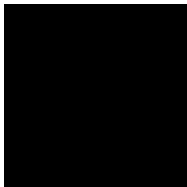


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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580



Office of the Secretary

October 26, 2009

Matthew S. Morris
The Food Partners
5335 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Suite 410
Washington, D.C. 20015

Re: *In the Matter of Whole Foods Market, Inc., Docket No. 9324*

Dear Mr. Morris:

This is in response to the September 8, 2009 letter you filed as Divestiture Trustee pursuant to Paragraph II.C.2 of the Order in this matter seeking an extension of the divestiture period for six months, as modified by your September 25, 2009 letter. The Commission has determined to grant your request. Accordingly, the divestiture period is extended until March 8, 2010, to allow you to complete negotiations with those persons who submitted offers prior to September 8, 2009, as to the Wild Oats intellectual property and the following stores:

340 North Main Street, West Hartford, CT
1651 Broadway, Boulder, CO
2584 Baseline Road, Boulder, CO
87 Marginal Way, Portland, ME
4301 Main Street, Kansas City, MO
1090 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM
7250 West Lake Mead Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV
2077 NE Burnside Street, Portland, OR

In granting its approval, the Commission relied on the information you submitted and assumed ~~but~~ ^{its} ~~su~~ ^{su}