



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

Office of the Secretary

October 12, 2007

Wendelynne J. Newton, Esquire
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One Oxford Centre
301 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1410

Re: UPMC/Mercy, FTC File No. 061-0280

Dear Ms. Newton:

The Commission has conducted an investigation to determine whether the proposed acquisition by University of Pittsburgh Medical Center of Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh may violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act or Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

Upon further review of this matter, it now appears that no further action 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.

By direction of the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald S. Clark".

Donald S. Clark
Secretary