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Bureau of Competition

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Re: St. Francis/Capella, File No. 051-0236

Dear Mr. Spigel:

The Commission has conducted an investigation involving a possible violation by Capella Healthcare Inc. of the Clayton Act and the Federal Trade Commission Act with regard to the sale of North Monroe Medical Center.

Upon further review of this matter, it now appears that no further action by the Commission is warranted at this time. Accordingly, the investigation has been closed. This action is not to be construed as a determination that a violation may not have occurred, just as the pendency of an investigation should not be construed as a determination that a violation has occurred. The Commission reserves the right to take such further action as the public interest may require.

Sincerely,

David P. Wales
Acting Bureau Director