Commission's complaint also alleges that during this same time period TES represented that all Safe Harbor-related disputes would be settled by an "arbitration administered agency" such as the American Arbitration Association, that hearings would take place in Connecticut, and that the costs of arbitration would be shared equally by the parties. In fact, the independent recourse mechanism authorized under TES's Safe Harbor certification was the European data protection authorities, which resolve Safe Harbor-related disputes at no cost to consumers and do not require inperson hearings. The Commission's complaint alleges that these false representations are likely to deter EU and Swiss citizens from attempting to take advantage of the dispute resolution services offered by the company.

The Commission's complaint further alleges that until February 2015, TES represented through statements in its online privacy policy that it was a current licensee of the TRUSTe Privacy Program, when, in fact, it was not a current licensee.

Part I of the proposed order prohibits TES from making misrepresentations about its membership in any privacy or security program sponsored by the government or any other self-regulatory or standard-setting organization, including, but not limited to, the U.S.-EU Safe Harbor Framework, the U.S.-Swiss Safe Harbor Framework, and the TRUSTe privacy programs. Part II of the proposed order also prohibits TES from