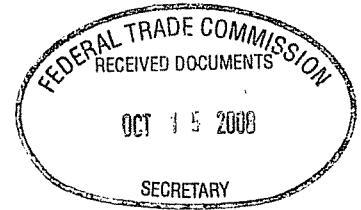


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Donald S. Clark
Office of the Secretary
Federal Trade Commission
Room H-135
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

RE: Proposed Consent Order In the Matter of Reed Elsevier and Choice Point, FTC File # 081-0133

Dear Mr. Clark:

I am writing regarding the proposed consent order and acquisition of Choice Point by Reed Elsevier.

My business relies on services provided by Choice Point and Reed Elsevier to serve my clients in performing legal investigations.

This proposed acquisition will reduce completion in the industry. Although there are several providers of data services in the marketplace, they are all resellers of data provided by the respondents.

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 to law enforcement agencies. The same effects would be felt in the market for sale of public records to the private sector.

It is important to have access to data from several suppliers during the conduct of an investigation. Limited resources reduce both the quality and quantity of information available.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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