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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

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Chuck Corddry, Esq.
Shell Oil Company
One Shell Plaza
910 Louisiana Street
Houston, Texas 77002

Re: *Shell Oil Company (Bakersfield)*
FTC File No. 041-0087

Dear Mr. Corddry:

The Federal Trade Commission has conducted a nonpublic investigation to determine whether the proposed closure of a petroleum products refinery located in Bakersfield, California, by Shell Oil Company, constituted an unfair method of competition in violation of Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

Upon further review of this matter, it now appears that no additional 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 has not occurred, just as 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