

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**COMMISSIONERS:**      **Edith Ramirez, Chairwoman  
Maureen K. Ohlhausen  
Terrell McSweeney**

**In the Matter of**

**Staples, Inc.,  
a corporation,**

**and**

**Office Depot, Inc.,  
a corporation.**

**Docket No. 9367**

**PUBLIC**

**ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT**

On December 7, 2015, the Commission issued an administrative Complaint alleging that a merger agreement between Respondents Staples, Inc. and Office Depot, Inc. violates Section 5 of the FTC Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 45, and that if the merger were consummated, it would violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 18, as well as Section 5 of the FTC Act. Co

