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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED AGAINST
HOFMANN, KAVANAUGH SECURITIES CORPORATION, OTHERS

The Commission announced that it has instituted administrative proceedings against Hofmann, Kavanaugh Securities Corporation, a broker-dealer, formerly located in Los Angeles, California, Kurt von Hofmann, of Los Angeles, Lon Roy Kavanaugh, Jr., of Beverly Hills, California and Lawrence I. Fiber, of Northridge, California. The Commission's order alleges that respondents violated and aided and abetted violations of the net capital, customer protection and recordkeeping provisions of the Exchange Act.

Pursuant to Offers of Settlement which the Commission has determined to accept, the Commission has entered an order revoking the registration of Hofmann, Kavanaugh Securities Corporation. The Commission has also barred Kurt von Hofmann from association with any broker-dealer, investment adviser or investment company, provided that he may apply to become associated in a non-supervisory capacity in three years upon a showing that he will be properly supervised. The Commission has further barred Lon Roy Kavanaugh, Jr. from association with any broker-dealer, investment adviser or investment company in a supervisory or proprietary capacity; provided, however, that he may be associated in a non-supervisory, non-proprietary capacity upon a demonstration that he will be properly supervised. A public hearing as to Lawrence I. Fiber has not yet been scheduled. (Rel. 34-14992 and 34-14993)

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
LOST AND STOLEN SECURITIES PROGRAM

The Commission is soliciting public comments on the provisions and operations of the Lost and Stolen Securities Program and on the redesignation of the Securities Information Center, Inc. as the Commission's designee to operate and maintain the data base of reported security losses and thefts. Comments should be sent in triplicate to George A. Fitzsimmons, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 500 North Capitol Street, Washington, D.C. 20549 on or before September 8 and should refer to File No. S7-611. All submissions will be made available for public inspection. (Rel. 34-15015)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gregory C. Yadley at (202) 376-8128.

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

LASTARMCO INC.

An order has been issued on an application of Lastarmco Inc., a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company, declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-10346 - July 31)

INCOME TRUST FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT GUARANTEED SECURITIES

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until August 23 to request a hearing on an application of Income Trust for U.S. Government Guaranteed Securities (Applicant), registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a diversified, open-end investment company, for an order pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act granting an exemption from the provisions of Section 22(d) of the Act with respect to a proposed sale of Applicant's shares at net asset value without a sales charge to participants in a proposed distribution reinvestment program. (Rel. IC-10347 - July 31)

HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until August 28 to request a hearing on a proposal of Metropolitan Edison Company, subsidiary of General Public Utilities Corporation, that it issue and sell up to \$50 million of first mortgage bonds at competitive bidding. (Rel. 35-20650 - July 31)

OHIO EDISON COMPANY

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until August 25 to request a hearing on a proposal of Ohio Edison Company, a registered holding company, that it issue and sell up to 450,000 shares of a new series of \$100 par value preferred stock. (Rel. 35-20651 - July 31)

GENERAL PUBLIC UTILITIES

A supplemental order has been issued authorizing a proposal of General Public Utilities Corporation (GPU), a registered holding company, and its subsidiary, GPU Service Corporation (Service Company), concerning bank borrowings by Service Company that GPU has guaranteed. (Rel. 35-20652 - July 31)

YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until August 25 to request a hearing on a proposal of Yankee Atomic Electric Company and Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation, both subsidiaries of New England Electric System and Northeast Utilities, that they enter into an agreement concerning uranium production with a non-affiliated company. (Rel. 35-20653 - Aug. 1)

SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

The Commission has approved a proposed rule change, on an accelerated basis, filed by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. The rule change (SR-NYSE-78-37) clarifies certain rules governing the comparison and settlement of NYSE transactions. (Rel. 34-14016)

NOTICE OF EFFECTIVENESS OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

The following proposed rule changes have become effective under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934: The Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. (SR-CBOE-78-7) to amend its Rule 2.9 to delete the requirement that the Appointments Committee will consist of at least three persons who are not Exchange members. (Rel. 34-15018); and The Pacific Stock Exchange Inc. (SR-PSE-78-11) to amend its definitions of the terms "floor" and "floors." (Rel. 34-15019)

Publication of the above proposals are expected to be made in the Federal Register during the week of August 7.

