

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



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Re: Healthtrust, Inc. - The Hospital Company
Docket No. C-3538

Dear Mr. Shugarman:

This letter responds to the May 15, 1996, Petition that you filed on behalf of your client, Champion Healthcare Corporation ("Champion"), seeking prior approval by the Federal Trade Commission of the transfer of Salt Lake Regional Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Paracelsus Healthcare Corporation. Prior Commission approval is required by the Commission's Order in Docket No. C-3538.

The Commission has determined to approve Champion's Petition. In according its approval to this transaction, the Commission has relied upon the information submitted and representations made in connection with Champion's request for prior Commission approval of the proposed sale, and has assumed them to be accurate and complete.

By direction of the Commission.

Benjamin I. Berman
Acting Secretary