

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**COMMISSIONERS:**      **Lina M. Khan, Chair**  
                                 **Noah Joshua Phillips**  
                                 **Rebecca Kelly Slaughter**  
                                 **Christine S. Wilson**

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In the Matter of	)	
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<b>Global Partners LP,</b>	)	
a limited partnership, and	)	<b>Docket No. C-</b>
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<b>Richard Wiehl,</b>	)	
a natural person.	)	
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**ORDER TO MAINTAIN ASSETS**

The Federal Trade Commission initiated an investigation of the proposed acquisition by Respondent Global Partners LP of certain retail service station and convenience store assets from Respondent Richard Wiehl (collectively “Respondents”). The Commission’s Bureau of Competition prepared and furnished to Respondents the Draft Complaint, which it proposed to present to the Commission for its consideration. If issued by the Commission, the Draft Complaint would charge Respondents with violations of Section 7 of the Clayton Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 18, and Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 45.

Respondents and the Bureau of Competition executed an Agreement Containing Consent Orders (“Consent Agreement”) containing (1) an admission by Respondents of all the jurisdictional facts set forth in the Draft Complaint, (2) a statement that the signing of said Consent Agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by Respondents that the law has been violated as alleged in the Draft Complaint, or that the facts as alleged in the Draft Complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true, (3) waivers and other provisions as required by the Commission’s Rules, and (4) a proposed Decision and Order and Order to Maintain Assets.

The Commission considered the matter and determined that it had reason to believe that Respondents have violated the said Acts, and that a complaint should issue stating its charges in that respect. The Commission accepted the Consent Agreement and placed it on the public record for a period of 30 days for the receipt and consideration of public comments. Now, in further conformity with the procedure described in Commission Rule 2.34, 16 C.F.R. § 2.34, the

Commission issues its Complaint, makes the following jurisdictional findings, and issues this Order to Maintain Assets:

1. Respondent Global Partners LP is a limited partnership organized, existing, and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of Delaware, with its executive offices and principal place of business located at 800 South Street, Suite 500, Waltham, Massachusetts, 02454-9161.
2. Respondent Richard Wiehl is a natural person with his office and principal place of business located at 497 Bic Drive, Milford, Connecticut 06461.
3. The Federal Trade Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding and over the Respondents, and the proceeding is in the public interest.

## **ORDER**

### **I. Definitions**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, as used in this Order to Maintain Assets, the following definitions and the definitions used in the Consent Agreement and the Decision and Order, which are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof, shall apply:

- A. “Decision and Order” means the proposed Decision and Order contained in the Consent Agreement or the Decision and Order issued in this matter.
- B. “Orders” means this Order to Maintain Assets and the Decision and Order.

### **II. Asset Maintenance**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that until Respondents fully transfer each of the Divestiture Locations and related Retail Fuel Assets to the Acquirer, Respondents shall, subject to their obligations under the Order to Maintain Assets, ensure that each of the Divestiture Locations and related Retail Fuel Assets are operated and maintained in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices, and shall:

- A. Operate the Retail Fuel Business relating to the Retail Fuel Assets in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices and take all actions necessary to maintain the full economic viability, marketability, and competitiveness of such Retail Fuel Business;
- B. Prevent the destruction, removal, wasting, deterioration, closing, or impairment (other than as a result of ordinary wear and tear) of the Retail Fuel Assets, including:
  1. Maintaining, repairing, and replacing any Equipment to the extent and in a manner consistent with past practices;
  2. Maintaining inventory levels in a manner consistent with past practices;