MISCELLANEOUS

GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER RETIREMENT PLAN

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until August 22 to request a hearing on an application of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher filed pursuant to Section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 for an order exempting interests or participations in the Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher Retirement Plan from the provisions of Section 5 of the Act. (Rel. 33-5952)

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-7) SAM SOLOMON COMPANY, INC., 5935 Rivers Ave., North Charleston, S.C. 29411 (803) 554-9900 - 350,000 shares of common stock. Underwriter: Bear, Stearns & Co. The company operates a general merchandise business. (File 2-62257 - July 31)
- (S-8) WESTMORELAND COAL COMPANY, 2500 Fidelity Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa. 19109 (215) 545-0510 - 300,000 shares of common stock. The company is engaged in the mining and preparation of bituminous coal. (File 2-62258 - July 31)
- (S-8) J. RAY MCDERMOTT & CO., INC., 1010 Common St., New Orleans, La. 70112 (504) 587-4411 - 59,996 shares of common stock. (File 2-62259 - July 31)
- (S-1) GURNEY'S INN CORP., Old Montauk Highway, Montauk, N.Y. (516) 668-2345 - 300,000 shares of common stock. (File 2-62260 - July 31)
- (S-16) PETROLANE INCORPORATED, 1600 East Hill St., Long Beach, Cal. 90806 (213) 427-5471 - 264,000 shares of common stock. (File 2-62261 - Aug. 1)
- (S-8) SEAFIRST CORPORATION, 1001 Fourth Ave., Seattle, Wash. 98154 - \$5 million of interests and 180,180 shares of common stock. (File 2-62262 - July 31)
- (S-8) WISCONSIN POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, 222 West Washington Ave., Madison, Wis. 53703 (608) 252-3311 - 4,000 of participations and 300,000 shares of common stock. (File 2-62263 - Aug. 1)
- (S-8) STANDARD BRANDS INCORPORATED, 625 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022 - 150,000 shares of common stock. (File 2-62264 - Aug. 1)
- (S-1) NUCLEAR METALS, INC., 2229 Main St., Concord, Mass. 01742 - 320,000 shares of common stock. Underwriters: Moseley, Hallgarten & Estabrook Inc. and Burgess & Leith Inc. The company manufactures metal products. (File 2-62265 - Aug. 1)
- (S-14) TIME, INCORPORATED, Time & Life Bldg., Rockefeller Center, New York, N.Y. 10020 (212) 586-1212 - 2,151,609 shares of Series B \$1.575 cumulative convertible preferred stock and 2,151,609 shares of common stock. (File 2-62266 - Aug. 1)
- (S-1) WELLS BENRUS CORPORATION, Benrus Center, Ridgefield, Conn. 06877 - 1,827,232 shares of common stock. Underwriter: Prescott, Ball & Turben. The company, among other things, is engaged in the manufacture and sale of jewelry. (File 2-62267 - Aug. 1)
- (S-16) TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY, 2001 Bryan Tower, Dallas, Tex. 75201 (214) 653-4600 - 500,000 shares of common stock. (File 2-62268 - Aug. 1)
- (S-8) EASTERN AIR LINES, INC., Miami International Airport, Miami, Fla. 33148 (305) 873-2211 - 493,000 shares of common stock. (File 2-62269 - Aug. 1)

REGISTRATIONS EFFECTIVE

July 24: Bascom Hill Investors, Inc., 2-61528; Black Hills Power and Light Co., 2-62059; IteI Corp., 2-61979; The Manhattan Life Corp., 2-60980; Resorts International, Inc., 2-62066; Southwestern Electric Power Co., 2-61943; Total Petroleum (North America) Ltd., 2-61667; The United Illuminating Co., 2-60849.

July 25: Allegheny Airlines, Inc., 2-62070; Duke Power Co., 2-61995; Global Marine Inc., 2-61944; Loral Corp., 2-62107; Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co., 2-61913; N P Energy Corp., 2-59952; New Products Corp., 2-59951 (90 days); Petro-Lewis Corp., 2-61875; Tannetics, Inc., 2-61904.

NOTE TO DEALERS. When applicable the 90-day period of time dealers are required to use the prospectus is noted above in parentheses after the name of the issuer. As to the other issuers, there may be no such requirement to use a prospectus, or the requirement may be for a period of only 40 days; see Section 4(3) of the Securities Act of 1933 and Rule 174 (17 CFR 230.174) thereunder.



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