

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**COMMISSIONERS: Maureen K. Ohlhausen, Acting Chairman
 Terrell McSweeney**

In the Matter of)
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ABBOTT LABORATORIES,)
 a corporation;)
))
and)
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ALERE INC.,)
 a corporation.)

Docket No. C-4625

V. EFFECTS OF THE ACQUISITION

9. The effects of the Acquisition, if consummated, may be to substantially lessen