

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
20061484	Charmer Industries, Inc	Empire Merchants, LLC	Empire Merchants, LLC.
20061487	Gilead Sciences, Inc	Corus Phama, Inc.	Corus Pharma, Inc.
20061493	Oscient Pharmaceuticals Corporation.	Reliant Pharmaceuticals, Inc	Reliant Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
20061495	Transportation Resource Partners, L.P.	NPA LLC	Cycle Express LLC.
20061496	Green Equity Investors IV, L.P	PETCO Animal Supplies, Inc	PETCO Animal Supplies, Inc.
20061498	PCT Equity 2 Limited	Jeffrey A. Kramer	Bullet Line, Inc. Kwik Klik, LLC.
20061502	Hoak Media, LLC	Wicks Communications & Media Partners, L.P.	Community Television Services, Inc.
20061510	Sun Capital Partners IV, L.P	Bruckmann, Rosser, Sherrill & Co., L.P.	Wicks Communications & Media Partners, L.P. Real Mex Restaurants, Inc.

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20061499	Oak Investment Partners X, L.P ..	First Avenue Networks, Inc	First Avenue Networks, Inc.
20061500	AMVESCAP PLC	Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.	Ross CG Management L.P. Ross Expansion Associates L.P. WL Ross & Co. LLC.
20061501	Kemira Oyj	Cytec Industries, Inc	Cytec Industries, Inc.
20061506	Wolseley plc	Mr. David B. McNair	Northern Water Works Supply, Inc.
20061509	Water Street Capital Partners, L.P.	Matria Healthcare, Inc	Facet Technologies, LLC.

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20061462	Quadrangle Capital Partners II L.P.	Gary L. and Mary E. West	West Corporation.
20061463	Thomas H. Lee Equity Fund VI, L.P.	Gary L. and Mary E. West	West Corporation.
20061464	Thomas H. Lee Parallel Fund VI, L.P.	Gary L. and Mary E. West	West Corporation.
20061467	Ashtead Group plc	NationsRent Companies, Inc	NationsRent Companies, Inc.
20061468	Charys Holding Company, Inc	Cotton Holdings 1, Inc	Cotton Commercial USA, LP. Cotton Holdings 1, Inc. Cotton Restoration of Central Texas, LP.
20061479	James W. Duffy	Rapid Industrial Plastics Co., Ltd	Rapid Industrial Plastics Co., Ltd.
20061504	Kohlberg Investors V, L.P	Niagra Corporation	Niagara Corporation.
20061505	The Home Depot, Inc	Edson Electric Supply, Inc	Edson Electric Supply, Inc.
20061507	Group 1 Automotive, Inc	Marty Sussman	E&M Associates. ERMAR Associates, L.P. Marty Sussman, Inc. d/b/a Sussman Honda and Marty Sussman BM. Marty Sussman Limited, Inc. d/b/a/ Marty Sussman Acura. MES & EES Associates, L.P. Sussman Auto, Inc. d/b/a Sussman Acura.

Transactions Granted Early Termination—08/10/2006

20061434	Croda International Plc	Imperial Chemical Industries PLC	ICI Uniqema Inc. Unichema Chemie B.V. Uniqema (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd.
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Transactions Granted Early Termination—08/11/2006

20061515	Cooper Industries, Ltd	OCM/GFI Power Opportunities Fund II, L.P.	Cannon Technologies, Inc.
20061527	Insight Enterprises, Inc	Level 3 Communications, Inc	Software Spectrum, Inc.
20061541	Solidus Networks, Inc	S&H Greenpoints, Inc	S&H Greenpoints, Inc.

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By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 051 0108]

Dan L. Duncan, et al.; Analysis of Proposed Agreement Containing Consent Order 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 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 18, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments. Comments should refer to “Dan L. Duncan, *et al.*, File No. 051 0108,” to facilitate the organization of comments. A comment filed in paper form should include this reference both in the text and on the envelope, and should be mailed or delivered to the following address: Federal Trade Commission/Office of the Secretary, Room 135–H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. Comments containing confidential material must be filed in paper form, must be clearly labeled “Confidential,” and must comply with Commission Rule 4.9(c). 16 CFR 4.9(c) (2005).¹ The FTC is requesting that any comment filed in paper form be sent by courier or overnight service, if possible, because U.S. postal mail in the Washington area and at the Commission is subject to delay due to heightened security precautions. Comments that do not contain any nonpublic information may instead be filed in electronic form as part of or as an attachment to email messages directed to the following e-mail box: consentagreement@ftc.gov.

