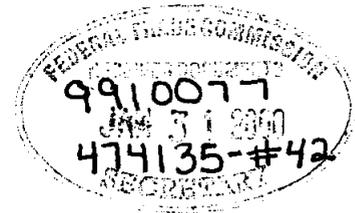


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RE: Exxon-Mobil Merger

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am worried about the environmental impacts of the proposed merger of Exxon and Mobil. Both companies have miserable environmental records, as you well know, and their merging, and the resulting economic and political strength of such a merger, could lead to even more environmental degradation both within the U.S. and worldwide.

I hope that you will consider the following points before final approval of the merger. There is simply too much at stake not to.

1. Prepare an environmental impact statement of the merger, and impose stringent conditions to prevent deleterious effects on the natural environment.
2. Having grown up in Houston and experiencing the foul air from the refining operations of Exxon and Mobil, I think it would be only fair to the residents of that area, as well as the residents in any other area where either company has a large installation, that the FTC hold public hearings to determine how the tax payers feel about this merger and the possible impacts of it upon their communities.
3. Exxon and Mobil must own up to their contributions to global warming and they must prepare a plan to reduce significantly those contributions.
4. Both companies must invest in alternative energy sources, rather than exploitation of the finite fossil fuel reserves.
5. Exxon and Mobil should be urged to adopt the Precautionary Principle in regard to further exploration and exploitation of the environment. Too, they should be urged to negotiate Good Neighbor Agreements with local communities to ensure environmental integrity.

Public comment on this matter is absolutely necessary. It is due process. The common good, both environmental and economic, must be carefully considered. The people must be given the opportunity to speak. It is our country, not Exxon's and Mobil's. Extend and publicize, please, the deadline for public comment.

I look forward to your reply on this important matter.

Edward B. Soph