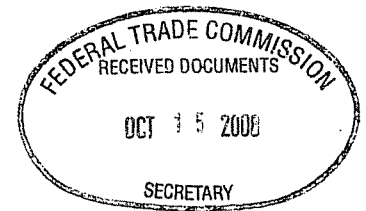


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Donald S. Clark
Office of the Secretary
Federal Trade Commission
Room H-135
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Re: Proposed Consent Order, FTC File No. 081-0133

Dear Mr. Clark:

I'm writing on behalf of Loss Prevention Concepts, Ltd. regarding the proposed consent order and acquisition of ChoicePoint by Reed Elsevier. Our company is comprised provides critical services to lawyers, business and government entities. Our entire industry relies on services provided by both Reed Elsevier and ChoicePoint and their subsidiaries to assist us in providing services to clients.

In recent years there has been significant consolidation of providers of public records services. This proposed acquisition will further reduce competition in the industry as most of the others in this business simply resell data obtained from ChoicePoint and/or Reed Elsevier.

I understand the Commission's complaint found that this acquisition would be anticompetitive and a violation of antitrust law in the market for the sale of public records information to law enforcement agencies. This same effect would apply in the market for sale of public records to the private sector.

It is critical for professional investigators to have access to data from several suppliers while conducting investigations. Limited resources reduce both the quality and quantity of information available, while increasing the costs to private investigation firms, most of which are small businesses. Increased costs would likely be passed on the clients in most cases.

I would urge that the Commission not approve the acquisition until respondents can divest themselves of public records services provided to private industry as well as to law enforcement.

Unless an appropriate remedy is offered, private investigators and their clients will suffer irreparable because of reduced competition is reduced which will result in increased costs and less effective investigations.

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.
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