



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20580

February 8, 2019

Sandra Lane
North Carolina

Re: In the Matter of Linde AG, Praxair, Inc., and Linde PLC-captioned matter. The Commission has placed your comment on the public record pursuant to Rule 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 165 C.F.R. § 4.9(b)(6)(ii), and has given it careful consideration in connection with its decision concerning whether to accord final approval to the proposed consent order.

When the Commission requires assets to be divested as part of a settlement, it requires the respondents (in this case, Linde and Praxair) to find an acceptable buyer for those assets. After the respondents have selected a buyer for the assets, the Commission reviews the respondents' agreements with the buyer of each package to determine whether to accept the proposed consent order. The Commission evaluates whether the buyer will be able to, with the package of assets, (1) identify and (2) acquire the ability to enter into the relevant market. Additional information about the divestiture process can be found in the Statement of the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition on Negotiated Remedies available at <http://www.ftc.gov/tipsadvice/competitionguidance/merger-remedies>.

The Commission has determined that the public interest would be served best by issuing the Decision and Order in final form with certain modifications. Relevant materials are available from the Commission's website at <http://www.ftc.gov>. We appreciate your comments and interest in this matter.

By direction of the Commission, Commissioner Chopra dissenting.

April J. Tabor
Acting Secretary