



Office of the Secretary

United States of America  
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20580

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Benjamin Rippel  
State of Oregon

Re: *In the Matter of Cerberus Institutional Partners V, L.P., AB Acquisition LLC, and Safeway Inc.*, Docket No. C-4504

Dear Mr. Rippel:

Thank you for the comment you submitted in connection with the Application for Approval of Proposed Sale of Supervalu Assets (“Application”) filed in the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to the Decision and Order (“Order”) in this matter, Supervalu has requested the Federal Trade Commission’s approval to sell its supermarket located in Lake Stevens, Washington, to Saar’s Inc. (“Saar’s”). As we understand your comment, you are in support of Supervalu’s request for approval because you believe Saar’s to be a respected local operator and believe customers would benefit from the store reopening under Saar’s ownership. 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).

After considering your comment and the other information available to the Commission, the Commission has determined that the public interest would best be served by approving Supervalu’s Application to divest the Lake Stevens supermarket to Saar’s. It always helps the Commission’s analysis to hear from a variety of sources regarding its work on antitrust and consumer protection issues, and we appreciate your interest in this matter.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark  
Secretary