

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

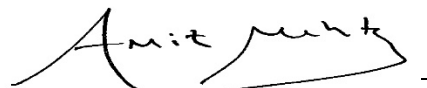
United States of America,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	Civil No. 15-cv-00366 (APM)
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Waste Management, Inc., et al.,)	
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Defendants.)	

ORDER

The United States filed this action against Waste Management, Inc. (“Waste Management”), and Deffenbaugh Disposal, Inc. (“Deffenbaugh”), alleging that Waste Management’s proposed acquisition of Deffenbaugh would violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. § 18. *See* Compl., ECF No. 1, ¶¶ 29-30. The United States filed with its complaint a Hold Separate Stipulation and Order, ECF No. 2-1, which the court executed, ECF No. 8; a proposed Final Judgment, ECF No. 2-2; and a Competitive Impact Statement, ECF No. 3. Thereafter, as required by the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act, 15 U.S.C. § 16(b)-(h) (the “Tunney Act”), the United States published and subjected the proposed Final Judgment to a sixty-day public comment period, which expired on May 25, 2015, *see* Mot. and Mem. of the United States in Supp. of Entry of Final J., ECF No. 11 at 3-4. The public comment period elicited no responses. The United States now asks the court to enter the agreed-upon Final Judgment, which would permit Waste Management and Deffenbaugh to complete the proposed transaction subject to conditions intended to remedy the violations identified in the complaint.

The court has carefully reviewed the United States' complaint, its motion, the proposed Final Judgment, and the Competitive Impact Statement. It has considered the United States' representations under the Tunney Act's "public interest" standard, as well as the absence of any comments opposing or criticizing the Final Judgment. After a review of the record, the court finds that the proposed Final Judgment "is in the public interest." 15 U.S.C. § 16(e)(1). A signed Final Judgment accompanies this Order.

Dated: July 8, 2015


Amit P. Mehta
United States District Judge