



Office of the Secretary

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Federal Trade Commission
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

March 25, 2014

Bell

Re: In the Matter of Apple Inc., File No. 1123108

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for your comment on the Federal Trade Commission's consent agreement in the above-entitled proceeding. 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 has given it serious consideration.

In your comment, you express concerns that your children have been able to make purchases on Apple devices without your consent, and that it is difficult to request a refund from Apple for an unauthorized purchase. You also highlight your concerns with Apple's sign-up process on its devices, Apple's parental controls regarding children's access to or purchase of certain non-app content, and apps containing access to nude images on Apple devices. Although the proposed complaint does not contain allegations specifically addressing the latter points, it does allege that Apple violated Section 5 of the FTC Act by failing to obtain account holder's informed consent for charges incurred by children.

The proposed complaint and order here should help to address your concerns about unauthorized purchases. The proposed complaint alleges that Apple failed to obtain account holders' informed consent for in-app charges incurred by children. Under the proposed order, Apple must alter its business practices going forward to obtain express, informed consent to in-app charges before billing for such charges. The proposed order also will require Apple to provide full refunds to account holders who have been billed by Apple for unauthorized in-app charges incurred by minors. If Apple's payments total less than \$32.5 million, it would remit the difference to the FTC. To effectuate refunds, Apple must send an electronic notice to its consumers by April 15, 2014 that clearly and conspicuously discloses the availability of refunds and instructions on how to obtain such refunds. If you do not receive a notice from Apple by that date, please contact the FTC's Consumer Response Center at (877) 382-4357, or file a complaint online at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov.

After reviewing your letter, other public comments filed with the Commission, and the investigative record, the Commission has determined that the relief set forth in the proposed order is appropriate and sufficient to remedy the violations alleged in the proposed complaint, and it is in the public interest to issue the Decision and Order in final form. The final Decision

and Order and other relevant materials are available on the Commission's website at <http://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/cases-proceedings/112-3108/apple-inc>. It helps the Commission's analysis to hear from a variety of sources in its work. The Commission thanks you again for your comment.

By direction of the Commission, Commissioner Wright dissenting.

Donald S. Clark
Secretary