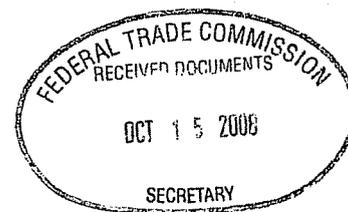


October 15, 2008

Mr. Donald S. Clark
Office of the Secretary
Federal Trade Commission
Room H-135
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580



Re: Proposed Consent Order
In the Matter of Reed Elsevier and ChoicePoint, FTC File No. 081-0133

Dear Mr. Clark:

I'm writing regarding the proposed consent order and acquisition of ChoicePoint by Reed Elsevier. Our business focuses on providing our clients with violence risk assessments concerning individuals both inside and outside the workplace. We provide these services to business, government agencies, attorneys, state and US courts and others. We rely extensively on services provided by ChoicePoint and their subsidiaries to assist us in serving these clients.

Over the past several years there has been tremendous consolidation among providers of public records services. This proposed acquisition will further reduce competition in the industry. Although there are several providers of data services in the marketplace, they are resellers of data provided by the respondents.

The Commission's complaint found that this acquisition would be anticompetitive and a violation of antitrust law in the market for the sale of public records information to law enforcement agencies. The same effects would be felt in the market for sale of public records to the private sector.

Thorough background investigations are key to any valid violence assessment. It is important to have access to data from several suppliers during the conduct of an investigation. Limited resources reduce both the quality and quantity of information available.

We urge that the Commission not approve the acquisition until respondents can divest themselves of public records services provided to private industry as well as to law enforcement. Unless an appropriate remedy is offered, our clients will suffer irreparable harm. When competition is reduced, incentives for innovation are reduced, prices rise and service suffers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anne Cawood
Vice President

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