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ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS

COMMISSION SANCTIONS LAURIE JONES CANADY

On April 5, the Commission barred Laurie Jones Canady, formerly a salesperson with the Davenport, Iowa branch of Merrill Lynch, from association with any broker or dealer. The Commission also ordered that Canady cease and desist from further violations of the antifraud provisions of the securities laws and that she disgorge \$23,624 in commissions, plus interest. The Commission found that between 1988 and 1989 Canady violated antifraud provisions by churning customer accounts, engaging in unauthorized and unsuitable trading, and making fraudulent misrepresentations to customers. (Rel. 34-41250; File No. 3-8531)

HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

GPU, INC., ET AL.

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until April 27 to request a hearing on a proposal by GPU, Inc. (GPU), a registered holding company, and its electric public utility subsidiaries Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company, and Pennsylvania Electric Company (collectively, GPU Subsidiaries), to permit Met-Ed and Penelec to each issue and sell up to \$150 million in short-term indebtedness from time to time through December 31, 2000. In addition, the applicants propose, through December 31, 2003, to extend the period during which the GPU Subsidiaries may issue short-term unsecured promissory notes under credit agreements or in the form of short-term indebtedness; permit GPU to issue and sell commercial paper in amounts up to \$100 million; and extend GPU's authority to issue and sell short-term notes in amounts up to \$250 million. (Rel. 35-26997)

CINERGY CORP., ET AL.

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until April 27 to request a hearing on a proposal by Cinergy Corp. (Cinergy), a registered holding company, for its domestic nonutility subsidiaries to enter into service agreements with Cinergy's utility subsidiaries under which the nonutility subsidiaries may provide a range of services to the utility affiliates, and vice versa, in each case priced at "cost" as determined under Rule 91 under the Act. Cinergy requests authorization for each of its domestic nonutility subsidiaries, including future nonutility subsidiaries other than exempt telecommunications companies and foreign utility companies, to enter into a separate but substantially similar contract with each of Cinergy's utility subsidiaries. (Rel. 35-26997)

NORTHEAST UTILITIES

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until April 27 to request a hearing on a proposal by Northeast Utilities (NU), a registered holding company, and its service company subsidiary, Northeast Utilities Service Company, for NU to distribute rights regarding its common stock under a stockholder rights plan. (Rel. 35-26997)

SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

The National Association of Securities Dealers filed with the Commission a proposed rule change under Rule 19b-4 (SR-NASD-99-12) relating to the Establishment of a Pilot Program to Provide Daily Share Volume Reports via NasdaqTrader.com. Publication of the notice in the Federal Register is expected during the week of April 5. (Rel.34-41244)

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD

On February 3, 1999, the National Association of Securities Dealers through its wholly owned subsidiary the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. filed with the Commission a proposal to permit the separate display of customer orders by market makers in Nasdaq through a market maker agency identification symbol (Agency Quote). To give the public additional time to comment on the NASD's proposed rule change the comment period is extended to June 1, 1999. Publication of this extension is expected to be made in the Federal Register during the week of April 5. (Rel. 34-41243)