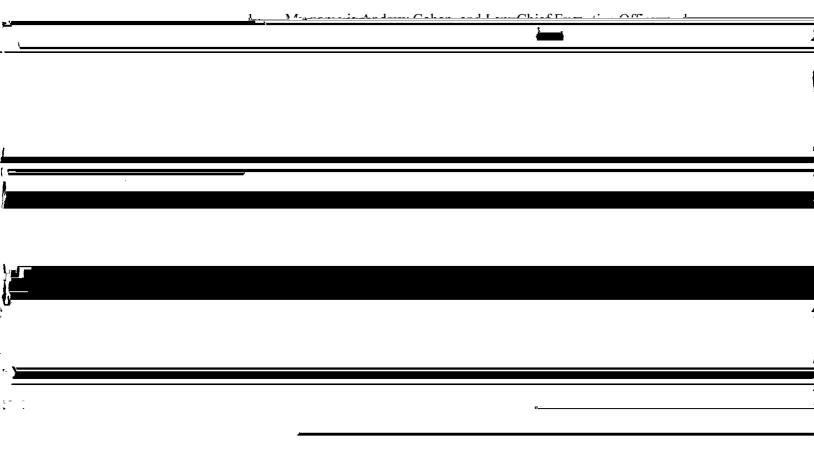
## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

In the Matter of	Docket
	No. C-3937
NINE WEST GROUP INC.,	
a corporation.	PUBLIC
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## SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO REOPEN AND MODIFY ORDER

ANDREW COHEN, Chief Executive Officer and President of Nine West Footwear Corporation, successor-in-interest to Nine West Group Inc. (hereinafter "Nine West") hereby states as follows:



President of Nine West. I am familiar with Nine West's operations and the competitive environment in which it operates.

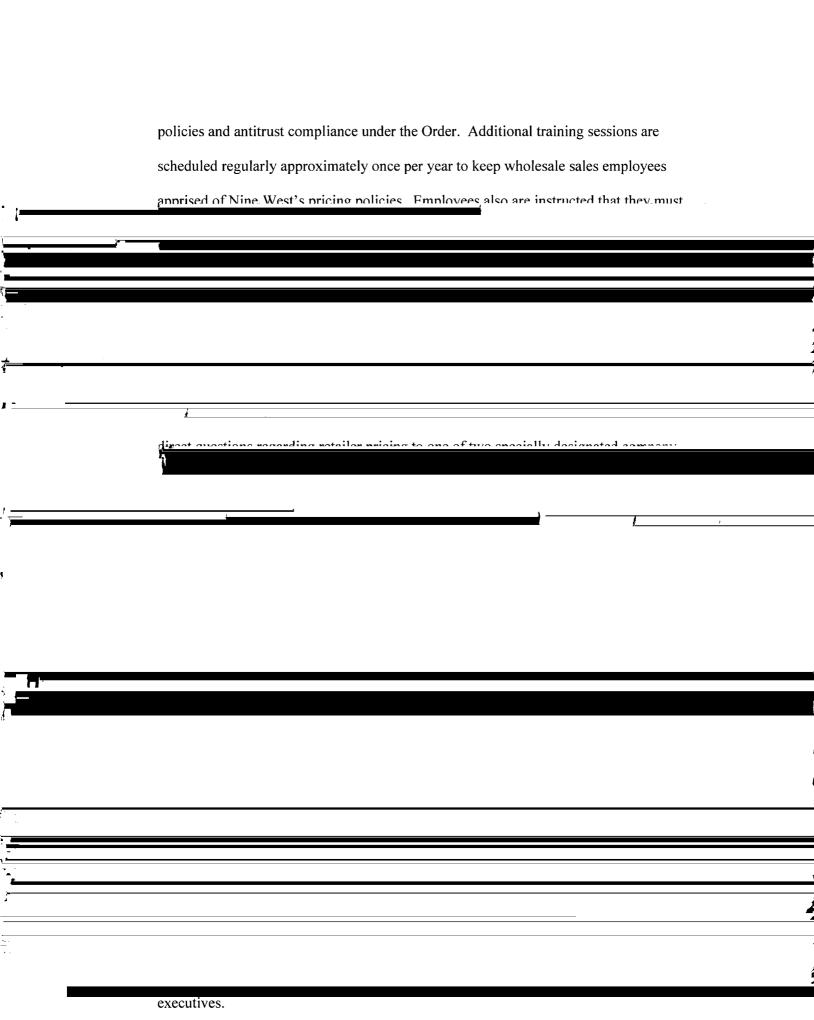
- The information in this Supplemental Declaration is based on my personal knowledge and on information conveyed to me by other senior executives at Nine West.
- 4. I affirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the facts and statements contained in the Supplemental Memorandum are true.
- 5. Consumers differentiate women's footwear brands on the basis of criteria in addition to price.
- 6. Nine West depends on retailers to operate in convenient, aesthetically pleasing locations during desirable hours. Although Nine West does provide certain benefits to retailers who designate sales personnel to devote additional time specifically to selling Nine West products, Nine West does not automatically provide benefits for other important retailer services such as desirable location, hours, floor space, etc.

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provide desired services has been a problem for Nine West. Specifically, intrabrand competition from deep-discounting dealers has in some cases deterred other retailers from providing additional services that would enhance Nine West's ability to compete with other manufacturers.

- 9. In one instance, an independent retailer with minimal floor space who provided little customer service offered Nine West styles at rock-bottom prices, taking advantage of a nearby retailer's superior customer service, displays and advertising. Nine West unilaterally terminated the independent retailer to prevent harm to Nine West brands and other nearby retailers, but would have preferred to utilize a less drastic response. Similar free riding among Nine West retailers has occurred in other regions.
- 10. On numerous occasions, Nine West executives have been forced to decide between unilaterally terminating deep-discounting retailers who were harming



## Bloomingdale's and Lord & Taylor's point-of-sale coupons appearing in publications such as *The New York Times*, the Stamford *Advocate* and direct mail promotions.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Andrew Cohen
Andrew Cohen

Executed on February  $\overline{2}$ , 2008

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