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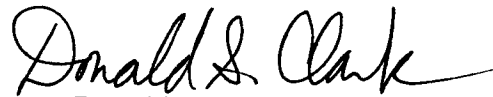
Re: Albertson's/American Stores  
Docket No. C-3986

Dear Mr. Ling:

This letter responds to the July 20, 2001, application of Unified Western Grocers, Inc. ("Unified") requesting that the Commission approve Unified's sale of Albertson's Store No. 1609 to Ralphs Grocery Company pursuant to the order in this matter. In the application, Unified requested that the Commission shorten or eliminate the public comment period. The Commission has denied that request, and the application was placed on the public record for comments for thirty days, until August 21, 2001, and no comments were received.

The Commission has determined to approve the application. In according its approval, the Commission has relied upon the information submitted and representations made in connection with your request and has assumed them to be accurate and complete.

By direction of the Commission.

  
Donald S. Clark  
Secretary