FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

16 CFR Parts 801 and 803

RIN 3084-AB46

Premerger Notification; Reporting and Waiting Period Requirements

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Trade Commission ("Commission" or "FTC") is amending the Hart-Scott-Rodino ("HSR") Premerger Notification Rules ("Rules") that require the parties to certain mergers and acquisitions to file reports with the FTC and the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice ("the Assistant Attorney General") (together the "Antitrust Agencies" or "Agencies") and to wait a specified period of time before consummating such transactions. The Commission is amending the Rules to conform to the new filing fee tiers enacted by the Merger Filing Fee Modernization Act of 2022 ("2022 Amendments"), contained within the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

DATES: Effective [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

Section 7A of the Clayton Act (the "Act") requires the parties to certain mergers or acquisitions to file with the Commission and the Assistant Attorney General and wait a specified period before consummating the proposed transaction to allow the Antitrust Agencies to conduct their initial review of a proposed transaction's competitive impact. The reporting requirement and the waiting period that it triggers are intended to enable the Agencies to determine whether a proposed merger or acquisition may violate the antitrust laws if consummated and, when appropriate, to seek a preliminary injunction in federal court to prevent consummation.

Section 7A(d)(1) of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a(d)(1), directs the Commission, with the concurrence of the Assistant Attorney General, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553, to require that premerger notification be in such form and contain such information and documentary material as may be necessary and appropriate to determine whether the proposed transaction may, if consummated, violate the antitrust laws. Section 7A(d)(2) of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a(d)(2), grants the Commission, with the concurrence of the Assistant Attorney General, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553, the authority to define the terms used in the Act and prescribe such other rules as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of section 7A of the Act. Pursuant to that authority, the Commission, with the concurrence of the Assistant Attorney General, developed the Rules, codified in 16 CFR parts 801, 802 and 803, and the appendices to Part 803, the Notification and Report Form for Certain Mergers and Acquisitions ("HSR Form") and Instructions to the Notification and Report Form for Certain Mergers and

Acquisitions ("Instructions"), to govern the form of premerger notification to be provided by merging parties.

The Commission is amending Parts 801 and 803 of the Rules and the HSR Form and Instructions to make the ministerial changes required to conform with the fees and fee tiers established by the 2022 Amendments.

Part 801—Coverage Rules

§ 801.1 Definitions.

Part 803—Transmittal Rules

§ 803.9 Filing fee.

Appendix A to Part 803—Notification and Report Form for Certain Mergers and Acquisitions

Appendix B to Part 803—Instructions to Notification and Report Form for Certain Mergers and Acquisitions

Background

In 1990, section 605 of Public Law 101–162, 103 Stat. 1031 (15 U.S.C. 18a note), first required the Federal Trade Commission to assess and collect filing fees from persons acquiring voting securities or assets under the Act. Fee tiers, rather than a single fee, were established in 2000 by section 630(b) of Public Law 106-553, 114 Stat. 2762, 2762A-109. On December 29, 2022, the President signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, which included the 2022 Amendments. The 2022 Amendments, among other things, amend these fees and fee tiers. *See* Public Law 117-328, Div. GG, 136 Stat. 4459.

Prior to enactment of the 2022 Amendments, filers were required to pay \$45,000; \$125,000; or \$280,000 per transaction, depending on the total value of the transaction. While these fees have remained constant since adoption in 2000, the value of the

acquisition to which they apply had adjusted annually since 2005 to reflect changes in the gross national product ("GNP").¹

The new fee structure enacted by the 2022 Amendments includes six, rather than three, tiers. The filing fee has been lowered for certain transactions, but increased for others, particularly for acquisitions valued at more than \$1 billion. As enacted, the fee thresholds for 2023 are as follows:²

Size (value) of transaction	Fee
< \$161.5 million	\$30,000
\$161.5 to < \$500 million	\$100,000
\$500 million to < \$1 billion	\$250,000
\$1 billion to < \$2 billion	\$400,000
\$2 billion to < \$5 billion	\$800,000
\$5 billion or more	\$2,250,000

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2024, the filing tiers will be adjusted annually to reflect changes in the GNP for the previous year.³ Additionally, beginning in Fiscal Year 2024, the 2022 Amendments will require the filing fees to be increased annually, if the percentage increase in the consumer price index ("CPI") for the prior year as compared to the CPI for the fiscal year ended on September 30, 2022, is greater than one percent.⁴ Such adjustments to the fees will be rounded to the nearest \$5,000. The Commission, with the concurrence of the Assistant Attorney General, is making the required ministerial revisions to Parts 801 and 803 of the Rules and to the HSR Form and Instructions to conform to these changes.

I. Changes to Section 801.1 Definitions

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¹ See Public Law 106-553, 114 Stat. at 2762A-109 to -110, amending Section 605 of title VI of Public Law 101-162 (15 U.S.C. 18a note).

² See the notice published elsewhere in this issue of the *Federal Register*.

³ Public Law 117-328, 136 Stat. 4459, Div. GG, Title I.

⁴ *Id*.

Section 801.1(m), Definition of The Act

The Commission is making a ministerial change to the definition of "the act" to include reference to the 2022 Amendments. The Commission is not making any material changes to this section.

II. Changes to Section 803.9 Filing Fee

Section 803.9 describes how fees are determined and paid. The Commission is amending all eight of the examples in § 803.9 to conform with the changes to the fees and fee tiers required by the 2022 Amendments, to update dates and dollar values to reflect more recent adjusted jurisdictional thresholds, and to add clarity to the examples. Since the fees and fee tiers will not adjust until after fiscal year 2023, references to fees and fee tiers do not include "(as adjusted)." The Commission will adopt amendments to the Rules to reference "as adjusted" fees and fee tiers at the appropriate time. Specifically, the Commission will amend the examples in § 803.9 as follows:

- Revising Example 1 to update the determination of the filing fee to be consistent with the 2022 Amendments; and eliminate "(as adjusted)" from filing fee tiers.
- Revising Example 2 to provide example dollar values more in line with current
 adjusted jurisdictional thresholds; update the determination of the filing fee to be
 consistent with the 2022 Amendments; and eliminate "(as adjusted)" from filing
 fee tiers.
- Revising Example 3 to provide a date and example dollar values more in line with current adjusted jurisdictional thresholds; and update the determination of the filing fee to be consistent with the 2022 Amendments.

- Revising Example 4 to update the determination of the filing fee to be consistent
 with the 2022 Amendments; eliminate "(as adjusted)" from filing fee tiers; and
 eliminate reference to an explanation of valuation, which had been eliminated in
 prior rulemakings.⁵
- Revising Example 5 to update the determination of the filing fee to be consistent
 with the 2022 Amendments; eliminate "(as adjusted)" from filing fee tiers; and
 eliminate reference to an explanation of valuation, which had been eliminated in
 prior rulemakings.⁶
- Revising Example 6 to update the determination of the filing fee to be consistent with the 2022 Amendments; eliminate "(as adjusted)" from filing fee tiers; and add "(as adjusted)" to jurisdictional and notification thresholds.
- Revising Example 7 to provide a date and example dollar values more in line with current adjusted jurisdictional thresholds; update the determination of the filing fee to be consistent with the 2022 Amendments; and eliminate reference to an explanation of valuation, which had been eliminated in prior rulemakings.⁷.
- Revising Example 8 to provide example dollar values more in line with current adjusted jurisdictional thresholds; and update the determination of the filing fee to be consistent with the 2022 Amendments.