3. Not terminating, canceling, renewing, or amending any Contract, except as consistent with past practices; and
  4. Not entering any Contract that would restrain or restrict the ability of the Acquirer to compete against Respondents;
- C. Make any payment required to be paid under any contract or lease when due, and otherwise satisfy all liabilities and obligations associated with the Retail Fuel Assets;
  - D. Provide the Retail Fuel Business relating to the Retail Fuel Assets with sufficient funds to operate at least at current rates of operation, to meet all capital calls, to perform routine or necessary maintenance, to repair or replace facilities and equipment, and to carry on at least at their scheduled pace all capital projects, business plans, development projects, promotional activities, and marketing activities;
  - E. Provide resources as may be necessary to respond to competition against the Retail Fuel Business relating to the Retail Fuel Assets, prevent diminution in sales of such Retail Fuel Business, and maintain the competitive strength of such Retail Fuel Business;
  - F. Not reduce operating hours;
  - G. Not reduce, change, or modify in any material respect, the level of marketing, promotional, pricing, or advertising practices, programs, and policies for the Retail Fuel Business related to the Retail Fuel Assets, other than changes in the ordinary course of business consistent with changes made at Respondents' other businesses that Respondents will not divest;
  - H. Not target, encourage, or convert customers of the Retail Fuel Business relating to the Retail Fuel Assets to become customers of Respondents' other businesses that will not be divested; provided, however, that nothing in this subparagraph shall prevent Respondents from engaging in advertising, marketing, and promotion activities: (i) generally applicable to all of Respondent businesses, or (ii) in the ordinary course of business and in accordance with past practice;
  - I. Provide support services at levels customarily provided by Respondents;
  - J. Maintain all licenses, permits, approvals, authorizations, or certifications related to or necessary for the operation of the Retail Fuel Business relating to the Retail Fuel Assets, and otherwise operate such Retail Fuel Business in accordance and compliance with all regulatory obligations and requirements;
  - K. Not sell, transfer, encumber, or otherwise impair the Retail Fuel Assets (other than in the manner prescribed in the Orders);
  - L. Not take any action that lessens the full economic viability, marketability, or competitiveness of the Retail Fuel Assets;

- M. Not terminate the operations of the Retail Fuel Business relating to the Retail Fuel Assets;
- N. Preserve the existing relationships with suppliers, customers, employees, governmental authorities, vendors, landlords, site operators, and others having business relationships with the Retail Fuel Business relating to the Retail Fuel Assets;
- O. Maintain the working conditions, staffing levels, and a work force of equivalent size, training, and expertise associated with the Retail Fuel Business relating to the Retail Fuel Assets, including:
  - 1. When vacancies occur, replacing the employees in the regular and ordinary course of business, in accordance with past practice; and
  - 2. Not transferring any employees from the Retail Fuel Business relating to the Retail Fuel Assets to any of Respondents' assets or businesses that Respondents will not divest.

*Provided, however,* that Respondents may take actions that the Acquirer has requested or agreed to in writing and that has been approved in advance by Commission staff, in all cases to facilitate the Acquirer's acquisition of the Divestiture Locations and related Retail Fuel Assets and consistent with the purposes of this Order and the Order to Maintain Assets.

### **III. Transitional Assistance**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that:

- A. Until Respondents have transferred all Business Information included in the Retail Fuel Assets to the Acquirer, Respondents shall ensure that the Business Information is maintained and updated in the ordinary course of business and shall provide the Acquirer with access to Business Information (wherever located and however stored) that Respondents have not yet transferred to the Acquirer, and to employees who possess the Business Information.
- B. At the option of the Acquirer, Respondents shall provide the Acquirer with Transitional Assistance sufficient to (1) transfer efficiently the Retail Fuel Assets to the Acquirer and (2) allow the Acquirer to operate the acquired Retail Fuel Assets in a manner that is equivalent in all material respects to the manner in which Respondents did so prior to the Acquisition.
- C. Respondents shall provide Transitional Assistance:
  - 1. As set forth in a Divestiture Agreement, or as otherwise reasonably requested by the Acquirer (whether before or after the Divestiture Date);

2. At the price set forth in the Divestiture Agreement, or if no price is set forth, at Direct Cost; and
3. For a period sufficient to meet the requirements of Section III, which shall be, at the option of the Acquirer, for up to 15 months after the Divestiture Date;

*Provided, however,* that within 15 days after a request by the Acquirer, Respondents shall file with the Commission a written request to extend the time period for providing Transitional Assistance in order to achieve the purposes of this Order.

