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Federal Trade Commission Premerger Office Six Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, DC 20580 SSIGNATION SCE

Dear Patrick:

with you this morning, at which time you indicated that you thought the Staff agreed with my conclusion that the acquisition

Corporation A is acquiring Corporation B in a merger. B will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of A and the B stockholders will receive voting securities of A. The acquisition of B by A is a reportable transaction.

We represent a trust which is a stockholder of B that will receive in the merger voting securities of A worth more than \$15 million. As a result of the transaction, the Trust will hold

There are three individual trustees, none of whom have any beneficial interest in the shares held in the Trust. The Trust

ago.

Two of the three individual trustees will be elected directors of A pursuant to provisions of the Merger Agreement. The third trustee will not be a director of A.

Under law, which governs the construction of the Trust instrument, all questions must be decided by unanimous vote of the three trustees unless the instrument otherwise provides. The instrument provides for two-thirds vote with

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past to act on that basis. However, I believe that a provision

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see that this fact is necessary to a conclusion that investment intent applies.

A will be the Trust and not the individual trustees (who are marely affiliates of the Trust). We believe the fact that

transaction. Accordingly, we believe that the acquisition of voting securities of A by the Trust is entitled to the exemption in Rule 802.9. We would appreciate the Staff's concurrence in our conclusion.

If it is feasible for you, we would very much appreciate a speedy response as we need to communicate this conclusion to the corporate counsel for each of A and B who do not want the HSR process with respect to the acquisition by A of B to be delayed on account of this issue on the sidelines.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



cc: Richard Smith, Esq.

This scenario is not exempt under Section 802.9

Trustees are comparable to officers of directors of a conforation

Therefore, the trustees of & becoming directors of A is

inconsistent with the investment only intent of 802.9.

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File - 65) Staff concurs