



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

Office of the Secretary

November 30, 2012

E.H. McCuaig
State of Nevada

Re: *In the Matter of Renown Health, FTC File No. 1110101, Docket No. C-4366*

Dear Mr. McCuaig,

Thank you for your comment regarding the proposed consent order accepted by the Federal Trade Commission for public comment in the above-captioned matter. As we understand your comment, you have concerns about whether the proposed consent order is sufficient to restore competition in the Reno, Nevada area due to actions by Renown Health in “buying up other healthcare facilities.” The Commission has placed your comment on the public record pursuant to Rule 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice, 16. C.F.R. § 4.9(b)(6)(ii), and it has been given careful consideration.

The investigation at issue examined Renown Health’s acquisition of two cardiology practices and its employment of the physicians affiliated with those practices. To the extent that competition may have been or may be affected by alleged acquisitions of other health facilities by Renown Health, such acquisitions are beyond the scope of this investigation and the proposed consent order. Nothing in the proposed consent agreement precludes the Commission from taking other actions in the future in connection with other acquisitions if such actions are deemed warranted by the facts.

In light of these considerations, among others, the Commission has determined that the public interest would be served by issuing the Decision and Order in final form. A copy of the final Decision and Order is enclosed for your information. Relevant materials are also available from the Commission’s website at <https://www.ftc.gov>.

It helps the Commission’s analysis to hear from a variety of sources in its work on antitrust and consumer protection issues, and we appreciate your interest in this matter.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark
Secretary