- D. Respondents shall allow the Acquirer to terminate, in whole or part, any Transitional Assistance at any time upon commercially reasonable notice and without cost or penalty.
- E. Respondents shall not cease providing Transitional Assistance due to a breach by the Acquirer of a Divestiture Agreement, and shall not limit any damages (including indirect, special, and consequential damages) that the Acquirer would be entitled to receive in the event of Respondent's breach of any agreement relating to Transitional Assistance.

#### **IV. Employees**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that:

- A. Until 6 months after the Divestiture Date, Respondents shall cooperate with and assist the Acquirer of the Retail Fuel Assets to evaluate independently and offer employment to any Retail Fuel Employee.
- B. Respondents shall:
  1. No later than 10 days after a request from the Acquirer, provide to the Acquirer a list of all Retail Fuel Employees and provide Employee Information for each;
  2. No later than 10 days after a request from the Acquirer, provide the Acquirer an opportunity to privately interview any of the Retail Fuel Employees outside the presence or hearing of any employee or agent of any Respondent, and to make offers of employment to any of the Retail Fuel Employees;
  3. Remove and not enter into any impediments within the control of Respondents that may deter Retail Fuel Employees from accepting employment with the Acquirer, including, but not limited to, removal of any non-compete or confidentiality provisions of employment or other contracts with Respondents that may affect the ability or incentive of those individuals to be employed by the Acquirer, and shall not make any counteroffer to an Retail Fuel Employee who receives an offer of employment from the Acquirer; *provided, however,* that nothing in this Order shall be construed to require Respondents to terminate the

employment of any employee or prevent Respondents from continuing the employment of any employee;

4. Continue to provide Retail Fuel Employees with compensation and benefits, including regularly scheduled raises and bonuses and the vesting of benefits;
  5. Provide reasonable financial incentives for Retail Fuel Employees to continue in their positions, and as may be necessary, to facilitate the employment of such Retail Fuel Employees by an Acquirer; and
  6. Not interfere, directly or indirectly, with the hiring or employing by the Acquirer of any Retail Fuel Employee, not offer any incentive to such employees to decline employment with the Acquirer, and not otherwise interfere with the recruitment of any Retail Fuel Employee by the Acquirer.
- C. Respondents shall not, for a period of 180 days following the Divestiture Date, directly or indirectly, solicit or otherwise attempt to induce any Person employed by the Acquirer to terminate his or her employment with the Acquirer; *provided, however*, Respondents may:
1. Hire any such Person whose employment has been terminated by the Acquirer;
  2. Advertise for employees in newspapers, trade publications, or other media, or engage recruiters to conduct general employee search activities, in either case not targeted specifically at one or more Person employed by the Acquirer; or
  3. Hire a Person who has applied for employment with Respondents, as long as such application was not solicited or induced in violation of Section IV.
- D. Respondent Global shall not enforce any noncompete provision or noncompete agreement against any Person seeking employment from or otherwise doing business with any of the Divestiture Locations.

## **V. Confidential Information**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that:

- A. Respondents shall not (x) disclose (including to Respondents' employees) or (y) use for any reason or purpose, any Confidential Information received or maintained by Respondents; *provided, however*, that Respondents may disclose or use such Confidential Information in the course of:
1. Performing its obligations or as permitted under this Order, the Decision and Order, or any Divestiture Agreement; or

2. Complying with financial reporting requirements, obtaining legal advice, prosecuting or defending legal claims, responding to investigations, or enforcing actions threatened or brought against the Retail Fuel Assets or any Divestiture Locations, or as required by law or regulation, including any applicable securities exchange rules or regulations.
- B. If disclosure or use of any Confidential Information is permitted to Respondents' employees or to any other Person under Section V, Respondents shall limit such disclosure or use (1) only to the extent such information is required, (2) only to those employees or Persons who require such information for the purposes permitted under Paragraph V.A, and (3) only after such employees or Persons have signed an agreement to maintain the confidentiality of such information.
- C. Respondents shall enforce the terms of Section V and take necessary actions to ensure that their employees and other Persons comply with the terms of Section V, including implementing access and data controls, training its employees, and other actions that Respondents would take to protect their own trade secrets and proprietary information.

