



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

Division of Marketing Practices

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Neil Simon, Esq.
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Re: File No. 9423008

Dear Mr. Simon:

The Commission has conducted an investigation involving Meineke Discount Muffler Shops, Inc., for alleged violation of the Federal Trade Commission Act and/or the Commission's Franchise Rule, 16 C.F.R. Part 436, in the offering for sale and sale of franchises and the use of advertising funds.

Upon further review of this matter, it now appears that no further action is warranted by the Commission at this time. Accordingly, the investigation has been closed. This action is not to be construed as a determination that a violation may not have occurred, just as the pendency of an investigation should not be construed as a determination that a violation has occurred. The Commission reserves the right to take such further action as the public interest may require.

Sincerely,

Eileen Harrington
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Associate Director