

Data Search Description for FTC Votes to Bring Actions, Settle, etc., in Antitrust Matthew Spitzer and Adam Gilmore

What follows is a brief description of the search strategy, and the results. In total, the search function yielded 329 results.

Search Function and How to Access Results

This search function was used on the FTC web site in the “Federal Trade Commission Tab”.

The Federal Trade Commission tab is accessed by:

Under “Content Types” Administrative Decisions and Guidance >>> All Federal Administrative Decisions & Guidance >>> Federal Trade Function

The search function used is:

ATLEAST2(antitrust) monop!) & ATLEAST2(complaint) & "commission vote"

The search function was applied to the entire period of time that the FTC’s digitized data base covers.

The ATLEAST2 function was used for (antitrust) and (complaint) to filter out press releases with these disclaimers:

The Federal Trade Commission works to promote competition, and protect and educate consumers. You can learn more about how competition benefits consumers or file an **antitrust complaint**. Like the FTC on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, read our blogs, and subscribe to press releases for the latest FTC news and resources.

Copies of the **complaint**, consent order, and an analysis to aid in public comment can be found on the FTC's Web site at ... To inform the Bureau about particular business practices, call 202-326-3300, send an e-mail to **antitrust@ftc.gov**

Description of Spreadsheet

The spreadsheet includes:

Essentially, all original decisions or first announcements by FTC of taking some form of action. This includes:

- All original decisions to file a complaint or approve a complaint.
- All original decisions to seek an injunction or other court orders.
- Announcements of proposed consent agreement for public comment (if there were no previous press releases found in results)
- Acceptance of proposed consent order was included if there were no previous mentions of the companies in the results (note that acceptance of proposed consent orders is not a final approval)
- Agreements to issue opinion and prior-approval order (e.g. 1994 Coca-Cola case)

The spreadsheet excluded from the results:

All decisions that occurred after some original action was decided to be taken by the FTC, as well as HSR violations. This includes:

- Final approvals of consent agreements/announcements of issues of consent agreements in final form (this had a lot of results)
- Dismissals of prior charges
- Motions filed on behalf of companies charged with FTC violations, such as motions to dismiss by a company
- Hart-Scott-Rodino act violations and all other premerger filing violations (this had a lot of results)
- General FTC opinions on antitrust issues and other press releases
- Petitions to courts to review decisions
- FTC testimonies to Congress
- FTC to file amicus briefs
- Strictly State Action Doctrine issues