Bureau of Competition

Lee Smith, General Counsel
Guitar Center, Inc.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

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5795 Lindero Canyon Road
Westlake Village, California 91362

Re: Guitar Center, Inc., Commission File Number 001·0203

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Federal Trade Commission conducted a nonpublic investigation to determine whether the manufacturers of musical products and others may be engaging or may have engaged in any unfair methods of competition in violation of Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.c. § 45, as amended:

a. through an agreement, combination or conspiracy. among
themselves and others, to restrain price competition relating to
musical products and/or

b. through the adoption, implementation, and maintenance of
minimwn advertised price policies relating to musical products.

Upon reviewing this matter and given the Commission action taken In the Matter of National Association of Music Merchants, Inc., Docket No. C-4255 (April 10. 2009), it now appears that no additional action is warranted by the Commission at this time. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated by the Commission. 49 Fed. Reg. 6147