

services for a trial period at no charge or for a reduced price. If the consumer does not cancel the agreement before the end of the trial period, the product shipments or provision of services continue and the consumer incurs charges.

The FTC's upcoming workshop "Negative Options: Analyzing the Marketing of Offers with Negative Option Features" will continue the Commission's long-standing efforts to address these types of sales offers in a manner that balances their benefits to businesses and consumers against the potential for deception and abuse. The workshop will provide an opportunity to learn more about the benefits and costs of negative option offers from consumer, business, and academic perspectives.

With the explosion of Internet marketing over the past ten years, negative option offers are as much a fixture of online advertising as in any other advertising media. The workshop will bring together Internet experts, industry, and consumer groups to discuss consumer behavior online and how it affects consumers and marketers with respect to negative option offers.

We expect to address the following questions:

1. What are the pros and cons of negative option marketing?
 - Why do businesses choose to structure offers with negative option features?
 - What are the benefits of negative option offers to businesses and consumers?
 - What are the costs of negative option offers to businesses and consumers?
 - How do consumers interpret or misinterpret negative option offers?

2. How do consumers behave when viewing and responding to marketing offers online?

- How do consumers navigate online advertising?
- How do marketers present contract terms and make disclosures in online advertising?
- What does online research reveal about how to communicate effectively important offer terms to consumers?

3. How can marketers meet the clear and conspicuous standard for advertising disclosures when making negative option offers online?

- Are there issues unique to negative option offers that must be addressed when making clear and conspicuous disclosures?
- What challenges do marketers face in applying the clear and conspicuous standard to online negative option offers?

4. How can advertisers make negative option offers with effective disclosures that are compatible with the advertising message?

- Where in online advertising should marketers make negative option disclosures?
- At what point in the sales offer should marketers make such disclosures?
- What types of information about the offer should marketers include in the advertising?

Form and Availability of Comments

The FTC requests that interested parties submit written comments addressing the above questions to foster greater understanding of the issues. In particular, the FTC requests that commentators submit relevant studies, surveys, research, and empirical data. The comment period will remain open after the workshop so that interested parties can provide input regarding the

discussions held at the workshop. Written comments must be received on or before February 26, 2007, and may be filed in either paper or electronic form. All comments should be filed as prescribed in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.s.c. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section 7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

Trans #	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—11/27/2006			
20070272	MDU Resources Grupo, Inc.	Cascade Natural Gas Corp.	Cascade Natural Gas Corp.
20070278	Prism Business Media Holdings, LLC.	Penton Media, Inc.	Penton Media, Inc.
20070289	RiskMetrics Group, Inc.	Institutional Shareholder Services	Institutional Shareholder Services
20070291	Affordable Residential Commu- nities, Inc..	The C. Clifton Robinson Intervivos Assets Trust.	NLASCO, Inc.
20070300	Wellsford Real Properties, Inc.	Reis, Inc.	Reis, Inc.
20070304	Alfred E. Mann	MannKind Corporation	MannKind Corporation
20070315	Aruze	Wynn Resorts, Limited	Wynn Resorts, Limited
20070317	H.I.G. Capital Partners III, L.P.	The Bernard Sherman 2000 Trust	The Harvard Drug Group, L.L.C.
20070322	ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P..	Seitel, Inc.	Seitel, Inc.
20070324	David Geffen	DWA Escrow LLLP	Dream Works Animation SKG, Inc.
20070325	Jeffrey Katzenberg	DWA Escrow LLLP	Dream Works Animation SKG, Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—11/28/2006			
20070237	Blue Harbour Strategic Value Partners Offshore, Ltd..	Community Health Systems, Inc.	Community Health Systems, Inc.