## **VI. Monitor**

### **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that:

- A. At any time after Respondents sign the Consent Agreement, the Commission may appoint a Person to serve as Monitor to observe and report on Respondents' compliance with their obligations as set forth in the Orders.
- B. If the Commission determines to appoint a Monitor, the Commission shall select the Monitor subject to the consent of Respondents, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Respondents shall be deemed to have consented to the selection of the proposed Monitor if, within 10 days of notice by staff of the Commission of the identity of the proposed Monitor, Respondents have not opposed in writing, including the reasons for opposing, the selection of the proposed Monitor.
- C. Respondents and the Monitor may enter into an agreement relating to the Monitor's services. Any such agreement:
1. Shall be subject to the approval of the Commission;
  2. Shall not limit, and the signatories shall not construe it to limit, the terms of Section VI or the Section relating to the Monitor in the Decision and Order ("Monitor Sections"), and to the extent any provision in the agreement varies from or conflicts with any provision in the Monitor Sections, Respondents and the Monitor shall comply with the Monitor Sections; and
  3. Shall include a provision stating that the agreement does not limit, and the signatories shall not construe it to limit, the terms of the Orders in this matter, and

to the extent any provision in the agreement varies from or conflicts with any provision in the Orders, Respondents and the Monitor shall comply with the Orders.

D. The Monitor shall:

1. Have the authority to monitor Respondents' compliance with the obligations set forth in the Orders;
2. Act in consultation with the Commission or its staff;
3. Serve as an independent third party and not as an employee or agent of Respondents or of the Commission;
4. Serve without bond or other security;
5. At the Monitor's option, employ such consultants, accountants, attorneys, and other representatives and assistants as are reasonably necessary to carry out the Monitor's duties and responsibilities;
6. Enter into a non-disclosure or other confidentiality agreement with the Commission related to Commission materials and information received in connection with the performance of the Monitor's duties and require that each of the Monitor's consultants, accountants, attorneys, and other representatives and assistants shall also enter into a non-disclosure or other confidentiality agreement with the Commission;
7. Notify staff of the Commission, in writing, no later than 5 days in advance of entering into any arrangement that creates a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest, including a financial, professional or personal conflict. If the Monitor becomes aware of such a conflict only after it has arisen, the Monitor shall notify the Commission as soon as the Monitor becomes aware of the conflict;
8. Report in writing to the Commission concerning Respondents' compliance with this Order on a schedule as determined by Commission staff, and at any other time requested by the staff of the Commission; and
9. Unless the Commission or its staff determine otherwise, the Monitor shall serve until Commission staff determines that Respondents have satisfied all obligations under the designated Sections of this Order, and files a final report.

E. Respondents shall:

1. Cooperate with and assist the Monitor in performing his or her duties for the purpose of reviewing Respondents' compliance with their obligations under the

Orders, including as requested by the Monitor, (a) providing the Monitor full and complete access to personnel, information and facilities; and (b) making such arrangements with third parties to facilitate access by the Monitor;

2. Not interfere with the ability of the Monitor to perform his or her duties pursuant to the Orders;
  3. Pay the Monitor's fees and expenses as set forth in an agreement approved by the Commission, or if such agreement has not been approved, pay the Monitor's customary fees, as well as expenses the Monitor incurs performing his or her duties under the Order, including expenses of any consultants, accountants, attorneys, and other representatives and assistants that are reasonably necessary to assist the Monitor in carrying out his or her duties and responsibilities;
  4. Not require the Monitor to disclose to Respondents the substance of the Monitor's communications with the Commission or any other Person or the substance of written reports submitted to the Commission pursuant to the Orders; and
  5. Indemnify and hold the Monitor harmless against any loss, claim, damage, liability, and expense (including attorneys' fees and out of pocket costs) that arises out of, or is connected with, a claim concerning the performance of the Monitor's duties under the Orders, unless the loss, claim, damage, liability, or expense results from gross negligence or willful misconduct by the Monitor.
- F. Respondents may require the Monitor and each of the Monitor's consultants, accountants, attorneys, and other representatives and assistants to enter into a customary confidentiality agreement, so long as the agreement does not restrict the Monitor's ability to access personnel, information, and facilities or provide information to the Commission, or otherwise observe and report on the Respondents' compliance with the Orders.
- G. If the Monitor resigns or the Commission determines that the Monitor has ceased to act, has failed to act diligently, or is otherwise unable to continue serving as a Monitor due to the existence of a conflict or other reasons, the Commission may appoint a substitute Monitor. The substitute Monitor shall be afforded all rights, powers, and authorities and shall be subject to all obligations of the Monitor Sections of the Orders. The Commission shall select the substitute Monitor, subject to the consent of the Respondents.
- Respondents:
1. Shall not unreasonably withhold consent to the appointment of the selected substitute Monitor;
  2. Shall be deemed to have consented to the selection of the proposed substitute Monitor if, within 10 days of notice by staff of the Commission of the identity of the proposed substitute Monitor, Respondents have not opposed in writing, including the reasons for opposing, the selection of the proposed substitute Monitor; and

