

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,,  
c/o Department of Justice  
Antitrust Division  
Washington, D.C. 20530           Plaintiff,

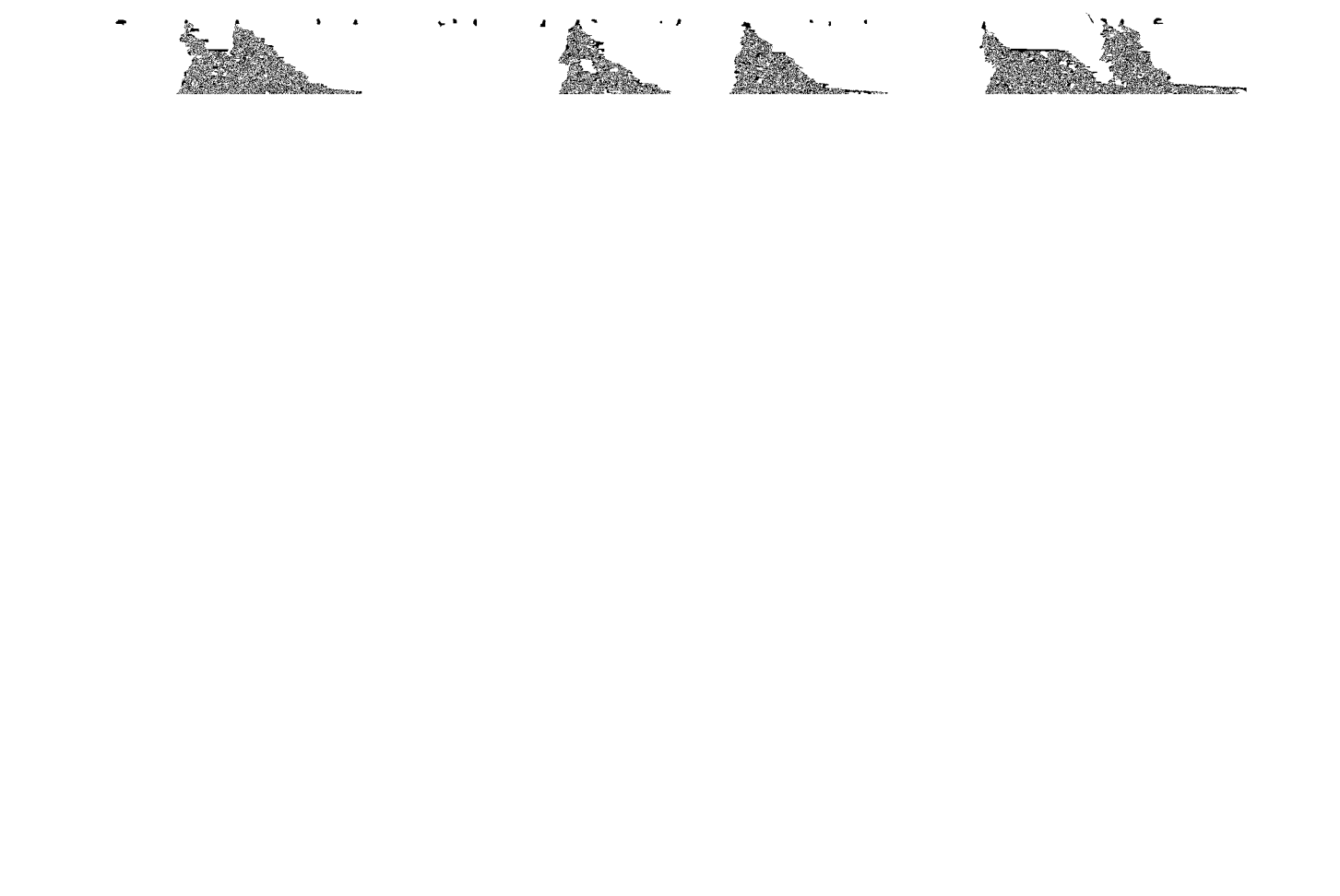
v.

THE COASTAL CORPORATION,  
Coastal Tower  
Nine Greenway Plaza  
Houston, Texas 77046           Defendant.

Civil Action No. 84-267  
Aug. 30, 1984

COMPLAINT FOR CIVIL PENALTY

The United States of America, plaintiff, by its attorneys,  
acting under the direction of the Attorney General of the  
United States and at the request of the Federal Trade





8. Both Coastal and HNG have annual net sales in excess of \$100,000,000.

9. The transaction described in paragraph 6 above was subject to the reporting and waiting period requirements of the HSR Act and the regulations thereunder, 16 C.F.R. § 801.1 et. seq.

10. Coastal did not comply with the reporting and waiting period requirements of the HSR Act before it acquired the 75,500 shares of HNG common stock on January 19, 1984.

11. Subsequent to Coastal's January 19, 1984 purchase, on January 27, 1984, Coastal made a public announcement of a









investment" as that term is used in the Act<sup>1</sup> and the Act's implementing regulations.<sup>2</sup> The Bureau has reason to believe, however, that Coastal's purchases of HNG voting securities on

