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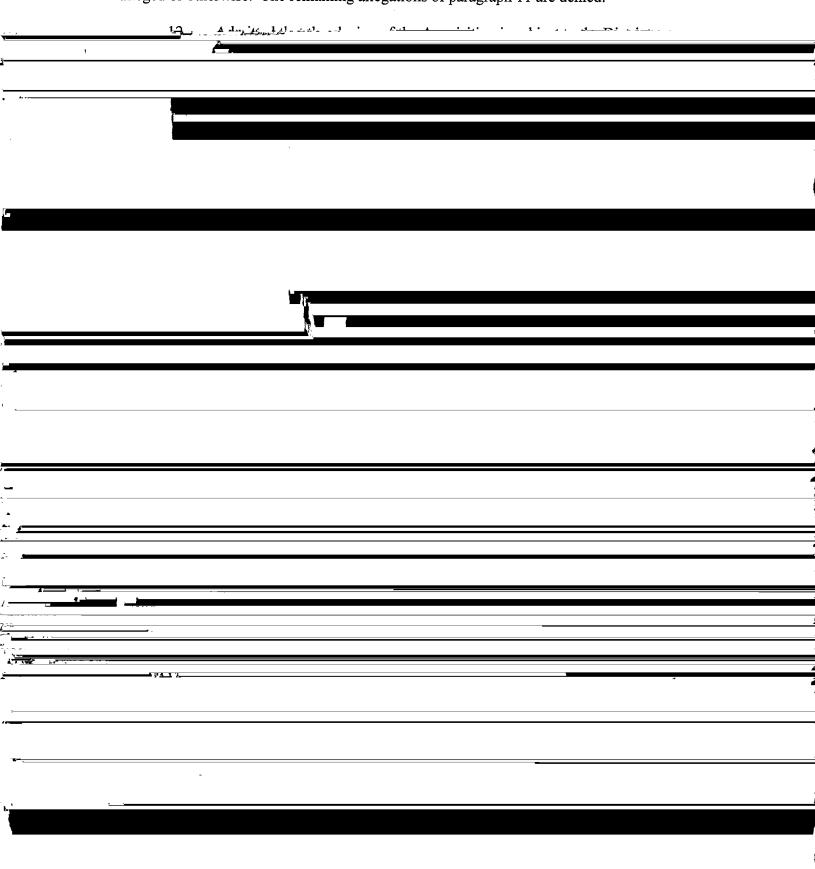
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Giant Industries, Inc.

- 2. The activities of Paul L. Foster are outside the personal knowledge of Giant, and are therefore denied.
- 3. The activities of Western Refining, Inc. are outside the personal knowledge of Giant, and are therefore denied.
- 4. Admitted that Western has been engaged in the business of refining crude oil into refined petroleum products, including gasoline and diesel, and further admitted that Western sells refined petroleum products. Otherwise, the full scope of the activities of Western Refining, Inc. are outside the personal knowledge of Giant, and are therefore denied.
- 5. The activities of Western Refining, Inc. are outside the personal knowledge of Giant, and are therefore denied.
- 6. Giant denies that its street address is 23722 North Scottsdale Road. Giant otherwise admits the allegations of paragraph 6.
- 7. Giant objects that the phrases "energy company," "transportation," and "related businesses" or architecture. Cient atherwise admits the allegations of new architecture.

determination was in the public interest or that the acquisition is unlawful for the reasons alleged or otherwise. The remaining allegations of paragraph 11 are denied.



- 17. Giant admits that the assertions in the first two sentences in paragraph 17 are true in some instances, but denies that they are true in all instances. The third sentence of paragraph 17 is admitted. The remaining allegations of paragraph 17 are denied.
 - 18. Denied.
- 19. Giant objects that the phrases "northern New Mexico" and "bulk" are ambiguous. Admitted that Western and Giant both own and operate one or more refineries, and admitted that both companies have sold gasoline and diesel, and that some of Giant's customers have operations in Albuquerque and some of Western's customers have operations in Albuquerque. The allegations of paragraph 19 are otherwise denied.
- 20. Giant objects that the phrases "northern New Mexico" and "bulk" are ambiguous. Admitted that Giant owns and operates two refineries, in Bloomfield and Ciniza: that from these refineries Giant supplies gasoline and diesel fuel to New Mexico.