III. Changes to Appendix A to Part 803 –Notification and Report Form for Certain Mergers and Acquisitions

⁵ See, 82 FR 32123 (July 12, 2017); 76 FR 42471 (July 19, 2011).

⁶ *Id*.

⁷ Id.

The Commission is amending Appendix A to Part 803, the HSR Form, to make ministerial changes to conform to the 2022 Amendments. The Commission is amending the "Fee Information" portion of the HSR Form to incorporate the six new fee tiers and fees.

IV. Changes to Appendix B to Part 803 – Instructions to the Notification and Report Form for Certain Mergers and Acquisitions

The Commission is amending Appendix B to Part 803, the Instructions, to make ministerial changes to conform to the 2022 Amendments. Specifically, the Commission is changing the "Fee Information" section of the Instructions to reflect the new fee tiers and introduction of adjustments to the fees. Additionally, because the 2022 Amendments will require the relevant valuation of the acquisition and the fees themselves to be adjusted annually, the Commission is eliminating the table on page III of the instructions, leaving the web link that will update each time the fees and fee tier valuations change.

V. Administrative Procedure Act

The Commission finds good cause to adopt these changes without prior public comment. Under the Administrative Procedure Act ("APA"), notice and comment are not required "when the agency for good cause finds (and incorporates the finding and a brief statement of reasons therefore in the rules issued) that notice and public procedure thereon are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest." 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B).

In this case, the Commission finds that public comment on these changes is unnecessary. The Commission is amending the HSR Rules to conform with the new fee tiers and fees enacted by Congress. These updates do not involve any substantive changes

in the HSR Rules' requirements for entities subject to the Rules. Rather, they are conforming updates to the definition of the HSR Act and examples of how to calculate the appropriate fee.

In addition, these amendments fall within the category of rules covering agency procedure and practice that are exempt from the notice-and-comment requirements of the APA. See 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(A).

For these reasons, the Commission finds that there is good cause for adopting this final rule as effective on [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] without prior public comment.

VI. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612, requires that the agency conduct an initial and final regulatory analysis of the anticipated economic impact of the proposed amendments on small businesses, except where the agency head certifies that the regulatory action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. 5 U.S.C. 605. Because of the size of the transactions necessary to invoke an HSR filing, the premerger notification rules rarely, if ever, affect small businesses. Indeed, amendments to the Act in 2001 were intended to reduce the burden of the premerger notification program further by exempting all transactions valued at less than \$50 million (as adjusted annually). Likewise, none of the rule amendments expand the coverage of the premerger notification rules in a way that would affect small business. In addition, the Regulatory Flexibility Act requirements apply only to rules or amendments that are subject to the notice-and-comment requirements of the APA. See 5

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⁸ By comparison, the dollar thresholds established for total annual receipts of a small business under the applicable small business size standards fall well under \$50 million. *See* 13 CFR 121.201.

U.S.C. 603, 604. Because these amendments are exempt from those APA requirements, as noted earlier, they are also exempt from the Regulatory Flexibility Act requirements. In any event, to the extent, if any, that the Regulatory Flexibility Act applies, the Commission certifies that these rules will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This document serves as notice of this certification to the Small Business Administration.

VII. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Commission has existing Paperwork Reduction Act clearance for the HSR Rules (OMB Control Number 3084-0005). The Commission has concluded that these technical amendments do not change the substance or frequency of the pre-existing information collection requirements and, therefore, do not require further OMB clearance.

VIII. Other Matters

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801 et seq.), the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs designated this rule as not a "major rule," as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects in 16 CFR Parts 801 and 803

Antitrust.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, the Federal Trade Commission is amending 16 CFR Parts 801 and 803 as set forth below:

PART 801 – COVERAGE RULES

1. The authority citation for part 801 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 18a(d).

2. Amend § 801.1 by revising paragraph (m) to read as follows:

§ 801.1 Definitions

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(m) *The act.* References to "the act" refer to Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by section 201 of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, Public Law 94-435, 90 Stat. 1390, and as amended by Public Law 106-553, 114 Stat. 2762, and Public Law 117-328, Div. GG, 136 Stat. 4459. References to "Section 7A()" refer to subsections of Section 7A of the Clayton Act. References to "this section" refer to the section of these rules in which the term appears.

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PART 803 – TRANSMITTAL RULES

3. The authority citation for part 803 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 18a(d).

4. Revise the examples to § 803.9 to read:

§ 803.9 Filing fee.

(a) * * * * *

Examples: 1. "A" wishes to acquire voting securities issued by B, where the greater of the acquisition price and the market price is in excess of \$50 million (as adjusted) but less than \$100 million (as adjusted) pursuant to \$801.10. When "A" files notification for the transaction, it must indicate the \$50 million (as adjusted) threshold. If the value of the voting securities is less than \$161.5 million, "A" must pay a filing fee of \$30,000 because the aggregate total amount of the acquisition is greater than \$50 million (as adjusted) but less than \$161.5 million. If the aggregate total value of the voting securities is at least \$161.5 million, but less than \$500 million, "A" must pay a filing fee of \$100,000.

2. "A" acquires \$75 million of assets from "B." The parties meet the size of person criteria of Section 7A(a)(2)(B), but the transaction is not reportable because it does not exceed the \$50 million (as adjusted) size of transaction threshold of that provision. Two months later "A" acquires additional assets from "B" valued at \$175 million. Pursuant to the aggregation requirements of \$801.13(b)(2)(ii), the aggregate total amount of "B's" assets that "A" will hold as a result of the second acquisition is \$250 million. Accordingly, when "A" files notification for the second transaction, "A" must indicate the \$100 million (as

adjusted) threshold and pay a filing fee of \$100,000 because the aggregate total amount of the acquisition is less than \$500 million, but not less than \$161.5 million.

- 3. In 2023, "A" acquires \$115 million of voting securities issued by B after submitting its notification and \$30,000 filing fee and indicates the \$50 million (as adjusted) threshold. Two years later, "A" files to acquire additional voting securities issued by B valued at \$114.4 million because it will exceed the next higher reporting threshold (see § 801.1(h)). Assuming the second transaction is reportable, and the value of its initial holdings is unchanged (see §§ 801.13(a)(2) and 801.10(c)), the provisions of § 801.13(a)(1) require that "A" report that the total value of the second transaction is \$229.4 million, which is in excess of \$100 million (as adjusted) notification threshold. This is because "A" must aggregate previously acquired securities in calculating the value of B's voting securities that it will hold as a result of the second acquisition. "A" should pay a filing fee of \$100,000 because the total value is greater than \$161.5 million but less than \$500 million.
- 4. "A" signs a contract with a stated purchase price of \$162 million, subject to adjustments, to acquire all of the assets of "B." If the amount of adjustments can be reasonably estimated, the acquisition price - as adjusted to reflect that estimate - is determined. If the amount of adjustments cannot be reasonably estimated, the acquisition price is undetermined. In either case the board or its delegee must also determine in good faith the fair market value. (§ 801.10(b) states that the value of an asset acquisition is to be the fair market value or the acquisition price, if determined and greater than fair market value.) "A" files notification and submits a \$30,000 filing fee. "A"s decision to pay that fee may be justified on either of two bases. First, "A" may have concluded that the acquisition price can be reasonably estimated to be less than \$161.5 million, because of anticipated adjustments - e.g., based on due diligence by "A's" accounting firm indicating that one third of the inventory is not saleable. If fair market value is also determined in good faith to be less than \$161.5 million, the \$30,000 fee is appropriate. Alternatively, "A" may conclude that because the adjustments cannot reasonably be estimated, the acquisition price is undetermined. If so, "A" would base the valuation on the good faith determination of fair market value. The acquiring party's execution of the Certification also attests to the good faith valuation of the value of the transaction.
- 5. "A" contracts to acquire all of the assets of "B" for in excess of \$500 million. The assets include hotels, office buildings, and rental retail property, all of which are exempted by § 802.2. Section 802.2 directs that these assets are exempt from the requirements of the act and that reporting requirements for the transaction

should be determined by analyzing the remainder of the acquisition as if it were a separate transaction. Furthermore, § 801.15(a)(2) states that those exempt assets are never held as a result of the acquisition. Accordingly, the aggregate amount of the transaction is in excess of \$161.5 million), but less than \$500 million. "A" will be liable for a filing fee of \$100,000, rather than \$250,000, because the value of the transaction is not less than \$161.5 million but is less than \$500 million.