The FTC Act and other laws the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding as appropriate. All timely and responsive public comments, whether filed in paper or electronic form, will be considered by the Commission, and will be available to the public on the FTC Web site, to the extent practicable, at <http://www.ftc.gov>. As a matter of discretion, the FTC makes every effort to remove home contact information for individuals from the public comments it receives before placing those comments

on the FTC Web site. More information, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, may be found in the FTC’s privacy policy, at <http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/privacy.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amanda L. Wait, Bureau of Competition, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326–2220.

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 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 18, 2006), on the World Wide Web, at <http://www.ftc.gov/os/2006/08/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. All comments should be filed as prescribed in the **ADDRESSES** section above, and must be received on or before the date specified in the **DATES** section.

Analysis of Agreement Containing Consent Order To Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission, subject to its final approval, has accepted for public comment an Agreement Containing Consent Order (“Consent Agreement”) with Dan L. Duncan, EPCO, Inc., Texas Eastern Products Pipeline Company, LLC, and TEPPCO Partners, L.P. (collectively “Duncan”). The Consent Agreement remedies the anticompetitive effects that otherwise would be likely to result from the acquisition described herein. The terms of the Consent Agreement require Duncan to divest its interests in the Mont Belvieu Storage Partners natural gas liquids storage facility and related pipeline, land, and other assets to a buyer approved by the Commission.

The proposed Consent Agreement has been placed on the public record for thirty (30) days to solicit comments from interested people. Comments

received during this period will become part of the public record. After thirty (30) days, the Commission again will review the proposed Consent Agreement and the comments received, and will decide whether it should withdraw the proposed Consent Agreement or make it final.

On February 24, 2005, EPCO, Inc., through DFI GP Holdings, L.P., acquired from Duke Energy Field Services, LLC: (1) TEPPCO’s general partner, Texas Eastern Products Pipeline Company, LLC, for \$1.1 billion, and (2) 2.5 million limited partnership units of TEPPCO Partners, L.P., at an estimated value of \$100 million (collectively “the acquisition”). The acquisition was not reportable under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act. Both EPCO and TEPPCO are leading providers of salt dome storage for natural gas liquids (“NGLs”) in Mont Belvieu, Texas. EPCO operates the Enterprise NGL storage facility in Mont Belvieu. TEPPCO operates the Mont Belvieu Storage Partners NGL storage facility in Mont Belvieu. As a result of this acquisition, two of the four commercial storage providers for NGLs were placed under Enterprise’s control.

I. The Parties

Enterprise Products Partners L.P. (“Enterprise”) is one of the largest publicly traded midstream energy partnerships in the United States, with an enterprise value of approximately \$15 billion. Enterprise’s services include NGL fractionation, transportation, import/export terminaling, and storage. Enterprise owns the largest and most liquid NGL storage facility in Mont Belvieu, along with several pipelines into and out of Mont Belvieu, and substantial brine handling capacity in Mont Belvieu. Enterprise also markets NGLs in Mont Belvieu. Dan L. Duncan ultimately controls Enterprise and EPCO, Inc. (“EPCO”), the general partner of Enterprise.

