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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

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Re: Snyder's of Hanover, Inc. / Utz Quality Foods, Inc., FTC File No. 091-0151

Dear Mr. Kitain:

The Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition has been conducting a nonpublic
investigation to determine whether the acquisition ofUtz Quality Foods, Inc. by Snyder's of Hanover, Inc., may violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act or Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

On November 5,2009, the Bureau of Competition learned that the parties had abandoned the
proposed transaction. Based upon this information, it now appears that no further action is warranted by the Commission at this time. Accordingly, pursuant to authority delegated by the Commission, 49 Fed. Reg. 6171 (1984), the investigation has been closed. This action is not to be construed as a determination that a violation may not have occurred, just as the pendency of an investigation should not be construed as a determination that a violation has occurred. The Commission reserves the right to take such further action as the public interest may require.

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Director

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