- 6. "A" acquires coal reserves from "B" valued at \$150 million. No notification or filing fee is required because the acquisition is exempted by § 802.3(b). Three months later, A proposes to acquire additional coal reserves from "B" valued at \$500 million. This transaction is subject to the notification requirements of the act because the value of the acquisition exceeds the \$200 million limitation on the exemption in § 802.3(b). As a result of § 801.13(b)(2)(ii), the prior \$150 million acquisition must be added because the additional \$500 million of coal reserves were acquired from the same person within 180 days of the initial acquisition. Because aggregating the two acquisitions exceeds the \$200 million exemption limitation, § 801.15(b) directs that "A" will also hold the previously exempt \$150 million acquisition; thus, the aggregate amount held as a result of the \$500 million acquisition exceeds \$500 million. Accordingly, "A" must file notification to acquire the coal reserves valued in excess of \$500 million), but less than \$1 billion and pay a filing fee of \$250,000.
- 7. In 2023, "A" intends to acquire 20 percent of the voting securities of B, a non-publicly traded issuer. The agreed upon acquisition price is \$\$160.5 million subject to post-closing adjustments of up to plus or minus \$2 million. "A" estimates that the adjustments will be minus \$1 million. In this example, since "A" is able in good faith to reasonably estimate the adjustments to the agreed-on price, the acquisition price is deemed to be determined and the appropriate filing fee threshold is \$50 million (as adjusted). Even if the post-closing adjustments cause the final price actually paid to exceed \$161.5 million, "A" would be deemed to hold \$159.5 million in B voting securities as a result of this acquisition. Note, that any additional acquisition by "A" of B voting may trigger another filing and require the appropriate fee.
- 8. "A" intends to make a cash tender offer for a minimum of 50 percent plus one share of the voting securities of B, a non-publicly traded issuer, but will accept up to 100 percent of the shares if they are tendered. There are 12 million shares of B voting stock outstanding and the tender offer price is \$100 per share. In this instance, since there is no cap on the number of shares that can be tendered, the value of the transaction will be the value of 100 percent of B's voting securities, and "A" must pay the \$400,000 fee for the \$1 billion filing fee threshold. Note that if the tender offer had been for a maximum of 50 percent plus one share the

value of the transaction would be \$600 million, and the appropriate fee would be \$250,000, based on the \$500 million filing fee threshold. This would be true even if the tender offer were to be followed by a merger which would be exempt under Section 7A(c)(3),

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Amend the Appendix A to Part 803—Notification and Report Form for Certain
 Mergers and Acquisitions by updating the fee tiers.

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NOTIFICATION AND REPORT FORM FOR CERTAIN MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS	3084-0005

Attach the Affidavit required by § 803.5 to the Form.

THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE SUPPLIED ON THESE ANSWER SHEETS IS SPECIFIED IN THE INSTRUCTIONS

THIS FORM IS REQUIRED BY LAW and must be filed separately by each person which, by reason of a merger, consolidation or acquisition, is subject to §7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. §18a, as added by Section 201 of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, Pub. L. No. 94-435, 90 Stat. 1390, and rules promulgated thereunder (hereinafter referred to as "the rules" or by section number). The statute and rules are set forth in the *Federal Register* at 43 FR 33450; the rules may also be found at 16 CFR Parts 801-03. Failure to file this **Notification and Report Form**, and to observe the required waiting period before consummating the acquisition in accordance with the applicable provisions of 15 U.S.C. §18a and the rules, subjects any "person," as defined in the rules, or any individuals responsible for noncompliance, to liability for a penalty for each day during which such person is in violation of 15 U.S.C. §18a. The maximum daily civil penalty amount is listed in 16 C.F.R. §1.98(a).

Pursuant to the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act, information and documentary material filed in or with this Form is confidential. It is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, and may be made public only in an administrative or judicial proceeding, or disclosed to Congress or to a duly authorized committee or subcommittee of Congress.

DISCLOSURE NOTICE - Public reporting burden for this report is estimated to vary from 8 to 160 hours per response, with an average of 37 hours per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this report, including suggestions for reducing this burden to:

Premerger Notification Office, Federal Trade Commission, 400 7th St. SW, Room #5301, Washington, DC 20024 and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503

Under the **Paperwork Reduction Act**, as amended, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. That number is 3084-0005, which also appears above.

Privacy Act Statement—Section 18a(a) of Title 15 of the U.S. Code authorizes the collection of this information. Our authority to collect Social Security numbers is 31 U.S.C. 7701. The primary use of information submitted on this Form is to determine whether the reported merger or acquisition may violate the antitrust laws. Taxpayer information is collected, used, and may be shared with other agencies and contractors for payment processing, debt collection and reporting purposes. Furnishing the information on the Form is voluntary. Consummation of an acquisition required to be reported by the statute cited above without having provided this information may, however, render a person liable to civil penalties up to the amount listed in 16 C.F.R. §1.98(a) per day. We also may be unable to process the Form unless you provide all of the requested information.

This page may be omitted when submitting the Form.

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ENDNOTES

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6. Amend the Appendix B to Part 803—Instructions to Notification and Report

Form for Certain Mergers and Acquisitions by amending the "Fee Information"

section on page II of the instructions to note that fees, in addition to fee tiers, will
adjust beginning in fiscal year 2024; and removing the fee table.

ANTITRUST IMPROVEMENTS ACT NOTIFICATION AND REPORT FORM for Certain Mergers and Acquisitions

INSTRUCTIONS OMB: 3084-0005

GENERAL

The Notification and Report Form ("the Form") is required to be submitted pursuant to § 803.1(a) of the premerger notification rules, 16 CFR Parts 801-803 ("the Rules"). These instructions specify the information that must be provided in response to the items on the Form.

Information

The central office for information and assistance concerning the Form and the Rules is:

Premerger Notification Office
Federal Trade Commission, Room #5301
400 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024
Phone: (202) 326-3100
E-mail: HSRhelp@ftc.gov

Copies of the Form, Instructions and Rules as well as information to assist in completing the Form are available at the PNO website.

Definitions

The definitions used in this Form are set forth in the Rules. See Statute. Rules and Formal Interpretations for copies of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act ("the Act"), the Rules, and the Federal Register Notices issuing the Rules and Rule amendments ("Statements of Basis and Purpose").

The term "documentary attachments" refers \underline{onlv} to materials submitted in response to Item 3(b), Item 4 and to submissions pursuant to § 803.1(b) of the Rules.

