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TRANSCONTINENTAL GAS PIPE LINE FILES FINANCING PROPOSAL

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, Houston, Texas, filed a registration statement (File 2-13694) with the SEC on October 17, 1957, seeking registration of \$20,000,000 of Debentures due 1978 and 1,000,000 shares of its 50¢ par Common Stock. The securities are to be offered for public sale through an underwriting group headed by White, Weld & Co. and Stone & Webster Securities Corporation. The public offering prices and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment, as is the interest rate on the debentures.

Net proceeds will be applied in part to the repayment of all notes then outstanding under a bank credit agreement, expected to amount to \$26,000,000. The balance of the proceeds will be added to the general funds of the company to be available for construction. The company estimates that it will spend approximately \$60,000,000 after August 31, 1957, in completing construction work which was scheduled at that date. The funds therefor are expected to be obtained under this financing, withdrawals of certain funds on deposit with the trustee under the company's mortgage, bank borrowings and general funds of the company. In addition, according to the prospectus, the company plans to file applications with the Federal Power Commission in October, 1957 for further expansion of its facilities, the cost of which is presently estimated at \$139,000,000. Included in this program are the development, in conjunction with other companies, of new storage facilities in Pennsylvania, the construction of facilities in southern Louisiana to tap offshore gas reserves in the Gulf of Mexico and additional main line pipe which, in effect, will complete the "looping" of the company's main line from the Louisiana Gulf Coast to the New York-New Jersey-Philadelphia area. These proposed facilities are designed to increase the allocated capacity of the system from 969,917 Mcf to 1,145,000 Mcf per day, exclusive of gas available from storage.

GATE CITY STEEL FILES FINANCING PROPOSAL

Gate City Steel, Inc.--Omaha, Nebraska, filed a registration statement (File 2-13695) with the SEC on October 17, 1957, seeking registration of 100,000 shares of \$1 par Common Stock and 30,000 shares of 6½% Sinking Fund Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock (with attached warrants for the purchase of 2 common shares for each preferred share). The company proposes to offer these securities for public sale through an underwriting group headed by The First Trust Company of Lincoln, Nebraska. The public offering price and underwriting terms for each issue are to be supplied by amendment.

Of the proceeds of this financing, approximately \$255,000 will be applied to the purchase and retirement of 1,286 outstanding shares of the company's

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Participating Preferred Stock and 1,126 outstanding shares of its Prior Preferred Stock. These outstanding shares are owned by Gate City Steel, Inc.--Boise, a wholly-owned subsidiary. Of the balance of the proceeds, \$700,000 will be applied to the reduction of the company's short-term bank borrowings and the remainder will be added to the company's working capital. Of the funds received by Gate City--Boise, \$50,000 will be applied to the reduction of short-term bank borrowings and the remainder of approximately \$205,000 added to its working capital. (Since April 1, 1954, all of the outstanding common stock of Gate City--Omaha has been owned by Husky Oil Company, Cody, Wyoming.)

LAWRENCE GAS CO. FILES BOND FINANCING PROPOSAL

Lawrence Gas Company, Lawrence, Mass., today filed a registration statement (File 2-13696) with the SEC seeking registration of \$2,000,000 of First Mortgage Bonds, Series A, due 1977, to be offered for public sale at competitive bidding. At October 15, 1957, the company had outstanding \$1,875,000 of notes payable to The First National Bank of Boston evidencing borrowings made for construction purposes. The proceeds of this bond financing will be used to pay such notes, and the balance will be used to pay for construction.

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General Investors Trust filed an amendment on October 17, 1957 to its registration statement (File 2-10431) seeking registration of an additional 250,000 shares of beneficial interest in the Trust.

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