

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,)	
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,)	
AND THE DISTRICT OF)	
COLUMBIA,)	
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	Plaintiffs,)	
)	Civil Action No.15-2115 (EGS)
	v.)	
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STAPLES, INC. and)	
OFFICE DEPOT, INC.)	
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	Defendants.)	
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ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on the Federal Trade Commission, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia’s (collectively “Plaintiffs”) motion to enjoin the proposed merger of Defendant Staples, Inc. (“Staples”) with Defendant Office Depot, Inc. (“Office Depot”) (collectively “Defendants”), under Section 13(b) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. § 53(b). After considering the extensive record and the parties’ legal arguments, the Court finds that Plaintiffs have met their burden of showing that there is a reasonable probability that the proposed merger will substantially impair competition in the sale and distribution of consumable office supplies to large Business-to-Business

4. Defendants are directed to maintain the status quo until
(1) the completion of all legal proceedings by the FTC
challenging the transaction, including all appeals, or
(2) further order of the COURT, including upon the
request of the FTC, before completion of such legal
proceedings;

5. This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for
all purposes and for the full duration of this Order, as
provided in the previous paragraph.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Judge
May 10, 2016