

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
<b>TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—11/27/2006</b>			
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 Communities, 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.
<b>TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—11/28/2006</b>			
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

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<b>TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/06/2006</b>			
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.
<b>TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/07/2006</b>			
20070319 .....	Bayer AG .....	Warner Chilcott Limited .....	Warner Chilcott (US), Inc.
<b>TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/08/2006</b>			
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 .....	
20070385 .....	Morgenthaler IPartners VII, L.P. ..	Dynea Mexico S.A. de C.V. .... Marmorandum LLC.	
20070387 .....	Morgan Stanley .....	Frank Gibbs .....	Ryan Herco Products Corporation the Company
20070388 .....	InterMedia Partners VII, L.P. ....	Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe IX, L.P..	
20070389 .....	J.W. Childs Equity Partners III, L.P..	Primedia, Inc. ....	Primedia Enthusiast Publications, Inc. Primedia Special Interest Publications, Inc. Primedia Specialty Group, Inc. CHG Healthcare Services, Inc.
20070402 .....	AT&T Inc. ....	CHG Healthcare Services, Inc. ...	
20070405 .....	Parallel Investment Partners, PL	Comergent Technologies .....	Comergent Technologies, Inc.
20070413 .....	American Express Company .....	Ricarhd A. Godley .....	Regional Management Corp. Harbor Payments, Inc.
20070416 .....	SIC Investment Co., Ltd. ....	Oak Investment Partners XI, Limited Partnership.	
20070423 .....	Cypress Semiconductor Corporation.	Toshiba Ceramics Co., Ltd. ....	Toshiba Ceramics Co., Ltd. PowerLight Corporation
20070424 .....	Thomas Dinwoodie .....	Thomas Dinwoodie .....	
20070424 .....	Thomas Dinwoodie .....	Cypress Semiconductor Corporation.	SunPower Corporation
<b>TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/11/2006</b>			
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.
<b>TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—12/12/2006</b>			
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.

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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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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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