1. Description of the Collection of Information and Proposed Use

The FTC proposes to collect information from up to 3000 consumers in order to gather data on the effectiveness of current energy labels required by the Rule and possible alternatives to those current requirements. All information will be collected on a voluntary basis. Subject to OMB approval for the collection of information, the FTC plans to contract with a consumer research firm to identify consumers and conduct the survey. The results will assist the FTC in determining the effectiveness of the consumer products labeling program in assisting consumers in their purchasing decisions and improving energy efficiency. The results also should aid the Commission in considering changes to the labeling rules that would improve the effectiveness of consumer product labels.

2. Estimated Hours Burden

The FTC is considering pretesting the consumer questionnaires on approximately 100 respondents to ensure that all questions are easily understood. The FTC expects that the pretest would take approximately 20

minutes on average per person and approximately 33 hours as a whole (100 respondents × 20 minutes each). Once the pretest is completed, the FTC plans to seek information from approximately 3000 respondents. Answering the FTC's information requests will require approximately 1000 hours as a whole (3000 respondents × 20 minutes each). Thus, cumulative total burden hours for the survey will be approximately 1,000 hours (rounded to the nearest thousand).

3. Estimated Cost Burden

The cost per respondent should be negligible. Participation is voluntary and will not require start-up, capital, or labor expenditures by respondents.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section 7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities	
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—02/21/2006				
20060637	SI International, Inc.	Donald E. Reed and Barbara M. Reed.	Zen Technology, Inc.	
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—02/22/2006				
20060512	BBA Group PLC	Teresa Allred	Ontic Engineering & Manufacturing, Inc.	
20060596	Stork N.V	Ray Theodore Townsend, Jr	Townsend Engineering Company. Adheris, Inc. Comark Building Systems, Inc. Chicago Adhesive Products Co., Roanoke Companies Group, Inc. Bay View Acceptance Corporation.	
20060641 20060642 20060652	Permira Europe III L.P. 2	Bear Stearns Merchant Banking Partners II, L.P. JLL Partners Fund II, L.P	Aearo Technologies Inc. JLL Building Products, LLC. Water Pik Technologies Inc.	
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—02/23/2006				
20060544	Panolam Holding Co	Nevamar Holdco, LLC	Nevamar Holdco, LLC. The Dial Corporation. Plasmacare, Inc. New South Companies, Inc. Epic Divers, Inc.; Epic Marine, LLC; Epic Oilfield Services LLC;	
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—02/27/2006				
20060584	HIP Foundation, Inc Deutsche Post AG Goldman Sachs Group, Inc	Group Health Incorporated	Group Health Incorporated. Williams Lea Group Limited. Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.	

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities	
20060623	MMI Investments, L.P	ANDRX Corporation	ANDRX Corporation. Dendrite International, Inc. Adjoined Consulting, Inc. Seitel, Inc. Texas Instruments (Changzhou) Co., Ltd.; Texas Instruments (China) Company Limited; Texas Instruments de Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V.; Texas Instruments Electronicos do Brasil Ltda.; Texas Instruments Holland B.V.; Texas Instruments Holland B.V.; Texas Instruments Holland S.P.A.; Texas Instruments Italia S.P.A.; Texas Instruments Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.; Texas Instruments Semiconductor Tech. (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. Dictaphone Corporation. Rumford Falls Power Company ADP Claims Services Group, Inc.; ADP Hollander, Inc.; ADP Integrated Medical Solutions, Inc. c/o Automatic Data Processing, Inc.	
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—03/02/2006				
20060654 20060672	Toppoly Optoelectronics Corp Carlyle Venture Partners II, L.P	Koninklijke Phillips Electronics N.V Vision Research, Inc	TPO Hong Kong Holding Ltd. Vision Research, Inc.	
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—03/03/2006				
20060628	Emerson Electric Co	Artesyn Technologies, Inc	Artesyn Technologies, Inc. AAMCO Transmissions, Inc. The CW Network. The CW Network. Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. Avago Technologies Imaging IP (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.; Avago Technologies Imaging (U.S.A.) Inc.; Avago Technologies India Private	
20060687	Lagardere SCA	Time Warner Inc	Limited. iPublish Inc.; Little, Brown and Company (Inc.); Publisher's Advertising LLC; Time Warner Book Group Inc.; TWBG Holdings Inc.; Warner Books, Inc.	
20060688	Kenneth D. Peterson, Jr	Choice One Communications Inc Richard S. Jackson, II	Choice One Communications Inc. K & A Lumber Company, Inc. K & A Lumber Company, Inc. MYR Group, Inc.	
20060703 20060705	Carlyl Partners IV, L.P	Donald Rubin	MultiPlan, Inc. Affiliated Computer Services, Inc.	
20060709	Protective Life Corporation	JP Morgan Chase & Co	Chase Insurance Direct, Inc.; Chase Insurance Life & Annuity Company; Chase Life & Annuity Company; Chase Life & Annuity Company of New York; Investors Brokerage Services, Inc.; PMG Asset Management, Inc.; PMG Securities Corporation.	
20060717	MarineMax, Inc	Surfside 3 Marina, Inc	Surfside 3 Marina, Inc.	

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By Direction of the Commission.

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Secretary.

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