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Bureau of Competition

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

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Re: Snyder's of Hanover, Inc. / Utz Quality Foods, Inc., FTC File No. 091-0151

Dear Ms. Grise:

The Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition has been conducting a nonpublic investigation to determine whether the acquisition of Utz Quality Foods, Inc. by Snyder's of Hanover, Inc., may violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act or Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

By letter dated November 5, 2009, you notified the Bureau of Competition that the parties had abandoned the proposed transaction. Based upon this representation, it now appears that no further action is warranted by the Commission at this time. Accordingly, pursuant to authority delegated by the Commission, 49 Fed. Reg. 6171 (1984), 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 yours,

Richard A. Feinstein
Director