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By direction of the Commission.

Benjamin I. Berman,

Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 012 3191]

Tim R. Wofford/OKie Corporation; Analysis To Aid Public Comment

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Proposed consent agreement.

SUMMARY: The consent agreement in this matter settles alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair or deceptive acts or practices or unfair methods of competition. The attached Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes both the allegations in the draft complaint that accompanies the consent agreement and the terms of the consent order—embodied in the consent agreement—that would settle these allegations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 3, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed in paper form should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159-H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. Comments filed in electronic form should be directed to: consentagreement@ftc.gov, as prescribed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kerry O'Brien, Federal Trade Commission, Western Regional Office, 901 Market St., Suite 570, San Francisco, CA 94103. (415) 848-5189.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46(f) and § 2.34 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 16 CFR 2.34, notice is hereby given that the above-captioned consent agreement containing a consent order to cease and desist, having been filed with and accepted, subject to final approval, by the Commission, has been placed on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days. The following Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes the terms of the consent agreement, and the allegations in the complaint. An electronic copy of the full text of the consent agreement package can be obtained from the FTC home page (for August 5, 2002), on the World Wide Web, at "<http://www.ftc.gov/os/2002/08/index.htm>." A paper copy can be obtained from the

FTC Public Reference Room, Room 130-H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326-2222.

Public comments are invited, and may be filed with the Commission in either paper or electronic form. Comments filed in paper form should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159-H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. If a comment contains nonpublic information, it must be filed in paper form, and the first page of the document must be clearly labeled "confidential." Comments that do not contain any nonpublic information may instead be filed in electronic form (in ASCII format, WordPerfect, or Microsoft Word) as part of or as an attachment to e-mail messages directed to the following e-mail box: consentagreement@ftc.gov. Such comments will be considered by the Commission and will be available for inspection and copying at its principal office in accordance with Section 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 16 CFR 4.9(b)(6)(ii).

Analysis of Proposed Consent Order To Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission has accepted an agreement to a proposed consent order from Tim R. Wofford, an officer of OKie Corporation (OKie). OKie did business as Prime Peripherals. Mr. Wofford and OKie advertised, labeled, offered for sale, sold, and distributed computer peripheral products to the public, including Prime Peripherals brand modems, CD-Rom drive kits, and recordable compact discs.

The proposed consent order has been placed on the public record for thirty (30) days for reception of comments by interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After thirty (30) days, the Commission will again review the agreement and the comments received and will decide whether it should withdraw from the agreement or make final the agreement's proposed order.

This matter concerns cash rebate offers that respondent and OKie made to consumers who purchased Prime Peripherals computer peripheral products. The complaint alleges that respondent engaged in false advertising and unfair practices relating to these rebate offers. Specifically, the complaint alleges that respondent falsely represented that he would mail cash rebates to purchasers of Prime Peripherals computer peripheral products within either six to eight or eight to ten weeks, or within a reasonable period of time, of respondent's receipt of their requests. In

many instances, consumers never received their cash rebates or experienced delays ranging from one to six months.

The complaint also alleges that, in the advertising and sale of Prime Peripherals computer peripheral products, respondent offered that consumers would receive cash rebates if they purchased a Prime Peripherals computer peripheral product and submitted a rebate form with proof of purchase. In making this offer, he did not require consumers to submit a telephone number, fax number, or e-mail address to be eligible to receive the offered cash rebates. In numerous instances, consumers accepted respondent's rebate offer by purchasing those products and submitting rebate forms with proof of purchase. After receiving rebate requests, respondent unfairly modified the terms or conditions of the rebate offer unilaterally by requiring that, in addition to submitting a rebate form with proof of purchase, consumers submit a telephone number, a fax number, and an e-mail address to receive a rebate. In breach of the original rebate offer, respondent rejected numerous rebate requests from consumers because they did not submit a telephone number, a fax number, and/or an e-mail address.

Finally, the complaint alleges that respondent represented that purchasers of Prime Peripherals computer peripheral products would receive cash rebates if they purchased those products and submitted a rebate form with proper documentation, yet failed to disclose that consumers were required to possess and disclose their telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address on a rebate form to receive those cash rebates. The complaint alleges that his failure to disclose these facts was a deceptive practice.