Trans #	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
20070249	Madison Dearborn Capital Partners IV, L.P..	James E. Mauer	JEM Sales, Inc. Zartic, Inc. Zar Tran, Inc.
20070284	Wellspring Capital Partners IV, L.P..	Superior Plus Income Fund	JW Aluminum Holding Company
20070293	Herbst Gaming, Inc.	Kirk Kerkorian	PRMA Land Development Company The Primodonna Company, LLC
20070320	Joseph M. Gregory	Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ...	Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—11/29/2006

20070299	Prides Capital Fund I, L.P.	Waste Services, Inc.	Waste Services, Inc.
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TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—11/30/2006

20070250	Allis-Chalmers Energy Inc.	OGRS, L.L.C.	Oil & Gas Rental Services, Inc.
20070274	Affiliated Managers Group, Inc. ...	Chicago Equity Partners, LLC	Chicago Equity Partners, LLC
20070281	SkillSoft PLC	2003 TIL Settlement	Thomson Global Resources Thomson Learning Inc.
20070282	2003 TIL Settlement	SkillSoft PLC	SkillSoft PLC and certain assets of Teksid Aluminum Components, Inc. Teksid Aluminum Foundry, Inc. Teksid do Brasil Aluminio Ltd. Teksid Investment Aluminum B.V.
20070309	Alfa, S.A.B. de C.V.	Questor Partners Bermuda, L.P..	

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/01/2006

20070295	TC Pipelines	Sierra Pacific Resources Inc.	Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company
20070298	Nomura Holding, Inc.	Silver Lake Partners II, L.P.	Instinet Incorporated
20070314	Westbury Trust	Waste Services, Inc.	Waste Services, Inc.
20070316	Electric Power Development Co., Ltd..	Peoples Energy Corporation	COB Energy Facility, LLC Elwood Energy, LLC Elwood Expansion, LLC

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/04/2006

20070287	Micron Technology, Inc.	Bali Investments S.a.r.l.	Avago Technologies Limited
20070303	Hunter's Glen/Ford, Ltd.	Affordable Residential Communities Inc..	Affordable Residential Communities Inc.
20070310	Bank of America Corporation	Clout Financial Services, Inc.	Clout Financial Services, Inc.
20070311	SPC Partners III, L.P.	Raj Bhathal	RAJ Manufacturing, Inc.
20070327	McKesson Corporation	Per-Se Technologies, Inc.	Per-Se Technologies, Inc.
20070335	Zubair M. Kazi	YUM! Brands, Inc.	KFC U.S. Properties, Inc.
20070337	Liz Claiborne, Inc.	Newton Holding, LLC	Kate Spade LLC
20070339	PepsiCo, Inc.	North Castle Partners II, L.P.	Naked Juice Co. Holdings, Inc.
20070342	Sandler Capital Partners V, L.P.	Dean Hazen	Starstream Communications Inc.
20070346	Catholic Healthcare West	Mission Holding Corporation	CDS of Nevada, Inc. and Primary Care Plus Mission Holding Corporation Primary Care Plus Foundation Saint Mary's Foundation Saint Mary's Health First Saint Mary's Outpatient Surgery Center at Galena Saint Mary's Preferred Health Insurance Company, Inc. Saint Mary's Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center
20070350	CHS Private Equity V LP	Mainline Holding Company, LLC	Mainline Holding Company, LLC
20070354	GWLS Holdings, Inc.	Fenway Partners Capital Fund II, L.P..	Greatway Logistics Services, Inc.
20070359	W. Jack Davis	Citigroup Inc.	ERICO Global Company
20070362	Abbott Laboratories	Kos Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Kos Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
20070363	Alexander Abramov	Oregon Steel Mills, Inc.	Oregon Steel Mills, Inc.
20070364	Roman Abramovich	Oregon Steel Mills, Inc.	Oregon Steel Mills, Inc.
20070370	Audax Private Equity Fund, L.P.	Thomas Gorny	Dot5Hosing, Inc. iPower, Inc. StartLogic, Inc.