TEPPCO Partners, L.P. (“TEPPCO”) is a publicly traded master limited partnership. TEPPCO’s general partner is Texas Eastern Products Pipeline Company, LLC (“Texas Eastern”), which, post-acquisition, ultimately is controlled by EPCO and Dan L. Duncan. Through various subsidiaries, TEPPCO owns and operates NGL transportation and storage assets. TEPPCO’s Mont Belvieu NGL storage assets are owned by Mont Belvieu Storage Partners, a 50/50 joint venture between TEPPCO and Louis Dreyfus Energy Services L.P. TEPPCO controlled, and continues to control, the day-to-day operations of the Mont Belvieu Storage Partners NGL storage facility, through its wholly-

¹ The comment must be accompanied by an explicit request for confidential treatment, including the factual and legal basis for the request, and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record. The request will be granted or denied by the Commission’s General Counsel, consistent with applicable law and the public interest. See Commission Rule 4.9(c), 16 CFR 4.9(c).

owned subsidiary, TE Products Pipeline Company, Limited Partnership. TEPPCO also owns and operates the TE Products Pipeline, the primary source of propane to the northeastern United States and an important outlet for NGLs stored at the Mont Belvieu Storage Partners facility.

Since the acquisition, the general partners of Enterprise and TEPPCO have maintained separate boards of directors and management teams. The practical result of the acquisition, however, is that Dan L. Duncan ultimately owns and controls both entities.

II. Salt Dome Storage for Natural Gas Liquids in Mont Belvieu, Texas

The relevant market in which to analyze the effects of the acquisition is the market for salt dome storage for natural gas liquids (“NGLs”) in Mont Belvieu, Texas. NGLs are a group of light hydrocarbons—including ethane, propane, normal butane, isobutane, and natural gasoline—which are used, among other uses, as feedstocks in the production of ethylene and propylene, as fuel for heating or industrial processes, and in blending components for motor gasoline. NGLs primarily are stored in large underground wells formed out of geological salt domes under the Earth’s surface until they are delivered to end-users, usually via pipeline. Mont Belvieu, Texas, comprises the largest NGL storage system in the world and pipeline connections that allow NGL marketers to reach the broadest array of end use markets. There are no viable competitive alternatives to salt dome storage for NGLs in Mont Belvieu.

The market for salt dome storage for NGLs in Mont Belvieu, Texas, is highly concentrated, with Enterprise and TEPPCO as the two largest suppliers based on storage volumes, and two of the three largest suppliers based on permitted storage volume. Together the two account for about 70% of storage volume in Mont Belvieu. Targa Resources, Inc. and Valero Energy Corporation are the two other competitors that account for the remaining volume.

Storage wells are differentiated by their connectivity, both to pipelines bringing product into the wells from fractionators, and to pipelines taking product out of storage to the major product pipelines that transport NGLs to markets throughout the United States. Mont Belvieu’s attraction as a storage hub for NGLs stems from the flexibility it provides to owners to move their product to various markets. Storage customers evaluate wells on the basis of the flexibility they provide in receiving and moving product.

Prior to the acquisition, Enterprise and TEPPCO directly competed for storage volumes in Mont Belvieu based on price and service levels. Both Enterprise and TEPPCO are connected to the Dixie Pipeline and competed for storage volumes for customers wishing to ship product, primarily propane, into the Southeastern United States. In addition, Enterprise and TEPPCO, along with Targa Resources, Inc., competed for storage customers’ marginal volumes. Many customers must store minimum volumes at certain facilities due to pipeline connections or other restrictions. Finally, Enterprise and TEPPCO competed for trading volumes. Because Enterprise and TEPPCO are the two most liquid storage providers, many trading customers ranked them as their first and second choice for storage.

The acquisition significantly increased concentration in the Mont Belvieu market for salt dome storage for NGLs, leaving EPCO controlling a dominant share of storage volume and capacity. A combined Enterprise/TEPPCO would have an enhanced ability unilaterally to exercise market power in the market because many customers view the two suppliers as first and second choices and the handful of other viable suppliers are incapable of replacing the competition lost as a result of the merger. Reducing the already small number of competitors also increases the likelihood of coordinated interaction after the merger. Thus, eliminating competition between the two leading suppliers likely would result in higher prices and lower levels of service for storage customers.

III. Entry

Entry into the Mont Belvieu storage market is unlikely to deter or counteract the likely anticompetitive effects. Entry is difficult and time-consuming and potential entrants would face substantial barriers in the form of permit requirements and land use restrictions.