The terms "person filing" or "filing person" mean the ultimate parent entity ("UPE"). (See § 801.1(a)(3)). The terms are used herein interchangeably.

Filing

Parties should file the completed Form, together with all documentary attachments, with the Premerger Notification Office ("PNO") of the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") and the Premerger Unit of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice ("DOJ") (together, "the Agencies"). Filers have the option of submitting a <u>DVD filing</u> or a <u>paper filing</u>. Filings should be submitted to:

Premerger Notification Office Federal Trade Commission, Room #5301 400 7th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20024

and

Department of Justice Antitrust Division Premerger and Division Statistics Unit 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Suite 1100 Washington, D.C. 20530

If one or both delivery sites are unavailable, the Agencies may announce alternate sites for delivery through the media and, if possible, at the <u>PNO website</u>.

If submitting a DVD filing

1) Provide the FTC with:

TWO (2) DVDs, each containing the Form, affidavit, certification and all documentary attachments, along with the original hard copies of the cover letter, certification and affidavit.

2) Provide DOJ with:

TWO (2) DVDs containing the same content as above, along with THREE (3) hard copies of the cover letter.

The Form must be a searchable PDF document. All other files must be in searchable PDF or MS Excel spreadsheet format and saved in color, if applicable. This includes the affidavit and certification.

Label each DVD with the name of the person filing, the name of a contact person and that person's phone number. Leave space on the DVD for the Agencies to write the assigned transaction number and date of receipt.

If the DVD or files contain viruses, passwords, or are not readable, the filing will not be accepted and the waiting period will not start.

For further instructions on DVD filing and specific DVD requirements, go to <u>HSR Resources</u> on the <u>PNO website</u>.

If submitting a paper filing

1) Provide the FTC with:

ONE (1) original and ONE (1) copy of the Form, certification page and affidavit, <u>along with</u> an original cover letter and ONE (1) set of documentary attachments.

2) Provide DOJ with:

TWO (2) copies of the Form, certification page and affidavit, <u>along with</u> THREE (3) copies of the cover letter, and ONE (1) set of documentary attachments.

Affidavits

Affidavit(s) are required by \S 803.5 and must attest to the good faith of the persons filing to complete the transaction. Affidavits must be notarized or use the language found in 28 U.S.C. \S 1746 relating to unsworn declarations under penalty of perjury. If an entity is filing on behalf of the acquiring or acquired person, the affidavit must still attest to the good faith of the UPE.

In non-§ 801.30 transactions, the affidavit(s) (submitted by both persons filing) must attest that a contract, agreement in principle or letter of intent to merge or acquire has been executed, and further attest to the good faith intention of the person filing notification to complete the transaction. (See § 803.5(b)).

In § 801.30 transactions, the affidavit (submitted \underline{onlv} by the acquiring person) must attest:

- that the issuer whose voting securities or the unincorporated entity whose non-corporate interests are to be acquired has received notice, as described below, from the acquiring person;
- in the case of a tender offer, that the intention to make the tender offer has been publicly announced; and

 the good faith intention of the person filing notification to complete the transaction.

Acquiring persons in § 801.30 transactions are required to submit a copy of the notice received by the acquired person pursuant to § 803.5(a)(3) along with the filling. This notice must include:

- the identity of the acquiring person and the fact that the acquiring person intends to acquire voting securities of the issuer or non-corporate interests of the unincorporated entity;
- the specific notification threshold that the acquiring person intends to meet or exceed in an acquisition of voting securities:
- the fact that the acquisition may be subject to the Act, and that the acquiring person will file notification under the Act;
- the anticipated date of receipt of such notification by the Agencies; and
- 5) the fact that the person within which the issuer or unincorporated entity is included may be required to file notification under the Act. (See § 803.5(a)).

Responses

Enter the name of the person filing notification in Item 1(a) on page 1 of the Form, and enter the same name and the date on which the Form is completed at the top of each page of the Form.

If there is insufficient room on the Form for a response to a particular item, attach "additional pages" behind that item on the Form. Filers must submit a complete set of additional pages within each copy of the Form.

Each additional page should identify, at the top of the page, the name of the person filing notification, the date on which the Form is completed and the item to which it is addressed.

Voluntary submissions pursuant to § 803.1(b) should be identified as V-1, V-2, etc.

If unable to answer any item fully, provide such information as is available and a statement of reasons for non-compliance as required by § 803.3. If exact answers to any item cannot be given, enter best estimates and indicate the source or basis of such estimates. Add an endnote with the notation "est." to any item where data are estimated.

All financial information should be expressed in millions of dollars rounded to the nearest one-tenth of a million dollars.

Limited Resnanse

The acquired person should limit its response in Items 5-7:

- in the case of an acquisition of <u>assets</u>, to the assets being acquired;
- in the case of an acquisition of <u>voting securities</u>, to the issuer(s) whose voting securities are being acquired and all entities controlled by such acquired entities; and
- in the case of an acquisition of non-corporate interests, to the unincorporated entity(s) whose non-corporate interests are being acquired and all entities controlled by such acquired entities.

Separate responses may be required where a person is both acquiring and acquired. (See § 803.2(b)).

Information need not be supplied regarding assets, voting securities or non-corporate interests currently being acquired

when their acquisition is exempt under the Act or Rules. (See \S 803.2(c)).

Year

All references to "year" refer to calendar year. If data are not available on a calendar year basis, supply the requested data for the fiscal year reporting period that most nearly corresponds to the calendar year specified. References to "most recent year" mean the most recent calendar or fiscal year for which the requested information is available.

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and North American Product Classification System (NAPCS) Data The Form requests "dollar revenues" for non-manufactured and manufactured products with respect to operations conducted within the United States, and for products manufactured outside of the United States and sold into the United States. (See § 803.2(d)). Filing persons must submit data by 6-digit NAICS code to reflect both non-manufacturing and manufacturing dollar revenues. To the extent that dollar revenues are derived from manufacturing operations (NAICS Sectors 31-33), filing persons must also submit data by 10-digit NAPCS code. (See Item 5

In reporting information by 6-digit NAICS code, refer to the *North American Industry Classification System - United States*, 2017 published by the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget.

In reporting information by 10-digit NAPCS code, refer to the concordance tables between 2012 product codes and 2017 NAPCS-based product codes published by the Bureau of the Census.

Information regarding NAICS and NAPCS is available at www.census.gov. This site also provides assistance in choosing the proper code(s) for reporting in Item 5 of the Form.

Thresholds

Filing fee and notification thresholds are adjusted annually pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 18A(a)(2)(A) based on the change in gross national product, in accordance with 15 U.S.C. § 19(a)(5). The current threshold values can be found at Current Filing Thresholds.

END OF GENERAL SECTION

Online Style Sheet for the Form

Online Tips for the Form

THE FORM - ITEM BY ITEM

Fee Information

The fee for filing the Form is based on the aggregate total value of assets, voting securities and controlling non-corporate interests to be held as a result of the acquisition. Beginning fiscal year 2024, the fee tiers will adjust by the change in the gross national product and the fees may increase as a result of changes to the consumer price index, as provided in 15 U.S.C. 18(a) statutory

For current thresholds and fee information, see the PNO website.

Indicate the amount of the filing fee paid. This amount should be net of any banking or financial institution charges.

Payer Identification

Provide the payer's name and 9-digit Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). If the payer is a natural person with no TIN, provide the natural person's social security number.

