





Commission accepts this Consent Agreement, the Commission will place it, together with the Complaint, the proposed Decision and Order, the Order to Maintain Assets, an explanation of the provisions of the proposed Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets, and any other information that may help interested persons understand the Order on the public record for the receipt of comments for 30 days.

9. Because there may be interim competitive harm, the Commission may issue and serve its Complaint (in such form as the circumstances may require) and the Order to Maintain Assets in this matter at any time after it accepts the Consent Agreement for public comment.
10. This Consent Agreement contemplates that, if the Commission accepts the Consent Agreement, the Commission thereafter may withdraw its acceptance of this Consent Agreement and notify Proposed Respondents, in which event the Commission will take such action as it may consider appropriate. If the Commission does not subsequently withdraw such acceptance pursuant to the provisions of Commission Rule 2.34, 16 C.F.R. § 2.34, and it has already issued the Complaint and Order to Maintain Assets, the Commission may, without further notice to Proposed Respondents, issue the attached Decision and Order containing an order to divest and providing for other relief in disposition of the proceeding.
11. The Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets shall become final upon service. Delivery of the Complaint, the Decision and Order, and the Order to Maintain Assets to Proposed Respondents by any means provided in Commission Rule 4.4(a), 16 C.F.R. § 4.4(a), or by delivery to United States counsel for Proposed Respondents identified in this Consent Agreement, shall constitute service to Proposed Respondents. Proposed Respondents waive any rights they may have to any other manner of service. Proposed Respondents also waive any rights they may otherwise have to service of any appendices attached to or incorporated by reference into the Decision and Order or the Order to Maintain Assets, if Proposed Respondents are already in possession of such Appendices, and agree that they are bound to comply with and will comply with the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets to the same extent as if they had been served with copies of the Appendices.
12. The Complaint may be used in construing the terms of the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets, and no agreement, understanding, representation, or interpretation not contained in the Decision and Order, the Order to Maintain Assets, or the Consent Agreement may be used to vary or contradict the terms of the Decision and Order or the Order to Maintain Assets.
13. By signing this Consent Agreement, Proposed Respondents represent and warrant that:
  - a. they can fulfill all the terms of and accomplish the full relief contemplated by the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets, including, among

other things, effectuating all required divestitures, assignments and transfers, and obtaining any necessary approvals from governmental authorities, leaseholders, and other third parties to effectuate the divestitures, assignments, and transfers; and

- b. all parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and successors necessary to effectuate the full relief contemplated by this Consent Agreement and the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets are parties to this Consent Agreement

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**NxStage Medical, Inc.**

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By: Jeffrey H. Burbank  
Founder and Chief Executive Officer  
NxStage Medical, Inc.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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