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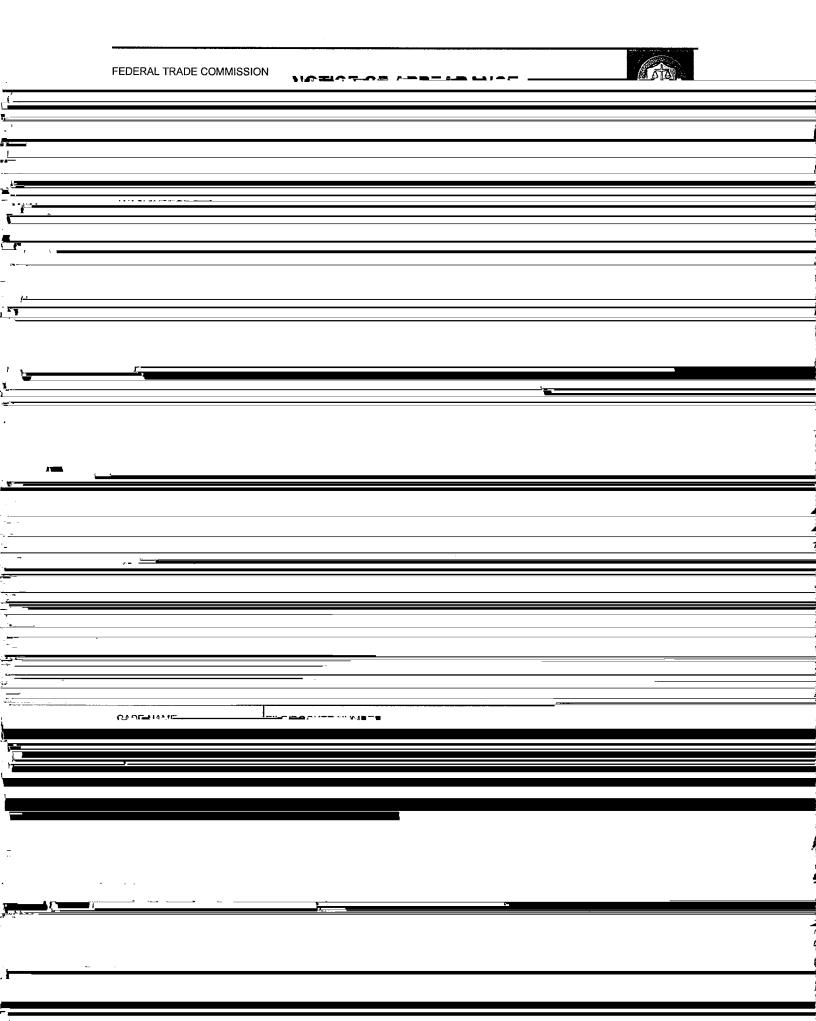
The portion of the Complaint on pages 9-10 sets out notices and legal conclusions and does not require a response.

Regarding the "contemplated relief" set out on pages 10-11 of the Complaint, in paragraphs numbered 1-6, Giant denies that any basis exists for the relief requested and deny that any such relief is appropriate, legal, in the public interest or that it should be granted.

DEFENSES

- 1) The relief sought is barred due to laches.
- 2) The relief sought is barred due to unclean hands.
- 3) The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
- 4) Granting the relief sought is contrary to the public interest.
- 5) Efficiencies and other procompetitive benefits, resulting from the merger, outweigh any and all proffered anticompetitive effects.
- 6) The merger is not anticompetitive and will not lessen competition in any line of commerce.
- 7) Market concentration statistics do not accurately reflect the competitive dynamics of the industry.
- 8) The FTC could not have a reason to believe that the merger will lessen competition.
- 9) The actions of the FTC in investigation and challenging this merger infringes Giant's rights under the United States Constitution and the Clayton Act.

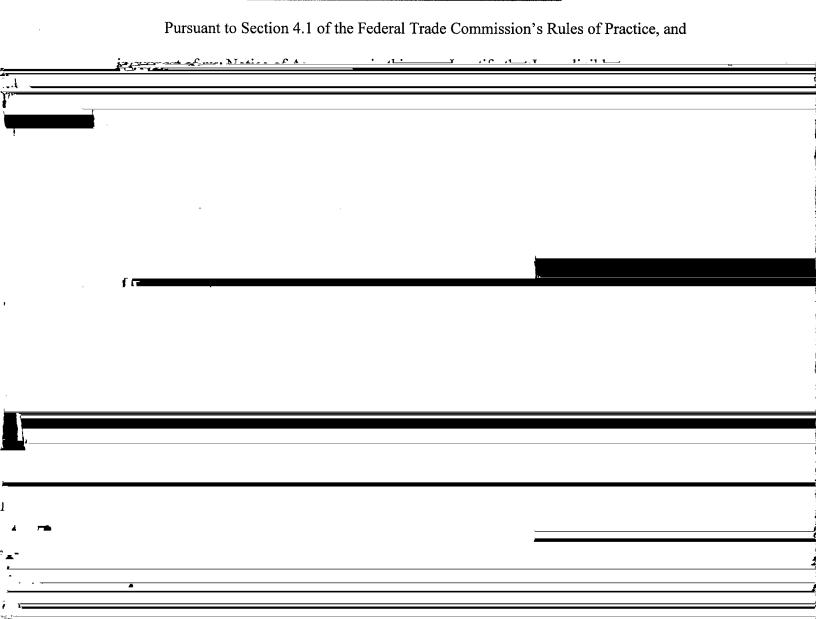
10) Giant reserves the right to assert other defenses as they become known to Giant.



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DECLARATION OF TOM D. SMITH

Pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Federal Trade Commission's Rules of Practice, and in support of my Notice of Appearance in this case, I certify that I am eligible to represent Giant Industries, Inc. before the Federal Trade Commission as I am a member of the District of Columbia Bar (Bar No. 221986) and in good standing within the legal

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	Giant Industries, Inc.'s Answer to Complaint and Notice of Appearance (with
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	Hon, Stephen J. McGuire Donald S. Clark

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