Method of Payment

The preferred method of payment is by electronic wire transfer (EWT). For EWT payments, provide the EWT confirmation number and the name of the financial institution from which the EWT is being sent. If the EWT confirmation number is not available at the time of filing, provide this information to the PNO within two business days of filing.

In order for the FTC to track payment, the payer must provide information required by the Fedwire Instructions to the financial institution initiating the EWT. A template of the Fedwire Instructions is available at the PNO website on the Filing Fee Information page.

There are now specific, limited criteria for paying by certified check. Please see the Filing Fee Information page for details.

Corrective Filings

Put an X in the appropriate box to indicate whether the notification is a corrective filing (i.e., an acquisition that has already taken place without filing, in violation of the statute). See Procedures for Submitting Post-Consummation Filings for more information on how to proceed in the case of a corrective filing.

Cash Tender Offer

Put an X in the appropriate box to indicate whether the acquisition is a cash tender offer.

Bankruptcy

Put an X in the appropriate box to indicate whether the acquired person's filing is being made by a trustee in bankruptcy or by a debtor-in-possession for a transaction that is subject to Section 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. § 363)

Early Termination

Put an X in the "yes" box to request early termination of the waiting period. Notification of each grant of early termination will be published in the Federal Register, as required by 15 U.S.C. § 18A(b)(2), and on the PNO website. Note that if either party in any transaction requests early termination, it may be granted and published

Transactions Subject to International Antitrust Notification

If, to the knowledge or belief of the filing person at the time of filing, a non-U.S. antitrust or competition authority has been or will be notified of the proposed transaction, list the name of each such authority. Response to this item is voluntary

Index of Hyperlinks in these Instructions:

PNO website: https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/premergernotification-program

Statute, Rules and Formal Interpretations:

https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/premerger-notificationprogram/statute-rules-formal-interpretations

<u>HSR Resources</u>: https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/premerger-notificationprogram/hsr-resources

Current Filing Thresholds:

https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/premerger-notificationprogram/current-thresholds

Online Style Sheet for the Form:

https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/premerger-notificationprogram/form-instructions/style-sheet

Online Tips for the Form: https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/attachments/forminstructions/hsr_form_tip_sheet_1.0.5.pdf

Filing Fee Information:

https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/premerger-notificationprogram/filing-fee-information

Procedures for Submitting Post-Consummation Filings: https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/premerger-notificationprogram/post-consummation-filings-hsr-violations

Online Tips for Item 4(c): https://www.ftc.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/hsrresources/4ctipsheet.pdf

Online Tips for Item 4(d): https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/premerger-notificationprogram/hsr-resources/pno-guidance-item-4d

Online Tips for Item 5:

https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/premerger-notificationprogram/hsr-resources/reporting-revenues-item-5

Online Tips for Item 6:

https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/premerger-notificationprogram/hsr-resources/tips-completing-item-6-hsr-form

Online Tips for Item 7:

https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/premerger-notificationprogram/hsr-resources/tips-completing-item-7-hsr-form

ITEM 1

Item 1(a)

Provide the name, headquarters address and website (if one exists) of the person filing notification. The name of the person filing is the name of the UPE. (See § 801.1(a)(3)).

Item 1(b)

Indicate whether the person filing notification is an acquiring person, an acquired person, or both an acquiring and acquired person. (See § 801.2).

Item 1(c)

Put an X in the appropriate box to indicate whether the person in Item 1(a) is a corporation, unincorporated entity, natural person, or other (specify). (See § 801.1).

Put an X in the appropriate box to indicate whether data furnished in Item 5 is by calendar year or fiscal year. If fiscal year, specify the time period.

Put an X in the appropriate box to indicate if the Form is being filed on behalf of the UPE by another entity within the same person authorized by it to file notification on its behalf pursuant to § 803.2(a), or if the Form is being filed pursuant to § 803.4 on behalf of a foreign person. Then provide the name and mailing address of the entity filing notification on behalf of the filing person named in Item 1(a) of the Form.

Item 1(f)

For the acquiring person, if an entity other than the UPE listed in Item 1(a) is making the acquisition, provide the name and mailing address of that entity and the percentage of its voting securities or non-corporate interests held directly or indirectly by the person named in Item 1(a) above

For the acquired person, if the assets, voting securities or noncorporate interests of an entity other than the UPE listed in Item 1(a) are being acquired, provide the name and mailing address of that entity and the percentage of its voting securities or noncorporate interests held directly or indirectly by the person named in Item 1(a) above.

Item 1(g)

Provide the name and title, firm name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the primary and secondary individuals to contact regarding the Form. <u>A second contact</u> person is required. (See § 803.20(b)(2)(ii)).

Item 1(h)

Foreign filing persons must provide the name, firm name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of an individual located in the United States designated for the limited purpose of receiving notice of the issuance of a request for additional information or documentary material. (See § 803.20(b)(2)(iii)).

Note: The Form has fields for fax numbers in Item 1. Providing fax numbers is no longer necessary. The fields will be deleted during the next update of the HSR Form.

END OF ITEM 1

ITEM 2

Item 2(a)

Provide the names of all UPEs of acquiring and acquired persons that are parties to the transaction, whether or not they are required to file notification. If a person is not required to file, check the non-reportable box.

Item 2(b)

Put an X in all the boxes that apply to the transaction.

This item should only be completed by the acquiring person where voting securities are being acquired. If more than voting securities are being acquired, respond to this item only regarding voting securities. Put an X in the box to indicate the highest applicable threshold for which notification is being filed: \$50 million (as adjusted), \$100 million (as adjusted), \$500 million (as adjusted), 25% (if the value of voting securities to be held is greater than \$1 billion, as adjusted), or 50%. (See § 801.1(h)).

Note that the 50% notification threshold is the highest threshold and should be used for any acquisition of 50% or more of the voting securities of an issuer, regardless of the value of the voting securities. For instance, an acquisition of 100% of the voting securities of an issuer, valued in excess of \$500 million (as adjusted) would cross the 50% notification threshold, not the \$500 million (as adjusted) threshold.

Item 2(d)

Provide the requested information on assets, voting securities and non-corporate interests. If a combination of assets, voting securities and/or non-corporate interests are being acquired and allocation is not possible, note such information in an endnote

For determining percentage of voting securities, evaluate total voting power per § 801.12.

For determining percentage of non-corporate interests, evaluate the economic interests per § 801.1(b)(1)(ii).

State the value of voting securities already held. (See § 801.10).

Item 2(d)(ii)

State the percentage of voting securities already held. (See § 801.12).

Item 2(d)(iii)

State the total value of voting securities to be held as a result of the acquisition. (See § 801.10).

State the total percentage of voting securities to be held as a result of the acquisition. (See § 801.12).

Item 2(d)(v)

State the value of non-corporate interests already held. (See § 801.10)

Item 2(d)(vi)

State the percentage of non-corporate interests already held. (See § 801.1(b)(1)(ii)).

Item 2(d)(vii)

State the total value of non-corporate interests to be held as a result of the acquisition. (See § 801.10).

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Item 2(d)(viii)

State the total percentage of non-corporate interests to be held as a result of the acquisition. (See §§ 801.10 and 801.1(b)(1)(ii)).

Item 2(d)(ix)
State the value of assets to be held as a result of the acquisition. (See § 801.10).

Item 2(d)(x)

State the aggregate total value of assets, voting securities and non-corporate interests of the acquired person to be held as a result of the acquisition. (See §§ 801.10, 801.12, 801.13 and 801.14).