3. May enter into an agreement with the substitute Monitor relating to the substitute Monitor's services that either (a) contains substantially the same terms as the Commission-approved agreement referenced in Paragraph VI.C; or (b) receives Commission approval.
- H. The Commission may on its own initiative or at the request of the Monitor issue such additional orders or directions as may be necessary or appropriate to assure compliance with the requirements of this Order.

## **VII. Divestiture Trustee**

### **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that:

- A. If Respondents have not fully complied with the obligations to assign, grant, license, divest, transfer, deliver, or otherwise convey the Retail Fuel Assets as required by this Order, the Commission may appoint a trustee ("Divestiture Trustee") to assign, grant, license, divest, transfer, deliver, or otherwise convey these assets in a manner that satisfies the requirements of this Order. In the event that the Commission or the Attorney General brings an action pursuant to § 5(l) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(l), or any other statute enforced by the Commission, Respondents shall consent to the appointment of a Divestiture Trustee in such action to assign, grant, license, divest, transfer, deliver, or otherwise convey these assets. Neither the appointment of a Divestiture Trustee nor a decision not to appoint a Divestiture Trustee under Section VII shall preclude the Commission or the Attorney General from seeking civil penalties or any other relief available to it, including a court-appointed Divestiture Trustee, pursuant to § 5(l) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, or any other statute enforced by the Commission, for any failure by the Respondents to comply with this Order.
- B. The Commission shall select the Divestiture Trustee, subject to the consent of Respondents which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Divestiture Trustee shall be a Person with experience and expertise in acquisitions and divestitures. If Respondents have not opposed, in writing, including the reasons for opposing, the selection of any proposed Divestiture Trustee within 10 days after notice by the staff of the Commission to Respondents of the identity of any proposed Divestiture Trustee, Respondents shall be deemed to have consented to the selection of the proposed Divestiture Trustee.
- C. Not later than 10 days after the appointment of a Divestiture Trustee, Respondents shall execute a trust agreement that, subject to the prior approval of the Commission, transfers to the Divestiture Trustee all rights and powers necessary to permit the Divestiture Trustee to effect the relevant divestitures required by this Order. Any failure by Respondents to comply with a trust agreement approved by the Commission shall be a violation of this Order.

D. If a Divestiture Trustee is appointed by the Commission or a court pursuant to Section VII, Respondents shall consent to the following terms and conditions regarding the Divestiture Trustee's powers, duties, authority, and responsibilities:

1. Subject to the prior approval of the Commission, the Divestiture Trustee shall have the exclusive power and authority to assign, grant, license, divest, transfer, deliver, or otherwise convey the assets that are required by this Order to be assigned, granted, licensed, divested, transferred, delivered, or otherwise conveyed;

2. The Divestiture Trustee shall have one year from the date the Commission approves the trustee agreement described herein to accomplish the divestitures, which shall be subject to the prior approval of the Commission. If, however, at the end of the one year period, the Divestiture Trustee has submitted a plan of divestiture or the Commission believes that the divestitures can be achieved within a reasonable time, the divestiture period may be extended by the Commission,

*Provided, however,* the Commission may extend the divestiture period only 2 times;