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/05/2006

20070259	MatlinPatterson Global Opportunities Partners (Cayman) II LP.	Owens Corning	Owens Corning
20070260	MatlinPatterson Global Opportunities Partners II L.P..	Owens Corning	Owens Corning

Trans #	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/06/2006			
20070328	The Bear Stearns Copanies, Inc.	Dean Vanech	Delta Power Company, LLC DPC Atlantis, LLC
20070376	Sterling Investment Partners II, L.P..	American Capital Strategies, Ltd.	WWC Acquisitions, Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/07/2006			
20070319	Bayer AG	Warner Chilcott Limited	Warner Chilcott (US), Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/08/2006			
20070276	Thompson Street Capital Partners II, L.P..	Randy Mauermann	Connecticut Electric & Switch Manufacturing Co. Parallax Power Supply, LLC Tacoma Electric Supply, LLC
20070301	Tata Steel Limited	Corus Group plc	Corus Group plc
20070312	CSL Limited	Medimmune, Inc.	Medimmune, Inc.
20070313E.P. Hamilton Trusts, LLC.	Blackwell Publishing Limited	Blackwell Publishing Limited.	
20070326	Alexander Knaster	Richard W. Muzzy, Jr.	The Holland Group, Inc.
20070330	Harbour Group Investments V, L.P..	FdG Capital Partners LLC	Implus Footcare, LLC
20070349	News Corporation	Netherlands Mobile Holdings, B.V..	Netherlands Mobile Holdings, B.V.
20070352Fortis SA	Stuart N. Leaf	Cadogan Management LLC.	
20070353	Fortis N.V.	Stuart N. Leaf	Cadogan Management LLC
20070366	Diamond Castle Partners IV, L.P.	Providence Equity Partners IV L.P..	BlueStone TV Holdings Inc.
20070375	Green Equity Invwestors IV, L.P.	Federated Department Stores, Inc..	David's Bridal, Inc. Priscilla of Boston, Inc.
20070382	Dynea Oy	Dynea Canada Ltd. Dynea Chemicals Oy	
		Dynea Mexico S.A. de C.V. Marmorandum LLC.	
20070385	Morgenthaler IPartners VII, L.P. ..	Frank Gibbs	Ryan Herco Products Corporation
20070387	Morgan Stanley	Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe IX, L.P..	the Company
20070388	InterMedia Partners VII, L.P.	Primedia, Inc.	Primedia Enthusiast Publications, Inc. Primedia Special Interest Publications, Inc. Primedia Specialty Group, Inc.
20070389	J.W. Childs Equity Partners III, L.P..	CHG Healthcare Services, Inc. ...	CHG Healthcare Services, Inc.
20070402	AT&T Inc.	Comergent Technologies	Comergent Technologies, Inc.
20070405	Parallel Investment Partners, PL	Ricarhd A. Godley	Regional Management Corp.
20070413	American Express Company	Oak Investment Partners XI, Limited Partnership.	Harbor Payments, Inc.
20070416	SIC Investment Co., Ltd.	Toshiba Ceramics Co., Ltd.	Toshiba Ceramics Co., Ltd.
20070423	Cypress Semiconductor Corporation.	Thomas Dinwoodie	PowerLight Corporation
20070424	Thomas Dinwoodie	Cypress Semiconductor Corporation.	SunPower Corporation
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/11/2006			
20070351	AEGON, N.V.	Clark, Inc.	Clark, Inc.
20070356	Nidec Corporation	Valeo S.A.	Valeo Equipment 1 Mexico, S.de R.L. de C.V. Valeo Equipment 1 U.S., Inc.
20070418	Motorola, Inc.	Good Technology	Good Technology, Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/12/2006			
20061437	Johnson & Johnson	Pfizer, Inc.	CHC Direct LLC Parke, Davis & Company LIC Pfizer H.C.P. Corporation and Others Pfizer Overseas, Inc. Pfizer Pharmaceuticals LLC Pharmacia & Upjohn Company LLC Tabor Corporation Warner Lambert Co LLC
20070332	Rhone Capital L.L.C.	Compar Invest S.A.	LWB Refractories Holding GmbH
20070340	3M Company	Don Segal	SoftMed Systems, Inc.