IV. Terms of the Proposed Consent Agreement

The proposed Consent Agreement effectively remedies the acquisition’s alleged anticompetitive effects by requiring TEPPCO to divest its interests in Mont Belvieu Storage Partners and certain related pipeline, land, and other assets (collectively the “divested assets”). The Commission’s purposes with respect to the divestiture are: (1) To ensure the continuation of the divested assets as a going concern in the same manner as of the date the Consent Agreement was signed, and (2) to remedy the lessening of competition

resulting from the acquisition as alleged in the Commission’s Complaint.

In order to achieve these purposes, Paragraph II of the proposed Consent Agreement directs Duncan to sell TEPPCO’s interests in certain Mont Belvieu NGL storage assets and related pipeline, land, and other assets to a Commission-approved buyer no later than December 31, 2006, and in a manner approved by the Commission, subject to the Commission’s final approval. If Duncan is unable to divest this set of assets to a Commission-approved buyer within this timeframe, Paragraph III of the proposed Consent Agreement contains the standard divestiture trustee provisions pursuant to which the Commission may appoint a trustee to divest the assets to a Commission-approved buyer.

Paragraph IV.A of the proposed Consent Agreement requires Duncan to provide prior notice to the Commission of its planned acquisitions, operatorships, or management of any NGL storage facility in Mont Belvieu, Texas, for a period of ten (10) years. Paragraph IV.C requires Duncan to send copies of all new NGL storage leases with third party NGL storage facilities in Mont Belvieu within the earlier of fifteen (15) days of being signed or becoming effective. These provisions ensure that subsequent acquisitions or leases do not adversely impact competition in the market at issue and undermine the remedial goals of the proposed Consent Agreement.

In order to achieve successfully the Commission’s purposes, Paragraph II of the proposed Consent Agreement contains provisions that ensure that the acquirer receives all resources necessary to operate the divested assets. First, Paragraph II requires Duncan to give the acquirer the opportunity to interview and hire employees who spend more than ten percent (10%) of their time working on the divested assets, and prevents Duncan from offering these employees incentives to decline the acquirer’s offer of employment. This will ensure that the acquirer has access to staff who are familiar with the NGL storage, pipelines, and other related assets. Second, Paragraph II requires Duncan to convey to the acquirer licensed intangible property necessary for the operation of the divested assets to ensure that the acquirer has the software and other assets necessary to operate the divested assets in the same manner as of the day the parties signed the Consent Agreement.

To maintain the competitive viability of the divested assets, including TEPPCO’s interest in Mont Belvieu Storage Partners, in the same manner as

of the date the Consent Agreement was signed, the proposed Consent Agreement contains several provisions relating to the operation of TEPPCO's TE Products Pipeline. TEPPCO provides "open stock" service to propane shippers from Mont Belvieu Storage Partners, a service whereby shippers who ship on the pipeline and who have adequate inventory in the TEPPCO system, given certain inventory and availability requirements, can take delivery of propane at any of TEPPCO's terminals along the pipeline without having to wait for the pipeline transit time it would take to move the product physically from origin to destination. The open stock service allows TEPPCO to transfer product from any origination point along the pipeline it chooses to meet shippers' needs, irrespective of the storage facility in which the shipper actually has inventory. EPCO's plans to build a pipeline connecting its Mont Belvieu storage facility to the TEPPCO pipeline raises several concerns regarding its ability to disadvantage any prospective acquirer of TEPPCO's interest in Mont Belvieu Storage Partners. First, TEPPCO could decline to offer the open stock service at Mont Belvieu Storage Partners, or offer the service there at less advantageous terms than at EPCO's Mont Belvieu facility. Second, TEPPCO could impede Mont Belvieu Storage Partners' ability to market its storage capacity by allocating product from other storage facilities along the pipeline to meet shipper's needs, keeping Mont Belvieu Storage Partners' capacity occupied disproportionately. The proposed Consent Agreement contains provisions addressing these concerns.