3. Subject to any demonstrated legally recognized privilege, the Divestiture Trustee shall have full and complete access to the personnel, books, records, and facilities related to the relevant assets that are required to be assigned, granted, licensed, divested, delivered, or otherwise conveyed by this Order and to any other relevant information, as the Divestiture Trustee may request. Respondents shall develop such financial or other information as the Divestiture Trustee may request and shall cooperate with the Divestiture Trustee. Respondents shall take no action to interfere with or impede the Divestiture Trustee's accomplishment of the divestitures. Any delays in divestitures caused by Respondents shall extend the time for divestitures under Section VII in an amount equal to the delay, as determined by the Commission or, for a court-appointed Divestiture Trustee, by the court;

4. The Divestiture Trustee shall use commercially reasonable best efforts to negotiate the most favorable price and terms available in each contract that is submitted to the Commission, subject to Respondents' absolute and unconditional obligation to divest expeditiously and at no minimum price. The divestitures shall be made in the manner and to Acquirers that receive the prior approval of the Commission as required by this Order,

*Provided, however,* if the Divestiture Trustee receives bona fide offers from more than one acquiring person for a divestiture, and if the Commission determines to approve more than one such acquiring person for the divestiture, the Divestiture Trustee shall divest to the acquiring person selected by Respondents from among those approved by the Commission,

*Provided further, however,* that Respondents shall select such person within 5 days of receiving notification of the Commission's approval;

5. The Divestiture Trustee shall serve, without bond or other security, at the cost and expense of Respondents, on such reasonable and customary terms and conditions as the Commission or a court may set. The Divestiture Trustee shall have the authority to employ, at the cost and expense of Respondents, such consultants, accountants, attorneys, investment bankers, business brokers, appraisers, and other representatives and assistants as are necessary to carry out the Divestiture Trustee's duties and responsibilities. The Divestiture Trustee shall account for all monies derived from the divestiture and all expenses incurred. After approval by the Commission of the account of the Divestiture Trustee, including fees for the Divestiture Trustee's services, all remaining monies shall be paid at the direction of the Respondents, and the Divestiture Trustee's power shall be terminated. The compensation of the Divestiture Trustee shall be based at least in significant part on a commission arrangement contingent on the divestiture of all of the relevant assets that are required to be divested by this Order;
6. Respondents shall indemnify the Divestiture Trustee and hold the Divestiture Trustee harmless against any losses, claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses arising out of, or in connection with, the performance of the Divestiture Trustee's duties, including all reasonable fees of counsel and other expenses incurred in connection with the preparation for, or defense of, any claim, whether or not resulting in any liability, except to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses result from gross negligence or willful misconduct by the Divestiture Trustee;
7. The Divestiture Trustee shall have no obligation or authority to operate or maintain the Retail Fuel Assets required to be divested by the Decision and Order;
8. The Divestiture Trustee shall report in writing to Respondents and to the Commission every 30 days concerning the Divestiture Trustee's efforts to accomplish the divestiture; and
9. Respondents may require the Divestiture Trustee and each of the Divestiture Trustee's consultants, accountants, attorneys, and other representatives and assistants to sign a customary confidentiality agreement,

*Provided, however,* that such agreement shall not restrict the Divestiture Trustee from providing any information to the Commission.

- E. The Commission may, among other things, require the Divestiture Trustee and each of the Divestiture Trustee's consultants, accountants, attorneys, and other representatives and assistants to sign an appropriate confidentiality agreement related to Commission

materials and information received in connection with the performance of the Divestiture Trustee's duties.

- F. If the Commission determines that a Divestiture Trustee has ceased to act or failed to act diligently, the Commission may appoint a substitute Divestiture Trustee in the same manner as provided in Section VII.
- G. The Commission or, in the case of a court-appointed Divestiture Trustee, the court, may on its own initiative or at the request of the Divestiture Trustee issue such additional orders or directions as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the divestitures and other obligations or action required by this Order.

### **VIII. Prior Approval**

**IT IS FURTHERED ORDERED** that Respondent Global shall not, without prior approval of the Commission, acquire directly or indirectly, through subsidiaries or otherwise, any leasehold, ownership interest, commission franchise interest, or any other interest, in whole or in part, in any Retail Fuel Business in any Prior Approval Location.

