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COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS SPEAKS BEFORE THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY

Chairman Harold M. Williams spoke before The Legal Aid Society, Servant of Justice Award Dinner, in New York, New York, on April 23, 1979. The title of his address was "The Role of Law in Society."

COMMISSIONER KARMEL SPEAKS BEFORE SECURITIES INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

Commissioner Roberta S. Karmel spoke before the Compliance and Legal Seminar, Securities Industry Association, in San Diego, California, on April 23, 1979. The title of her address was "Is the Securities Industry Ready for Regulatory Reform?"

CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

J. LYELL GINTER PLEADS NOLO CONTENDERE TO CHARGE OF UNREGISTERED SALES

The Seattle Regional Office announced that on March 26 the Honorable Otto R. Skopil, Jr., U.S. District Judge for the District of Oregon, accepted a plea of nolo contendere from J. Lyell Ginter to one count of illegally selling unregistered securities. The court, on the government's motion, then dismissed a court of perjury filed in the same information. The charges stemmed from an investigation into the sale by Ginter of personal promissory notes in Oregon and Washington. The court set a late April 1979 sentencing date. (U.S. v. J. Lyell Ginter, District of Oregon, No. CR-79-57). (LR-8727)

CIVIL PROCEEDINGS

NORMAN D. FIFE, OTHERS ENJOINED

The Denver Regional Office announced that on April 12 Judge John H. Wood, Jr. of San Antonio, Texas signed an order preliminarily enjoining Norman D. Fife of Salt Lake City, Utah, Walt Odom of Dallas, Texas and Bill C. Simpson of San Antonio from violating certain antifraud provisions of the securities laws in the offer and sale of fractional undivided oil and gas interests, or any other security whatsoever. The order was entered after a two day hearing on the Commission's motion for a preliminary injunction commencing on March 26, 1979. (SEC v. Harry T. McClain, et al., USDC, Western District of Texas, Civil Action No. SA-78-CA-105). (LR-8728)

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST SANTANGELO & CO., OTHERS

The Commission announced on April 23 the filing of a civil injunctive action in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York against 12 defendants and simultaneously the Court entered Judgments of Permanent Injunction enjoining the defendants from violating the antifraud provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Commission also announced the institution of administrative proceedings pursuant to Sections 15(b) and 19(h) of the Exchange Act against 10 respondents and the entry of an Order making certain findings and imposing remedial sanctions against the respondents. Both of the related enforcement actions arose out of allegedly fictitious reports of transactions in securities on the New York Stock Exchange and the American Stock Exchange.

The defendants in the civil injunctive action are Santangelo & Co., a broker-dealer registered with the Commission and three persons who were partners of the firm during the relevant time period--Francis R. Santangelo; Arthur Rafkind and Anthony C. Taccetta, Jr.; and Michael Bregman & Co., a broker-dealer registered with the Commission and seven persons who were partners of the firm during the relevant time period--Robert B. and Gerald M. Bregman; Louis G. Paolillo; Stewart N. Bader; Walter T. Newman; Joel Surnamer and Herbert Weissman. The respondents in the administrative proceedings are Santangelo & Co.; Santangelo; Taccetta; Eugene Mauro; Richard Doyle; Michael, Bregman & Co.; Robert B. Bregman; Paolillo; Bader and Newman.

The defendants in the civil injunctive action consented to the entry of the Judgments of Permanent Injunction without admitting or denying the allegations in the complaint. The respondents in the administrative proceedings submitted offers of settlement which were accepted by the Commission in which they consented to the issuance of the Commission's Findings and Order without admitting or denying the findings contained therein. (LR-8729 and 34-15753)

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

THE NORTH CAROLINA TAX-EXEMPT BOND FUND

An order has been issued on an application of the North Carolina Tax-Exempt Bond Fund, Series One (and Subsequent Series) (Fund), a unit investment trust registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, and its sponsor, First Charlotte Corporation, pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act exempting Applicants from the provisions of Section 14(a) of the Act, and exempting the frequency of capital gains distributions of the Fund and the secondary market operations of the sponsor from the provisions of Rule 19b-1 and Rule 22c-1, respectively, under the Act. (Rel. IC-10670 - Apr. 23)

HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

COASTAL STATES-LO-VACA SETTLEMENT TRUST

An order has been issued granting an exemption from the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 pursuant to Section 3(a)(4) to Coastal States-Lo-Vaca Settlement Trust and Merchantile National Bank at Dallas. (Rel. 35-21014 - Apr. 23)

METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until May 17 to request a hearing on a proposal of Metropolitan Edison Company (Met-Ed), subsidiary of General Public Utilities Corporation, that Met-Ed sell transmission lines and substations to an unaffiliated electric utility. (Rel. 35-21015 - Apr. 23)

SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

The Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. has filed a proposed rule change under Rule 19b-4 (SR-CBOE-79-3) to amend its Rule 8.7(b)(i) to establish maximum bid/ask differentials for market makers based on the last preceding bid for an option contract. Publication of the proposal is expected to be made in the Federal Register during the week of April 23. (Rel. 34-15754)

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS

The following registration statements have been filed with the SEC pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933. The information noted below has been taken from the cover page and the facing sheet of the prospectus and registration statement and will appear as follows: Form; Name, address and phone number (if available) of the issuer of the security; Title and the number or face amount of the securities being offered; Name of the managing underwriter (if applicable); Whether the offering is a rights offering; and File number and date filed.

- (S-8) DUCOMMUN INCORPORATED, 612 South Flower St., Los Angeles, Cal. 90017 (213) 589-6541 - 75,000 shares of common stock. The company is engaged, among other things, in the wholesale industrial distribution of metals, tools and supplies. (File 2-64222 - Apr. 23)

- (S-8) BENEFICIAL CORPORATION, Beneficial Bldg., 1300 Market St., Wilmington, Del. 19899 (302) 658-5171 - 300,000 shares of common stock. (File 2-64237 - Apr. 20)
- (S-16) MANUFACTURERS HANOVER CORPORATION, 350 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022 (212) 350-5824 - \$150 million of floating rate notes, due 2009 (convertible prior to May 1, 1989 into 8-3/8% debentures, due 2009) and \$150 million of 8-3/8% debentures, due 2009. Underwriters: Blyth Eastman Dillon & Co., Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., Merrill Lynch White Weld Capital Markets Group and Salomon Brothers. The company is engaged in a general commercial banking and trust business. (File 2-64242 - Apr. 23)
- (S-7) THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY, 2030 Dow Center, Midland, Mich. 48640 (517) 636-1000 - 50,000 shares of common stock. The company is engaged, among other things, in the manufacture and sale of chemicals. (File 2-64243 - Apr. 23)
- (S-8) BALLY MANUFACTURING CORPORATION, 2640 West Belmont Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60618 - 630,000 shares of common stock. (File 2-64244 - Apr. 23)
- (S-14) INDEPENDENT BANKSHARES CORPORATION, 1108 Fifth Ave., San Rafael, Cal. 94901 (415) 456-8000 - 264,390 shares of common stock. (File 2-64245 - Apr. 23)
- (S-16) STANDARD BRANDS INCORPORATED, 625 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022 (212) 759-4400 - 200,000 shares of common stock. The company is a manufacturer, processor and distributor of food and related products. (File 2-64246 - Apr. 23)
- (S-8) THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY, 101 Prospect Avenue, N.W., Cleveland, Ohio 44115 (216) 566-2573 - 300,000 common shares. (File 2-64247 - Apr. 23)
- (S-16) ALEXANDER & ALEXANDER SERVICES INC., 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036 (212) 840-8500 - 6,480 shares of common stock. (File 2-64248 - Apr. 23)
- (S-8) THE BUREAU OF NATIONAL AFFAIRS, INC., 1231 25th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037 (202) 452-4250 - 90,000 shares of Class A common stock. (File 2-64249 - Apr. 23)
- (S-8) THE GORMAN-RUPP COMPANY, 305 Bowman St., Mansfield, Ohio 44902 - \$150,000 of participations and 6,000 common shares. (File 2-64250 - Apr. 23)
- (S-8) QUAKER STATE OIL REFINING CORPORATION, 255 Elm St., Oil City, Pa. 16301 (814) 676-0661 - \$12 million of interests and an indeterminate number of shares of capital stock. (File 2-64251 - Apr. 23)

REGISTRATIONS EFFECTIVE

Apr. 12: Burroughs Corp., 2-63842.

Apr. 18: Central and South West Corp., 2-63670; General Motors Corp., 2-64018, 2-64019 & 2-64020; Michigan Energy Resources Co., 2-63779; Patriot Bancorp., 2-62758; Security Pacific Corp., 2-63760 & 2-63761; Tax Exempt Securities Trust, Series 25, 2-63983.

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