END OF ITEM 2

Most Common Mistakes When Completing the **HSR Form**

- Noncompliant affidavit
- Missing contact information in Item 1(g)
- Failure to describe target in Item 3(a)
- Incomplete privilege log
- Failure to properly identify authors and recipients of Item 4c/4d documents
- Failure to properly round revenues in Item 5 to nearest tenth of a million and failure to list in ascending order
- Failure to provide required geographic information (e.g., state, county, and city or town) in Item 7(c)(iv)(b)
- Failure to provide the total number of states and territories in response to Item

ITEM 3

Item 3(a)

At the top of Item 3(a), list the name and mailing address of each acquiring and acquired person, and acquiring and acquired entity, whether or not required to file notification. It is not necessary to list every subsidiary wholly-owned owned by an acquired entity.

In the Transaction Description section, briefly describe the transaction, indicating whether assets, voting securities or noncorporate interests (or some combination) are to be acquired. Describe the business operation(s) being acquired. If assets, describe the assets and whether they comprise a business operation. Also, indicate what consideration will be received by each party and the scheduled consummation date of the transaction

If any attached transaction documents use coded names to refer to the parties, please provide an index identifying the codes.

If there are additional filings, such as shareholder backside filings, associated with the transaction, identify those. Also, identify any special circumstances that apply to the filing, such as whether part of the transaction is exempt under one of the exemptions found in Part 802.

Item 3(b)

Furnish copies of all documents that constitute the agreement(s) among the acquiring person(s) and the person(s) whose assets, voting securities or non-corporate interests are to be acquired. Also furnish agreements not to compete and other agreements between the parties. Do not submit schedules and the like unless they contain agreements not to compete, other agreements between the parties, or other important terms of the transaction. For purposes of Item 3(b), responsive documents must be submitted; identifying an internet address or providing a link is not sufficient.

Documents that constitute the agreement(s) (e.g., a Letter of Intent, Merger Agreement, Purchase and Sale Agreement) must be executed, while agreements not to compete may be provided in draft form if that is the most recent version.

If parties are filing on an executed Letter of Intent, they may also submit a draft of the definitive agreement, if one exists

Note that transactions subject to § 801.30 and bankruptcies under 11 U.S.C. § 363 do not require an executed agreement or letter of intent. For bankruptcies, provide the order from the bankruptcy court.

END OF ITEM 3

ITEM 4

Item 4(a)

Provide the names of all entities within the person filing notification, including the UPE, that file annual reports (Form 10-K or Form 20-F) with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, and provide the Central Index Key (CIK) number for each entity.

Item 4(b

Provide the most recent annual reports and/or annual audit reports (or, if audited is unavailable, unaudited) of the person filing notification.

The <u>acquiring person</u> should also provide the most recent reports of the acquiring entity(s) and any controlled entity whose dollar revenues contribute to an overlap reported in Item 7.

The <u>acquired person</u> should also provide the most recent reports of the acquired entity(s).

<u>Natural persons</u> need only provide the most recent reports for the highest level entity(s) they control. <u>Do not</u> provide personal balance sheets or tax returns.

If the most recent reports do not show sales or assets sufficient to meet the size of person test, and the size of person test is relevant given the size of the transaction, the filing person must stipulate in Item 4(b) that it meets the test.

Note that the person filing notification may incorporate a document by reference to an internet address directly linking to the document. (See § 803.2(e)).

Items 4(c) and 4(d)

For each document responsive to Items 4(c) and 4(d), provide the

- 1) document's title;
- 2) date of preparation; and
- 3) name and title of each individual who prepared the

If a specific date is not available, indicate the month and year the document was prepared.

If a large group of people prepared the document, list all the authors and their titles, identifying the principal authors.

Alternatively, it is acceptable to indicate that the document was prepared under the supervision of the lead author and to provide the name and title of that author. If a third party prepared the document, the date of preparation and the name of the third party will suffice.

Num bering

Number each document provided in response to Items 4(c) and 4(d). Number 4(c) documents 4(c)-1, 4(c)-2, 4(c)-3, etc. Likewise, number 4(d) documents 4(d)-1, 4(d)-2, 4(d)-3, etc., regardless of the three sub-categories within Item 4(d). If providing only one document, identify it as 4(c)-1 or 4(d)-1.

When submitting a document responsive to both 4(c) and 4(d), list it only <u>once</u>, under 4(c) <u>or</u> 4(d). If a document is responsive to both 4(c) and 4(d), do not cross-reference.

Privilege

Note that if the filing person withholds or redacts portions of any document responsive to Items 4(c) and 4(d) based on a claim of privilege, the person must provide a statement of reasons for noncompliance (a "privilege log") detailing the claim of privilege for each withheld or redacted document. (See § 803.3(d)).

For each document, include the:

- 1) title of the document;
- 2) its author;
- author's title/position;
- 4) addressee;
- 5) addressee's title/position:
- 6) date:
- 7) subject matter;
- 8) all recipients of the original and any copies;
- recipients' titles/positions;
- 10) document's present location; and
- 11) who has control over it.

Additionally, the filing person must state the factual basis supporting the privilege claim in sufficient detail to enable staff to assess the validity of the claim for each document without disclosing the protected information.

If a privileged document was circulated to a group, such as the Board or an investment committee, the name of the group is sufficient, but the filing person should be prepared to disclose the names and titles/positions of the individual group members, if requested. If the claim of privilege is based on advice from inside and/or outside counsel, the name of the inside and/or outside counsel providing the advice (and the law firm, if applicable) must be provided. If several lawyers participated in providing advice, identifying lead counsel is sufficient. In identifying who controls a document, the name of the law firm is sufficient.

When creating a privilege log, use a separate numbering system for withheld documents, such as P-1, P-2, etc. Redacted documents should also be listed in a separate log that complies with § 803.3(d).

Item 4(c)

Provide all studies, surveys, analyses and reports which were prepared by or for any officer(s) or director(s) (or, in the case of unincorporated entities, individuals exercising similar functions) for the purpose of evaluating or analyzing the acquisition with respect to market shares, competition, competitors, markets, potential for sales growth or expansion into product or geographic markets.

Item 4(d) Item 4(d)(i)

Provide all Confidential Information Memoranda prepared by or for any officer(s) or director(s) (or, in the case of unincorporated entities, individuals exercising similar functions) of the UPE of the acquiring or acquired person or of the acquiring or acquired entity(s) that specifically relate to the sale of the acquired entity(s)

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or assets. If no such Confidential Information Memorandum exists, submit any document(s) given to any officer(s) or director(s) of the buyer meant to serve the function of a Confidential Information Memorandum. This does not include ordinary course documents and/or financial data shared in the course of due diligence, except to the extent that such materials served the purpose of a Confidential Information Memorandum when no such Confidential Information Memorandum exists. Documents responsive to this item are limited to those produced up to one year before the date of filing.

Item 4(d)(ii)

Provide all studies, surveys, analyses and reports prepared by investment bankers, consultants or other third party advisors ("third party advisors") for any officer(s) or director(s) (or, in the case of unincorporated entities, individuals exercising similar functions) of the UPE of the acquiring or acquired person or of the acquiring or acquired entity(s) for the purpose of evaluating or analyzing market shares, competition, competitors, markets, potential for sales growth or expansion into product or geographic markets that specifically relate to the sale of the acquired entity(s) or assets. This item requires only materials developed by third party advisors during an engagement or for the purpose of seeking an engagement. Documents responsive to this item are limited to those produced up to one year before the date of filing.

