

801.2(d); 802.40(a)

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Mr. Richard B. Smith
Federal Trade Commission
Assistant Chief

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confidentiality provisions of Section
801.2(d) of the Regulations, which prohibits

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Re: Acquisition of a Membership in a Nonstock,
Nonprofit Corporation as an Acquisition
of Assets

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am writing to confirm our phone conference of
February 29, 1996 with [redacted] and [redacted] of this office.

As we discussed, [redacted] represents an "Acquiring
Person" who will become the sole member of a Virginia nonstock,
nonprofit corporation which operates an [redacted] (the

any restructuring in the membership of nonstock, nonprofit
corporations is considered a consolidation within the meaning of
Section 801.2(d) of the Regulations, but that the Federal Trade
Commission treats such acquisitions of membership interests in
nonstock corporations as asset acquisitions for report form and
valuation purposes. Furthermore, you confirmed that Section
802.20(b) of the Regulations, which provides that acquisitions of
voting securities which confer control of an issuer with annual net
sales or total assets of \$25,000,000 or more, is inapplicable to
our transaction.

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Accordingly, the acquisition of a membership interest in a nonstock, nonprofit corporation is only be reportable if the parties meet the size of the parties test and the fair market value of the assets to be acquired are more than \$15,000,000.

~~conference~~ I trust this letter accurately v. reflects

Very truly yours,

3/6/96 - Advised writer that, in paragraph two above, the advice given is that of an informal interpretation by the Premier Office, which is

valuation purposes and, as such, 802.20(b) does not come into play.

R. B. Smith