

ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT CONTAINING CONSENT ORDERS
TO AID PUBLIC COMMENT
In the Matter of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.,
File No. 101 0093

I. Introduction

The Federal Trade Commission

II. The Parties

Air Products is a global supplier of industrial, medical and specialty gases for use in a variety of industries, including health care, technology, and energy. Air Products is the second-largest industrial gas supplier in the United States with 32 liquid atmospheric gas-producing plants throughout the United States.

Airgas is the fifth-largest industrial gas supplier in the United States. Airgas operates 16 liquid atmospheric gas-producing plants in the United States, most of which are concentrated in the Eastern United States. Airgas also is the largest U.S. distributor of packaged industrial, medical, and specialty gases and hardgoods, such as welding equipment and supplies.

III. The Products and Structure of the Markets

Both Air Products and Airgas own and operate ASUs in the United States that produce liquid atmospheric gases, including liquid