Item 4(d)(iii)

Provide all studies, surveys, analyses and reports evaluating or analyzing synergies and/or efficiencies prepared by or for any officer(s) or director(s) (or, in the case of unincorporated entities, individuals exercising similar functions) for the purpose of evaluating or analyzing the acquisition. Financial models without stated assumptions need not be provided in response to this item.

END OF ITEM 4

Tip for Item 4

If there is insufficient room on the Form for a response, attach "additional pages" behind that item on the Form. (See Responses on page II).

Online Tips for Item 4(c)

Online Tips for Item 4(d)

ITEMS 5 THROUGH 7

Limited response for acquired person. For Items 5 through 7, the <u>acquired person</u> should limit its response in the case of an acquisition of:

- 1) assets, to the assets to be acquired;
- voting securities, to the issuer(s) whose voting securities are being acquired and all entities controlled by such issuer; and/or
- non-corporate interests, to the unincorporated entity(s) being acquired and all entities controlled by such unincorporated entity(s).

A person filing as both acquiring and acquired persons may be required to provide a separate response to Items 5 through 7 in each capacity so that it can properly limit its response as an acquired person. (See §§ 803.2(b) and (c)).

ITEM 5

This item requests information regarding dollar revenues. (See NAICS and NAPCS Data section on page II). All persons must submit all dollar revenues at the 6-digit NAICS industry code level. To the extent that dollar revenues are derived from manufacturing operations (NAICS Sectors 31-33), filers must also submit revenue by 10-digit NAPCS code. Concordance tables between 2012 10-digit NAICS codes and 10-digit 2017 NAPCS codes are available at: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/economic-census/guidance/understanding-napcs.html.

List all NAICS and NAPCS codes in ascending order.

Acquiring persons filing notification should include the total dollar revenues for all entities included within the person filing notification at the time the Form is prepared. Acquired persons filing notification should include the total dollar revenues for all entities included within the acquired entity at the time the Form is prepared. If no dollar revenues are reported, check the "None" box and provide a brief explanation.

Item 5(a

Provide 6-digit NAICS industry data concerning the aggregate U.S. operations of the person filing notification for the most recent year in all NAICS Sectors in which the person engaged. If the dollar revenues for a non-manufacturing NAICS code totaled less than one million dollars in the most recent year, that code may be omitted from Item 5(a).

Additionally, provide 10-digit NAPCS product code data for each product code within all <u>manufacturing</u> NAICS Sectors (31-33) in which the person engaged in the U.S., including dollar revenues for each product manufactured outside the U.S. but sold into the U.S. Sales of any manufactured product should be reported in a manufacturing code, even if sold through a separate warehouse or retail establishment.

If such data have not been compiled for the most recent year, estimates of dollar revenues by 6-digit NAICS codes and 10-digit NAPCS codes may be provided.

Check the Overlap box for every 6-digit manufacturing and nonmanufacturing NAICS code and every 10-digit NAPCS code in which both parties to the transaction generate dollar revenues.

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Item 5(b)

Complete only if the acquisition is the formation of a joint venture corporation or unincorporated entity. (See §§ 801.40 and 801.50). If the acquisition is not the formation of a joint venture, check the "Not Applicable" box.

Item 5(b)(i)

List the contributions that each person forming the joint venture corporation or unincorporated entity has agreed to make, specifying when each contribution is to be made and the value of the contribution as agreed by the contributors.

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Describe fully the consideration that each person forming the joint venture corporation or unincorporated entity will receive in exchange for its contribution(s).

Item 5(b)(iii)

Describe generally the business in which the joint venture corporation or unincorporated entity will engage, including its principal types of products or activities, and the geographic areas in which it will do business.

Item 5(b)(iv)

Identify each 6-digit NAICS industry code in which the joint venture corporation or unincorporated entity will derive dollar revenues. If the joint venture corporation or unincorporated entity will be engaged in manufacturing, also specify each 10-digit NAPCS product code in which it will derive dollar revenues.

END OF ITEM 5

Tip for Item 5

Remember, all financial information should be expressed in millions of dollars, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of a million dollars.

Online Tips for Item 5

ITEM 6

An acquired person does not complete Item 6 if the transaction involves only the acquisition of assets. If the transaction involves a mix of assets along with voting securities and/or non-corporate interests, the acquired person must complete Item 6 as related to the voting securities and non-corporate interests.

Item 6(a)

Subsidiaries of filing person. List the name, city and state/country of all U.S. entities, and all foreign entities that have sales in or into the U.S., that are included within the person filing notification. Entities with total assets of less than \$10 million may be omitted. Alternatively, the filing person may report all entities within it.

Item 6(b

Minority shareholders. For the acquired entity(s) and for the acquiring entity(s) and its UPE or, in the case of natural persons, the top-level corporate or unincorporated entity(s) within that UPE, list the name and headquarters mailing address of each shareholder that holds 5% or more but less than 50% of the outstanding voting securities or non-corporate interests of the entity, and the percentage of voting securities or non-corporate interests held by that person. (See § 801.1(c))

For limited partnerships, only the general partner(s), regardless of percentage held, should be listed.

Item 6/c

Minority holdings. Item 6(c) requires the disclosure of holdings of 5% or more but less than 50%, of any entity(s) that derives dollar revenues in any 6-digit NAICS code reported by the other person filing notification. Holdings in those entities that have total assets of less than \$10 million may be omitted.

The acquiring person may rely on its regularly prepared financials that list its investments, and those of its associates that list their investments, to respond to Items 6(c)(i) and (ii), provided the financials are no more than three months old.

If NAICS codes are unavailable, holdings in entities that have operations in the same industry, based on the knowledge or belief of the acquiring person, should be listed. In responding to Items 6(c)(i) and 6(c)(ii), it is permissible for the acquiring person to list all entities in which it or its associate(s) holds 5% or more but less than 50% of the voting securities of any issuer or non-corporate interests of any unincorporated entity. Holdings in those entities that have total assets of less than \$10 million may be omitted.

Item 6(c)(i)

Minority holdings of filing person. If the person filing notification holds 5% or more but less than 50% of the voting securities of any issuer or non-corporate interests of any unincorporated entity, list the issuer and percentage of voting securities held, or in the case of an unincorporated entity, list the unincorporated entity and the percentage of non-corporate interests held.

The <u>acquiring person should limit its response</u>, based on its knowledge or belief, to entities that derived dollar revenues in the most recent year from operations in industries within any 6-digit NAICS industry code in which the acquired entity(s) or assets also derived dollar revenues in the most recent year.

The <u>acquired person should limit its response</u>, based on its knowledge or belief, to entities that derive dollar revenues in the

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same 6-digit NAICS industry code as the acquiring person.

Item 6(c)(ii)

Minority holdings of associates.

This item should only be completed by the acquiring person. Based on the knowledge or belief of the acquiring person, for each associate (see § 801.1(d)(2)) of the acquiring person holding:

- 5% or more but less than 50% of the voting securities or non-corporate interests of the acquired entity(s); <u>and/or</u>
- 2) 5% or more but less than 50% of the voting securities of any issuer or non-corporate interests of any unincorporated entity that derived dollar revenues in the most recent year from operations in industries within any 6-digit NAICS industry code in which the acquired entity(s) or assets also derived dollar revenues in the most recent year;

list the associate, the issuer or unincorporated entity and the percentage held.

