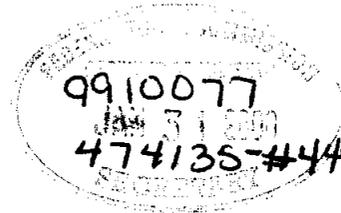


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January 31, 2000

The Honorable Robert Pitofsky
Chairman, Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Rm. 159
Washington, DC 20580



RE: Comments on the merger between Exxon and Mobil

Dear Chairman Pitofsky:

I am writing to express my concerns about the environmental impacts of the proposed merger of Exxon Corporation and Mobil Corporation.

Both companies have a poor history of polluting local communities and the global environment. I am concerned that the merger, by creating a more economically and politically powerful company, will lead to even more environmental damage in local communities and worldwide.

The merged company would have even more resources to lobby against an effective solution to global warming. There is already evidence that even the consumption of existing economic reserves of fossil fuels could push global warming trends to catastrophic levels. With the boost to exploration for new reserves promised by the merger, the threat of global climate change is heightened.

Therefore, I urge the Federal Trade Commission to consider the following recommendations prior to final approval of the merger:

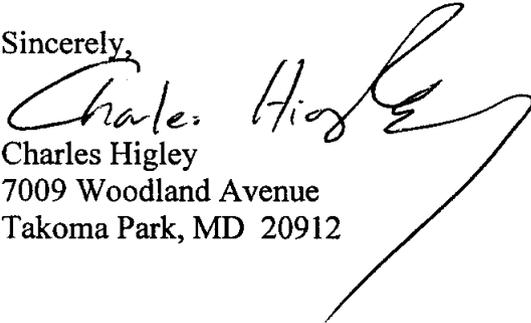
1. Require Exxon and Mobil to prepare an environmental impact statement examining the environmental and health impacts of the merger. Based on the findings in the EIS, the Federal Trade Commission should require that the merging companies take specific steps to prevent harmful environmental impacts from occurring.
2. Conduct a series of public hearings in communities around the United States where Exxon and Mobil have major operations to gather more input from citizens and communities that may be affected by the merger.
3. Require Exxon and Mobil to acknowledge the role of its products in global warming and to prepare a plan for reducing its contribution to climate change.
4. Require Exxon and Mobil to invest in the development of alternative, non-fossil-fuel-based energy sources.

5. Require Exxon and Mobil to withdraw from the Global Climate Coalition, an organization that engages in misleading communications to the public.

6. Encourage Exxon, Mobil, and acquirers of its facilities to negotiate Good Neighbor Agreements with local stakeholders to resolve concerns raised by the merger.

In addition, please consider extending the deadline for public comment on this matter. Please advise me of your decision on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Higley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name. A long, sweeping underline extends from the end of the signature down towards the bottom right of the page.

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