Trans #	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
20070357	BlackRock Kelso Capital Holding LLC.	Joseph A. Megy	Jamegy, Inc.
20070361	Caxton-Iseman (VNG), L.P.	Gary E. West	Valley National Gases Incorporated
20070368	Great Hill Equity Partners III, L.P.	FreightQuote.com Inc.	FreightQuote.com Inc.
20070372	Q-Comm Corporation	Journal Communications, Inc.	Norlight Telecommunications, Inc.
20070401	Quad-C Partners VII, L.P.	Dublin Clark Fund II, L.P.	Special Event Services, Inc.
20070408	Royal Bank of Canada	Ronald H. Shear	CAMS GP, LLC Carlin Asset Management, LLC GTP, LLC
20070409	Paul G. Desmarais	U.S. Bancorp	U.S. Bank National Association

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/13/2006

20070393	Alan B. Miller	Texoma HealthCare System	TexomaCare Texoma Interstate Ventures, Inc. Texoma Medical Center, Inc. Texoma Medical Center Restorative Care Hospital Texoma Specialty Care
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TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/14/2006

20070396	Pfizer Inc.	Embrex, Inc.	Embrex, Inc.
20070404	West Central Cooperative	SoyMor Cooperative	SoyMor Biodiesel LLC
20070406	The Penderley Charitable Trust ..	Orient Overseas (International) Limited.	Consolidated (Terminal Holdings) Ltd. Global Terminal & Container Services Inc.
20070432	Reed Elsevier PLC	BuyerZone.com, Inc.	BuyerZone.com, Inc.
20070433	Reed Elsevier PLC	BuyerZone.com, Inc.	BuyerZone.com, Inc.

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/15/2006

20070386Abbott Laboratories.	Enanta Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Enanta Pharmaceuticals, Inc..	
20070419	Premium Holding Corporation	Independent Bank Corporation	Mepco Acceptance Corp Mepco Insurance Premium Financing, Inc. TIDI Holdings, LLC
20070428	Beecken Petty O'Keefe QP Fund II, L.P..	Fidelity Investors VI Limited Partnership.	
20070430	Alleghany Corporation	Homesite Group Incorporated	Homesite Group Incorporated
20070436	Axium International, Inc.	Computer Horizons Corp.	Chimes, Inc. Chimes Servicing Corp.
20070439	Global Geophysical Services, Inc.	Global Geophysical Services, Inc..	
20070459	Actuant Corporation	Hubregsem Bonnet Equity Partners, L.P..	Maxima Holding Company, Inc.

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By Direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; Final Effect of Designation of a Class of Employees for Addition to the Special Exposure Cohort**

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

(NIOSH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) gives notice concerning the final effect of the HHS decision to designate a class of employees at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico, as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. On November 9, 2006, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. 7834q(b), the Secretary of HHS designated the following class of employees as an addition to the SEC:

Employees of the Department of Energy predecessor agencies and their contractors or subcontractors who were monitored or should have been monitored for exposure to ionizing radiation associated with radioactive lanthanum (RaLa) operations at Technical Area 10 (Bayo Canyon Site), Technical Area 35 (Ten Site), and Buildings H, Sigma, and U (located within Technical Area 1) at the

Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days during the period from September 1, 1944 through July 18, 1963, or in combination with work days within the parameters established for one or more other classes of employees in the SEC.

This designation became effective on December 9, 2006, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. 7834j(14)(C). Hence, beginning on December 9, 2006, members of this class of employees, defined as reported in this notice, became members of the Special Exposure Cohort.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Ellicott, Director, Office of Compensation Analysis and Support, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS C-46, Cincinnati, OH 45226, Telephone 513-533-6800 (this is not a toll-free number). Information requests can also