### **X. Compliance Reports**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that:

- A. Respondent Global shall:
  - 1. Notify Commission staff via email at [bccompliance@ftc.gov](mailto:bccompliance@ftc.gov) of the Acquisition Date no later than 5 days after the Acquisition Date; and
  - 2. Submit each complete Divestiture Agreement to the Commission at [ElectronicFilings@ftc.gov](mailto:ElectronicFilings@ftc.gov) and [bccompliance@ftc.gov](mailto:bccompliance@ftc.gov) no later than 30 days after the Divestiture Date.
- B. Respondents shall submit verified written reports ("compliance reports") in accordance with the following:
  - 1. Respondents shall submit Compliance Reports 30 days after this Order to Maintain Assets is issued and every 30 days thereafter until this Order to Maintain Assets terminates, and additional Compliance Reports as the Commission or its staff may request.

*Provided, however,* that Respondent Richard Wiehl shall submit interim Compliance Reports 30 days after this Order to Maintain Assets is issued and every 30 days thereafter only until he has completed his obligations under Sections II, IV and VI of the Decision and Order.

2. Each compliance report shall contain sufficient information and documentation to enable the Commission to determine independently whether Respondents are in compliance with the Order. Conclusory statements that Respondents have complied with its obligations under this Order are insufficient. Respondents shall include in their reports, among other information or documentation that may be necessary to demonstrate compliance, a full description of the measures Respondents have implemented or plans to implement to ensure that they have complied or will comply with each section of the Orders.
3. For a period of 5 years after filing a compliance report, Respondents shall retain all material written communications with each party identified in each compliance report and all non-privileged internal memoranda, reports, and recommendations concerning fulfilling its obligations under this Order during the period covered by such compliance report. Respondents shall provide copies of these documents to Commission staff upon request.
4. Respondents shall verify each compliance report in the manner set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1746 by the Chief Executive Officer or another officer or employee specifically authorized to perform this function. Respondents shall file their compliance reports with the Secretary of the Commission at [ElectronicFilings@ftc.gov](mailto:ElectronicFilings@ftc.gov) and to the Compliance Division at [bccompliance@ftc.gov](mailto:bccompliance@ftc.gov), as required by Commission Rule 2.41(a), 16 C.F.R. § 2.41(a). In addition, Respondents shall provide a copy of each compliance report to the Monitor if the Commission has appointed one in this matter.

## **XI. Change in Respondents**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent Global shall notify the Commission at least 30 days prior to:

- A. Any proposed dissolution of Global Partners LP;
- B. Any proposed acquisition, merger or consolidation of Global Partners LP; or
- C. Any other change in Respondent Global, including assignment and the creation, sale, or dissolution of subsidiaries, if such change may affect compliance obligations arising out of this Order.

## **XII. Access**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, for the purpose of determining or securing compliance with this Order, and subject to any legally recognized privilege, upon written request and 5 days' notice to the relevant Respondent, made to its principal place of business as identified in this Order, registered office of its United States subsidiary, or its headquarters

office, the notified Respondent shall, without restraint or interference, permit any duly authorized representative of the Commission:

- A. Access, during business office hours of the Respondent and in the presence of counsel, to all facilities and access to inspect and copy all business and other records and all documentary material and electronically stored information as defined in Commission Rules 2.71(a)(1) and (2), 16 C.F.R. § 2.71(a)(1) and (2), in the possession or under the control of the Respondent related to compliance with this Order, which copying services shall be provided by the Respondent at the request of the authorized representative of the Commission and at the expense of the Respondent; or
- B. To interview officers, directors, or employees of the Respondent, who may have counsel present, regarding such matters.

### **XIII. Purpose**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the purpose of this Order is to remedy the harm to competition the Commission alleged in its Complaint and ensure the Acquirer can operate the Retail Fuel Assets at least equivalent in all material respects to the manner in which the Retail Fuel Assets were operated prior to the Acquisition.

### **XIV. Term**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Order to Maintain Assets shall terminate the day after the Decision and Order in this matter becomes final or the Commission withdraws acceptance of the Consent Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Commission Rule 2.34, 16 C.F.R. § 2.34.

By the Commission.

April J. Tabor  
Secretary

SEAL:

ISSUED: