## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

**COMMISSIONERS:** Edith Ramirez, Chairwoman

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eby issues this Complaint stating its charges as follows:

## NATURE OF THE CASE

Step N Grip, LLC ("Step N Grip") markets and sells over the internet a rug device. Step N Grip invited its closest rival to fix and raise prices for the two companies' competing rug devices. By inviting collusion, Step N Grip endangered competition and violated Section 5 of the FTC Act.

## **JURISDICTION**

- 4. At all times relevant herein, Step N Grip has been, and is now, a corporation as "corporation" is defined in Section 4 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. § 44.
- 5. The business practices of Step N Grip, including the acts and practices alleged herein, are in commerce or affect commerce, as "commerce" is defined in Section 4 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. § 44.

## INVITATION TO COLLUDE

6. The closest competitor to Step N Grip is Competitor A, a company that markets and sells a rug device similar to NeverCurl. For several months prior to June 1, 2015, Step N Grip generally sold NeverCurl on Amazon.com for \$13.95 per package, and Competitor A sold its competing J ()Tj EMC /P <</MCID 13 >> BDC ubtC. ubtC2sold 3w34(r)3(a)4(l)-2(m)-12

WHEREFORE, THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Federal Trade Commission on day of , 2015, issues its complaint against Step N Grip.

By the Commission.

Donald S. Clark Secretary

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