

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NEWS DIGEST



A brief summary of financial proposals filed with and actions by the S.E.C.

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## Securities Exchange Act Release No. 5393

Chairman J. Sinclair Armstrong of the Securities and Exchange Commission today announced that upon the request of counsel representing both Great Sweet Grass Oils Limited and Kroy Oils Limited, the two cases arising under Section 19(a)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 have been continued for hearing to November 26, 1956. Upon the basis of the hearing the Commission will determine whether to withdraw, or to suspend for not to exceed 12 months, the registration of the capital stock of either company on the American Stock Exchange for the reasons stated in the orders and notices of hearing heretofore issued. By consent of all parties, the two cases have been consolidated for hearing.

The proceedings involving Great Sweet Grass Oils Limited were initiated on October 19, 1956, and those involving Kroy Oils Limited were commenced two weeks later. The Commission has been informed today by counsel for Great Sweet Grass Oils Limited that Samuel Ciglen, president and director, and Morris Black, financial manager and director, resigned their positions with that company on October 24, 1956. These two officers, who the Commission is advised are not in the United States, through counsel have declined the Commission's telegraphic request of October 31, 1956, to appear before the Commission staff on November 2, 1956, to give information in regard to the questions raised by the Commission's orders and notices of hearing affecting trading in the company's stock on the American Stock Exchange. The Commission believes that Mr. Ciglen and Mr. Black, despite their resignation as officers and directors of the company, could furnish useful information to the Commission relating to the acquisition by Great Sweet Grass Oils Limited of oil and gas properties from Depositors Mutual Oil Development Company in exchange for 1,750,000 shares of Great Sweet Grass capital stock. The Commission believes that they and other Canadian residents with knowledge of the facts concerning the consolidated cases should submit to the jurisdiction of the Commission under the United States Securities Exchange Act at the hearing now scheduled for November 26, 1956.

## Investment Company Act Release No. 2436

Atlas Corporation (New York investment company) and its subsidiary, Petro-Atlas Corporation, have applied to the SEC for an exemption order under the Investment Company Act of 1940 with respect to a proposed transaction by Petro; and the Commission has issued an order giving interested persons until November 23, 1956, to request a hearing on the application.

Petro proposes to acquire from its President, Tom Bolack, certain oil and gas leasehold interests located in San Juan County, Utah, for an aggregate consideration

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of \$200,000. The application states that in April, 1953, Bolack acquired an oil and gas leasehold interest in 1280 acres located west of the Aneth field in the Paradox Basin in San Juan County, Utah, from Albert W. Rice, the lessee thereof, under a lease from the United States acting through the Bureau of Land Management. In June, 1953, Bolack transferred one-half (640 acres) of said leasehold interest to Bolack Oil and Gas Company. Through successive mergers of Bolack Oil and Gas Company with Albuquerque Associated Oil Company and thereafter of Albuquerque Associated Oil Company with Atlas Corporation and through transfer by Atlas Corporation, Petro acquired said one-half interest in such oil and gas leasehold. Bolack now proposes to sell and Petro proposes to acquire a 320 acre interest in the 640 acre leasehold interest retained by Bolack.

Because of the intercompany affiliation, the transaction is prohibited by the Investment Company Act unless an exemption order is issued by the SEC.

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