# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS: Joseph J. Simons, Chairman

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Rebecca Kelly Slaughter Christine S. Wilson

#### In the Matter of

The Procter & Gamble Company, a corporation

and

Billie, Inc.,

a corporation.

Docket No. 9400

**PUBLIC** 

### JOINT MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT

Complaint Counsel and Respondents The Procter & Gamble Company ("P&G") and Billie, Inc. ("Billie") jointly move to dismiss the complaint in the above-captioned matter. On January 5, 2021, Respondents publicly announced that they have mutually terminated their agreement for P&G to acquire Billie.

As set forth in the attached correspondence, Respondent P&G has withdrawn its Hart-Scott-Rodino Notification and Report Form filed for the proposed acquisition. The complaint is now moot.

Accordingly, Complaint Counsel and Respondents respectfully request that the Commission dismiss the complaint. A proposed order is attached.

Dated: January 6, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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# [PROPOSED] ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT

This matter comes before the Commission on Complaint Counsel and Respondents' Joint Motion to Dismiss Complaint. Having considered the motion, it is hereby ORDERED:

The Joint Motion to Dismiss Complaint, dated January 6, 2021, is GRANTED; and

The complaint is dismissed without prejudice.

By the Commission.	
Issued:	
	April J. Tabor
	Acting Secretary

# **ATTACHMENT**

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January 5, 2021

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Re: Premerger Notification concerning the proposed acquisition of certain voting

securities of Billie, Inc. by The Procter & Gamble Company; Transaction

Number 2020-0705

Dear Ms. Berg:

Please be advised that effective January 5, 2021, The Procter & Gamble Company is withdrawing its HSR Premerger Notification that was submitted on February 6, 2020 in connection with the above-referenced matter.

By copy of this letter I am informing the Department of Justice of this withdrawal.

Please contact me at (202) 879-5553 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Michael H. Knight

Michael H. Knight

cc: Department of Justice
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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on January 6, 2021, I filed the foregoing document electronically using the FTC's E-Filing System, which will send notification of such filing to:

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I also certify that I caused the foregoing document to be served via email to:

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I certify that the electronic copy sent to the Secretary of the Commission is a true and correct copy of the paper original and that I possess a paper original of the signed document that is available for review by the parties and the adjudicator.

January 6, 2021 By: s/ Jonathan H. Lasken

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