The proposed consent order contains provisions designed to prevent respondent from engaging in similar acts and practices in the future. Part I of the proposed order prohibits respondent from failing to disclose all terms, conditions, or other limitations of a rebate offer on the rebate form. It also requires the respondent to disclose in any rebate advertising that the rebate offer requires consumers to disclose a fax number and/or e-mail address on their rebate form if such is the case. Part I of the proposed order also prohibits respondent from misrepresenting the time in which any cash rebate, or rebate in the form of credit towards future purchases, will be mailed to consumers. It also prohibits respondent from failing to provide such rebates within the time

specified, or if no time is specified, within thirty days.

Part I of the proposed order also prohibits respondent from violating any provision of the Federal Trade Commission's trade Regulation Rule Concerning Mail or Telephone Order Merchandise (the "Mail Order Rule") in connection with rebates in the form of merchandise. Among other things, the Mail Order Rule prohibits marketers from failing to provide rebates in the form of merchandise within the time they specify for delivery, or if no time is specified, within thirty days, unless they offer consumers the option of consenting to a delay or canceling the rebate request and promptly receiving reasonable cash compensation instead of the merchandise originally offered. Finally, Part I of the proposed order similarly prohibits respondent from failing to provide rebates in the form of services or any other consideration (other than cash, credit towards future purchases, or merchandise) within the time he specifies for delivery, or if no time is specified, within thirty days, unless he offers consumers the option of consenting to a delay or canceling the rebate request and promptly receiving reasonable cash compensation instead of the rebate originally offered.

Parts II through IV of the proposed order are reporting and compliance provisions. Part V is a provision "sunsetting" the order after twenty years, with certain exceptions.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the proposed order, and it is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the agreement and proposed order or to modify in any way their terms.

By direction of the Commission.

Benjamin I. Berman,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following request for emergency review. We are requesting an

emergency review because we believe the collection of this information will be extremely useful prior to the World Summit on Sustainable Development to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 26 August—4 September, 2002. This summit is regarded as one of the most significant United Nations conferences in recent times. The Summit will shape future actions within a globally defined sustainable development agenda. Health is emerging as a particularly important global priority in the context of sustainable development. In this context, the information (opinions) from the two proposed groups is important, both for U.S. participation in the summit itself and for the follow-up that will need to begin immediately thereafter.

Most countries will be represented in Johannesburg by their head of state/government, cabinet level, and other appropriate senior government officials, among others. Details of the U.S. delegation have not been finalized. However, the United States will surely be represented at an appropriate senior level, along with other senior government officials, and others. The results of this study, related to the current awareness and perceptions of global health among key U.S. influencers and the general public, will be used to inform and shape U.S. participation and strategies at the summit, and in particular will shape important follow up activities for the Department of Health and Human Services beginning immediately after the summit. Following the normal clearance procedures would not allow us to complete the study in time to make this important information available in time for the United Nations world summit this summer. DHHS is requesting that OMB grant emergency approval as soon as possible for 180-days.

Title and Description of Information Collection: Global Health Public Opinion Research—The purpose of this information collection is to provide important information to U.S. policy makers as they prepare for this country's participation at The World Summit on Sustainable Development in August–September 2002. *Respondents:* Key influencers and the general public; *Number of Respondents:* 800 general public, 182 key influencers; *Number of Responses per Respondent:* one; *Average Burden per Response:* 0.2 hours—Key influencers, 0.25 hours—general public; *Total Burden on Respondents:* 236 hours.

To request more information please contact Cynthia Bauer at 202-690-6207 or Dr. Melinda Moore at 301-443-1774.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent immediately directly to Allison Eydt, the OMB Desk Officer, at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments may be faxed to Ms. Eydt at 202-395-6974.

Please send a copy of your comments to Cynthia Agnes Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201.

Dated: August 2, 2002.

Kerry Weems,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary publishes a list of information collections it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and 5 CFR 1320.5. The following are those information collections recently submitted to OMB:

1 42 CFR 50 subpart B: Sterilization of Persons in Federally Assisted Planning Projects—0937-0166—Extension no Change—These regulations and informed consent procedures are associated with Federally-funded sterilization services. Selected consent forms are audited during site visits and program reviews to ensure compliance with regulations and the protection of the rights of