First, the proposed Consent Agreement requires TEPPCO to continue to operate the TE Products Pipeline on open stock service for propane. Second, if Duncan builds a pipeline, referred to in the proposed Consent Agreement as the "New Pipeline," connecting the TE Products Pipeline to any NGL storage facility it owns in Mont Belvieu, Texas, the proposed Consent Agreement requires Duncan to (1) connect the new pipeline to the Mont Belvieu Storage Partners NGL storage facility at its own cost, (2) operate the TE Products Pipeline for propane on an open stock basis for shippers who ship from Mont Belvieu Storage Partners on terms and conditions that are no less advantageous than those for shippers who ship propane from an NGL storage facility in Mont Belvieu owned by Duncan, and (3) operate the TE Products Pipeline for products other than propane on terms

and conditions that are no less advantageous than those for shippers who ship products other than propane from an NGL storage facility in Mont Belvieu owned by Duncan.

Third, the proposed Consent Agreement contains provisions relating to the implementation of new allocation procedures for the TE Products Pipeline. Paragraph IV.B requires TEPPCO to provide advance written notice to the Commission of any new allocation procedures relating to the movements of NGLs on the TE Products Pipeline originating in Mont Belvieu, Texas. Paragraph VI requires any new allocation procedures to include a requirement that shippers originating product movements on the pipeline from the Mont Belvieu Storage Partners NGL storage facility nominate that movement to both TEPPCO and Mont Belvieu Storage Partners and also provides that such new allocation procedures shall allow shippers who ship product originating at Mont Belvieu Storage Partners' facility to ship on terms and conditions that are no less advantageous than those given to shippers who ship from an NGL storage facility owned by Duncan.

The purpose of the provisions relating to the operation of the TE Products Pipeline is to maintain the competitive viability of the Mont Belvieu Storage Partners NGL storage facility in the same manner as of the date the Consent Agreement was signed by ensuring that Duncan cannot disadvantage shippers who originate product movements from the Mont Belvieu Storage Partners' facility in favor of shippers who originate product movements from its own storage facility in the event that Duncan interconnects an NGL storage facility it owns in Mont Belvieu, Texas, to the TE Products Pipeline.

V. Opportunity for Public Comment

By accepting the proposed Consent Agreement, subject to final approval, the Commission anticipates that the competitive problems alleged in the Complaint will be resolved. The purpose of this analysis is to invite public comment on the proposed Consent Agreement, including the proposed divestitures, to aid the Commission in its determination of whether it should make final the proposed Consent Agreement contained in the agreement. This analysis is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the proposed Consent Agreement or modify the terms of the proposed Consent Agreement in any way. Further, the proposed Consent Agreement has been entered into for settlement purposes only and does not

constitute an admission by Dan L. Duncan, EPCO, Texas Eastern, or TEPPCO that it violated the law or that the facts alleged in the Complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Establishment of a Transaction Fee for Transportation Services Provided for the GSA, Office of Global Supply

AGENCY: Federal Supply Service, GSA.

ACTION: Final Notice

SUMMARY: GSA is amending the Freight Management Program (FMP), Standard Tender of Service (STOS), to incorporate a 4% transaction fee for transportation services provided for the GSA, Office of Global Supply. Transportation Service Providers (TSPs) will be required to remit a 4% transaction fee to GSA on a quarterly basis.

DATES: The effective date is January 1, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Mary Anne Sykes, Transportation Programs Branch, by telephone at 703-605-2889 or by e-mail at transportation.programs@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The final notice is applicable to the Freight Management Program (FMP), Standard Tender of Service (STOS), for transportation services provided to the Eastern Distribution Center (EDC), Burlington, NJ; Western Distribution Center (WDC), French Camp, CA; and the National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and NISH. It applies to all transportation service providers (TSPs) transporting these shipments. The final notice and implementation procedures take into account the comments received from transportation service providers (TSPs) in response to the notices published in the **Federal Register** at 70 FR 73248 on December 9, 2005, and an extension to that notice at 70 FR 76455 on December 27, 2005, soliciting comments on the establishment of a 4% transaction fee for transportation services provided for the GSA, Office of Global Supply. GSA published the response to the comments on the proposed rule in the **Federal Register** at 71 FR 38403 on July 6, 2006.

The Transportation Management Services Solution (TMSS) pre-payment