

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

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Re: Beacon Health System's Proposed Acquisition of the South Bend Clinic

FTC File No. 131-0076

Dear Mr. Olszowka:

The Commission has conducted a nonpublic investigation to determine whether the acquisition of the South Bend Clinic by Beacon Health System may violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act or Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

By electronic mail dated March 30, 2014, the Bureau of Competition was notified that the parties had abandoned the proposed transaction. Based upon this representation, it appears that no further action with regard to this particular proposed transaction is warranted by the Commission at this time. Accordingly, 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.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark Secretary