processing were withdrawn by the requester.

## **VIII.B. REQUESTS FOR FEE WAIVER**

| Agency /<br>Component | Number Granted |    | Median Number of<br>Days to Adjudicate |       |
|-----------------------|----------------|----|--|-------|
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL     | 13             | 15 | 12                                     | 15.82 |

<sup>\*</sup>The FTC did not make a determination on 124 requests for a fee waiver because the requests were not billable.

### IX. FOIA PERSONNEL AND COSTS

|                       |   | PERSONNEL   |  |                  | COSTS                       |              |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Agency /<br>Component | Number of "Full-<br>Time FOIA<br>Employees" | Number of<br>"Equivalent Full-<br>Time FOIA<br>Employees" | Total Number of<br>"Full-Time FOIA<br>Staff" | Processing Costs | Litigation-Related<br>Costs | Total Costs  |
| FTC                   | 1   | 8.54  | 9.54   | \$658,434.38     | \$63,215.36                 | \$721,649.74 |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL     | 1   | 8.54  | 9.54   | \$658,434.38     | \$63,215.36                 | \$721,649.74 |

## X. FEES COLLECTED FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS

| Agency / Component | Total Amount of Fees<br>Collected | Percentage of Total<br>Costs |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| FTC                | \$31,432.86                       | 4.77%                        |
| AGENCY OVERALL     | \$31,432.86                       | 4.77%                        |

#### **XI. FOIA REGULATIONS**

The Federal Trade Commission's FOIA regulations, including fee schedule, are located at <u>FTC FOIA</u> Regulations 16 CFR 4.11.

## XII.A. BACKLOGS OF FOIA REQUESTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

| Agency / Component | Number of Backlogged<br>Requests as of End of<br>Fiscal Year |   |
|--------------------|--|---|
| FTC                | 3  | 0 |
| AGENCY OVERALL     | 3  | 0 |

## XII.B. CONSULTATIONS ON FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED, AND PENDING CONSULTATIONS

|                    | Number of                |                        | Number of              | Number of                       |
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                    | Consultations Received   | Number of              | Consultations Received | Consultations Received          |
| Agency / Component | from Other Agencies      | Consultations Received | from Other Agencies    | from Other Agencies             |
| Agency / Component | that were Pending at the | from Other Agencies    | that were Processed by | that were <u>Pending</u> at the |
|                    | Agency as of Start       | During the Fiscal Year | the Agency During the  |                                 |
|                    | of the Fiscal Year       |                        | Fiscal Year            | of the Fiscal Year              |
| FTC                | 0                        | 1                      | 1                      | 0                               |
| AGENCY OVERALL     | 0                        | 1                      | 1                      | 0                               |

## XII.C. CONSULTATIONS ON FOIA REQUESTS -- TEN OLDEST CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED FROM OTHER AGENCIES AND PENDING AT THE AGENCY

| Agency /<br>Component |                | 10th Oldest Consultation | utn | 8th | 7th | 6th | 5th | 4th | 3rd | 2nd | Oldest<br>Consultation |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------------|
| AGENCY                | Date           | N/A                      | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A                    |
| OVERALL               | Number of Days | 0                        | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0                      |

# XII.D.(1). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF REQUESTS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- REQUESTS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED

|                    | NUMBER OF REQ  | UESTS <u>RECEIVED</u>   | NUMBER OF REQUESTS PROCESSED  |  |  |
|--------------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| Agency / Component | Number Received<br>During Fiscal Year from<br>Last Year's Annual<br>Report | Number Received<br>During Fiscal Year from<br>Current Annual Report | Number Processed<br>During Fiscal Year from<br>Last Year's Annual<br>Report | Number Processed<br>During Fiscal Year from<br>Current Annual Report |  |
| FTC                | 1,415  | 1,447   | 1,438   | 1,443  |  |
| AGENCY OVERALL     | 1,415  | 1,447   | 1,438   | 1,443  |  |

## XII.D.(2). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF REQUESTS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- BACKLOGGED REQUESTS

| Agency / Component | Number of Backlogged<br>Requests as of End of the<br>Fiscal Year from Previous<br>Annual Report | Number of Backlogged<br>Requests as of End of the<br>Fiscal Year from Current<br>Annual Report |
|--------------------|---|--|
| FTC                | 1   | 3  |
| AGENCY OVERALL     | 1   | 3  |

## XII.E.(1). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- APPEALS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED

|                    | NUMBER OF APP  | PEALS <u>RECEIVED</u>   | NUMBER OF APPEALS <u>PROCESSED</u>  |  |  |
|--------------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| Agency / Component | Number Received<br>During Fiscal Year from<br>Last Year's Annual<br>Report | Number Received<br>During Fiscal Year from<br>Current Annual Report | Number Processed<br>During Fiscal Year from<br>Last Year's Annual<br>Report | Number Processed<br>During Fiscal Year from<br>Current Annual Report |  |
| FTC                | 29   | 29  | 32  | 26   |  |
| AGENCY OVERALL     | 29   | 29  | 32  | 26   |  |

## XII.E.(2). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- BACKLOGGED APPEALS

| Agency / Component | Number of Backlogged<br>Appeals as of End of the<br>Fiscal Year from Previous<br>Annual Report | Number of Backlogged<br>Appeals as of End of the<br>Fiscal Year from Current<br>Annual Report |
|--------------------|--|---|
| FTC                | 0  | 0   |
| AGENCY OVERALL     | 0  | 0   |