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WISCONSIN NATURAL GAS FILES BOND FINANCING PROPOSAL

Wisconsin Natural Gas Company, Racine, filed a registration statement (File 2-13563) with the SEC on August 22, 1957, seeking registration of \$2,500,000 of First Mortgage Bonds, Series due 1982, to be offered for public sale at competitive bidding. Net proceeds of the bond sale will be used to retire \$1,000,000 of outstanding bank loans; to reimburse the company's treasury for capital expenditures previously made; and to finance in part the cost of continuing property additions and improvements. Substantially all of the construction expenditures of the company from July 1, 1957, to June 30, 1958, budgeted at approximately \$3,200,000 will be for gas mains and other gas distribution facilities.

MAINE INSURANCE PROPOSES STOCK OFFERING

Maine Insurance Company, Portland, filed a registration statement (File 2-13565) with the SEC on August 22, 1957, seeking registration of 53,500 shares of its \$3 par Capital Stock. The company has reserved 11,000 shares for sale at \$5.3125 per share to stockholders of record July 1, 1957, at the rate of one additional share for each share then held. Any such shares not subscribed by stockholders will be purchased by Burton M. Cross, company president. The remaining 42,500 shares are to be offered at \$5.625 per share to directors, employees and agents of the company for a period of 14 days after the effective date of the registration statement. The prospectus names First Maine Corporation as underwriter; and the underwriter will receive \$0.3125 per share for each share purchased by these associates of the company. Unsubscribed shares will be offered for public sale at \$6.25 per share; and as to these shares the underwriting commission will be \$0.9375 per share. In addition, the underwriter will receive \$10,000 for expenses.

Net proceeds of the sale of the 53,500 shares will approximate \$284,218.75 (assuming all shares are sold) which, together with \$65,986.39 received from prior sales of 13,500 shares, will give the company a combined capital and surplus of \$350,205.14. This will be more than sufficient to permit the company to engage in business under Maine insurance laws; and any balance will be added to the general funds of the company. The company was founded and organized primarily by Burton M. Cross; and it proposes to write various types of insurance, except life insurance and annuities.

HOMESTAKE MINING FILES FOR TWO DEBENTURE OFFERINGS

Homestake Mining Company, San Francisco, filed a registration statement (File 2-13564) with the SEC on August 22, 1957, seeking registration of (1) \$7,000,000 of Twelve Year Sinking Fund Debentures, due September 1, 1969 and (2) \$5,000,000 of Fifteen Year Subordinate Convertible Debentures, due September 1, 1972. Homestake proposes to offer these securities for public sale through an underwriting group

headed by Eastman Dillon, Union Securities & Co. The interest rate, public offering price and underwriting terms for each debenture issue are to be supplied by amendment.

Net proceeds of the sale of these securities will be applied in part to repayment of short term loans to the company by The Chase Manhattan Bank (the amount of authorized borrowings is \$7,000,000; but the amount of actual borrowings to be repaid is to be supplied by amendment). These borrowings were used in financing the development of the properties of the Homestake-Sapin Partners and the Homestake-New Mexico Partners. The remainder of the proceeds will be added to the company's general funds and will be available for certain designated uranium projects, for possible acquisition of interests in additional mining properties, and for such other corporate purposes as the company may determine.

According to the prospectus, the company is the general partner of the limited partnership called the Homestake-Sapin Partners, formed December 6, 1956. Sabre-Pinon Corporation is the limited partner. The interests of the partners in the net profits and losses of the partnership are 75% for Sabre-Pinon and 25% for the company. The partnership was formed for the development and mining of certain uranium properties contributed by Sabre-Pinon and for the construction and operation of a uranium mill. The company is also the general partner of the limited partnership called the Homestake-New Mexico Partners, formed September 21, 1956. United Western Minerals Company, J. H. Whitney & Co., White, Weld & Co., San Jacinto Petroleum Corp., Clyde Osborn and Rio de Oro Uranium Mines, Inc., are the limited partners, with a 75.75% participation in the net profits and losses of the partnership as against 24.25% to Homestake. This partnership also was formed for the development and mining of certain uranium properties and ores to be contributed by Homestake and the limited partners and for the construction and operation of a uranium mill.

CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC POWER FILES PREFERRED STOCK ISSUE

California Electric Power Company, Riverside, today filed a registration statement (File 2-13567) with the SEC seeking registration of 140,000 shares of its \$50 par Cumulative Preferred Stock, to be offered for public sale through an underwriting group headed by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Beane and Kidder, Peabody & Co. The dividend rate, public offering price, and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

Net proceeds of the sale of the preferred stock will be used to discharge a portion of the company's short-term bank loans payable to Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association amounting to \$8,250,000. The borrowed funds were used for interim financing of property additions and improvements. The company estimates its construction expenditures at \$22,600,000 for 1957 and \$24,200,000 for 1958.

U B S CHEMICAL CORPORATION FILES COMMON STOCK ISSUE

U B S Chemical Corporation, Cambridge, Mass., today filed a registration statement (File 2-13566) with the SEC seeking registration of 59,400 shares of its \$1 par Common Stock. Of this stock, 34,000 shares are to be issued and sold by the company and 25,400 by certain selling stockholders. G. H. Walker & Co. is listed as the underwriter; and the public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

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Net proceeds to the company from its sale of the 34,000 shares will be added to its cash resources and will be used to the extent needed for capital expenditures, as working capital, and to retire the outstanding 565 prior preferred shares at the redemption price of \$103 per share plus accumulated dividends. The balance, if any, will be added to the general funds of the company. The principal capital expenditures now contemplated are the purchase of equipment at the Cambridge plant for the manufacture of polymers for which funds are presently available. The company is considering the acquisition or construction and equipment of one or two manufacturing plants elsewhere for which some of the proceeds from the sale of shares hereby offered by the company may be used.

The names of the selling stockholders, and the number of shares being sold, are as follows: Bost and Co., 4,542 shares; Frederick B. Day, 9,200 shares; Roland D. Earle, 10,000 shares; Gerrish & Co., 858 shares; and Ruth L. Redshaw and Lincoln L. Redshaw, 800 shares.

CONSUMERS POWER FILES BOND FINANCING PROPOSAL

Consumers Power Company, Jackson, Mich., today filed a registration statement (File 2-13568) with the SEC proposing the public offering, at competitive bidding, of \$35,000,000 of First Mortgage Bonds, Series due 1987. In addition to the sale of the new bonds, the company proposes to offer to the holders of its common stock the right to subscribe for \$35,156,700 aggregate principal amount of its Convertible Debentures due 1972. A registration statement with respect to this offering is to be filed later.

Net proceeds of the sale of the new bonds and the convertible debentures will be used for the acquisition of property, the construction, completion, extension or improvement of facilities, the improvement or maintenance of service, or for the discharge or lawful refunding of obligations, including short-term bank loans, or to reimburse the company's treasury for expenditures made for such purposes.

The company has made or proposes to make capital expenditures for property additions from January 1, 1957, to December 31, 1958, in an estimated amount of \$188,000,000, of which approximately \$93,000,000 is to be expended in 1957 and the balance in 1958. In order to carry forward and finance this program, the company presently expects to sell additional senior securities in 1958, the amount and type of which have not yet been determined.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D. C.

Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Release No. 5567

The Securities and Exchange Commission today announced the issuance of an order pursuant to Section 19(a)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, suspending trading on the American Stock Exchange in the \$1 par Capital Stock of Bellanca Corporation, New Castle, Delaware, for a further ten-day period, August 23 to September 1, 1957, inclusive.

The action was taken on the basis of Bellanca's failure to comply with the reporting requirements of Section 13 of the Act and the disclosure requirements of the Commission's proxy rules under Section 14.

Upon the basis of a finding by the Commission that such suspension is necessary to prevent fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative acts or practices in connection with trading in Bellanca stock, trading by brokers and dealers in such stock in the over-the-counter markets also is prohibited during the period of the suspension.

The Commission previously ordered a hearing pursuant to Section 19(a)(2) of the Act on the question whether the Bellanca stock should be suspended for a period not exceeding 12 months, or withdrawn, from listing and registration on the Exchange. These proceedings are now in progress. (See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 5500 and 5544.)

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