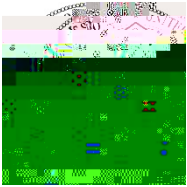


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Office of the Secretary

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Re: *W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc., FTC File No 101 0207.*

Dear Mr. Nelson:

The Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition has been conducting a nonpublic investigation to determine whether W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc. or any other ~~under~~ ~~the~~ ~~provisions~~ ~~of~~ ~~Section~~ ~~5(b)~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~FTC~~ ~~Act~~ through

contracts, exclusionary practices, or other conduct relating to waterproof or waterproof and breathable membranes or technologies and related products.

Upon further review of this matter, it now appears that no further action is warranted by the Commission at this time. Accordingly, 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.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark
Secretary