END OF ITEM 6

Tip for Item 6(c)

Remember, if NAICS codes are unavailable, holdings in entities that have operations in the same industry, based on the knowledge or belief of the acquiring person, should be listed.

Online Tips for Item 6

ITEM 7

If, to the knowledge or belief of the person filing notification, the acquiring person, or any associate (see § 801.1(d)(2)) of the acquiring person, derived any amount of dollar revenues (even if omitted from Item 5) in the most recent year from operations:

- in industries within any 6-digit NAICS industry code in which any acquired entity that is a party to the acquisition also derived <u>any amount</u> of dollar revenues in the most recent year; <u>or</u>
- in which a joint venture corporation or unincorporated entity will derive dollar revenues;

then for each such 6-digit NAICS industry code follow the instructions below for this section.

Note that if the acquired entity is a joint venture, the only overlaps that should be reported are those between the assets to be held by the joint venture and any assets of the acquiring person or its associates <u>not</u> contributed to the joint venture.

Also, if the acquiring person reports an associate overlap only, the acquired person does not need to respond to Item 7.

Item 7(a)

Industry Code Overlap Information

Provide the 6-digit NAICS industry code and description for the industry, and indicate whether the overlap is from the person, an associate or both.

Item 7(b)

Item 7(b)(i)

If the $\dot{\text{UPE}}$ of the other person(s) filing notification derived dollar revenues in the same 6-digit industry code(s) listed in Item 7(a), list the name of that UPE and the name of the entity(s) within that UPE that actually derived those dollar revenues, if different from the entity(s) listed in Item 3(a).

Item 7(b)(ii)

This item should only be completed by the acquiring person. List the name of each associate of the acquiring person that also derived dollar revenues through a controlled operating company(s) in the 6-digit industry and, if different, the name of the entity(s) that actually derived those dollar revenues.

Item 7(c)

Geographic Market Information

Use the 2-digit postal codes for states and territories and provide the total number of states and territories at the end of the response

Note that except in the case of those NAICS industries in the Sectors and Subsectors mentioned in Item T(o)(v)(b), the person filling notification may respond with the word "national" if business is conducted in all 50 states.

Item 7(c)(i)

NAICS Sectors 31-33

For each 6-digit NAICS industry code within NAICS Sectors 31-33 (manufacturing industries) listed in Item 7(a), list the relevant geographic information in which, to the knowledge or belief of the person filing the notification, the products in that 6-digit NAICS industry code produced by the person filing notification are sold without a significant change in their form (whether they are sold by the person filing notification or by others to whom such products have been sold or resold). Except for industries covered

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by Item 7(c)(iv)(b), the relevant geographic information is all states or, if desired, portions thereof.

Item 7(c)(ii)

NAICS Sector 42

For each 6-digit NAICS industry code within NAICS Sector 42 (wholesale trade) listed in Item 7(a), list the states or, if desired, portions thereof in which the customers of the person filing notification are located.

Item 7(c)(iii)

NAICS Industry Group 5241
For each 6-digit NAICS industry code within NAICS Industry
Group 5241 (insurance carriers) listed in Item 7(a), list the state(s) in which the person filing notification is licensed to write insurance.

Item 7(c)(iv)(a)

Other NAICS Sectors

For each 6-digit NAICS industry code listed in item 7(a) within the NAICS Sectors or Subsectors below, list the states or, if desired, portions thereof in which the person filing notification conducts such operations.

11	agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting
21	mining
22	utilities
23	construction
48-49	transportation and warehousing
511	publishing industries
515	broadcasting
517	telecommunications
71	arts, entertainment and recreation

Item 7(c)(iv)(b)

For each 6-digit NAICS industry code listed in item 7(a) within the NAICS Sectors or Subsectors below, provide the address, arranged by state, county and city or town, of each establishment from which dollar revenues were derived in the most recent year by the person filing notification.

2123 32512 32732	nonmetallic mineral mining and quarrying industrial gases concrete
32733	concrete products
44-45	retail trade, except 442 (furniture and home furnishings stores), and 443 (electronics and appliance stores)
512	motion picture and sound recording industries
521	monetary authorities - central bank
522	credit intermediation and related activities
532	rental and leasing services
62	health care and social assistance
72	accommodations and food services, <u>except</u> 7212 (recreational vehicle parks and
	recreational camps), and 7213 (rooming and boarding houses)
811	repair and maintenance, except 8114 (personal and household goods repair and maintenance)
812	personal and laundry services

Item 7(c)(iv)(c)

For each 6-digit NAICS industry code listed in item 7(a) within the NAICS Sectors or Subsectors below, list the states or, if desired, portions thereof in which the person filing notification conducts such operations.

442	furniture and home furnishings stores
443	electronics and appliance stores
516	internet publishing & broadcasting
518	internet service providers
519	other information services
523	securities, commodity contracts and other
15.50	financial investments and related activities
5242	insurance agencies and brokerages, and other
0212	insurance related activities
525	funds, trusts and other financial vehicles
53	real estate and rental and leasing
54	professional, scientific and technical services
55	management of companies and enterprises
56	administrative and support and waste
	management and remediation services
61	educational services
7212	recreational vehicle parks and recreational
	camps
7213	rooming and boarding houses
813	religious, grantmaking, civic, professional, and
	similar organizations
8114	personal and household goods repair and
0117	maintenance
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Item 7(d)

This item should only be completed by the acquiring person.

Use the geographic markets listed in Items 7(c)(i) through 7(c)(iv) to respond to this item, providing the information for associates of the acquiring person. Provide separate responses for each associate of the acquiring person and, if different, the controlled operating company(s) that actually derived the dollar revenues.

END OF ITEM 7

Online Tips for Item 7

ITEM 8

This item should only be completed by the acquiring person. Determine each 6-digit NAICS industry code listed in Item 7(a), in which the acquiring person derived dollar revenues of \$1 million or more in the most recent year and in which either:

- the acquired entity derived dollar revenues of \$1 million or more in the recent year (or in the case of the formation of a joint venture corporation or unincorporated entity, the joint venture corporation or unincorporated entity reasonably can be expected to derive dollar revenues of \$1 million or more); or
- in the case of acquired assets, to which dollar revenues of \$1 million or more were attributable in the most recent year.

For each such 6-digit NAICS industry code, list all acquisitions of entities or assets deriving dollar revenues in that 6-digit NAICS industry code made by the acquiring person in the five years prior to the date of the instant filing, even if the transaction was non-reportable. List only acquisitions of 50% or more of the voting securities of an issuer or 50% or more of non-corporate interests of an unincorporated entity that had annual net sales or total assets greater than \$10 million in the year prior to the acquisition, and any acquisitions of assets valued at or above the statutory size-of-transaction test at the time of their acquisition.

This item pertains only to acquisitions of U.S. entities/assets and foreign entities/assets with sales in or into the U.S., i.e., with dollar revenues that would be reported in Item 5.

For each such acquisition, supply:

- the 6-digit NAICS industry code (by number and description) identified above in which the acquired entity derived dollar revenues;
- the name of the entity from which the assets, voting securities or non-corporate interests were acquired:
- the headquarters address of that entity prior to the acquisition;
- 4) whether assets, voting securities or non-corporate interests were acquired; and
- 5) the consummation date of the acquisition.

END OF ITEM 8

CERTIFICATION

See § 803.6 for requirements.

The certification must be notarized or use the language found in 28 U.S.C. § 1746 relating to unsworn declarations under penalty of perjury.

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By direction of the Commission.

April J. Tabor,

Secretary.