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## CIVIL PROCEEDINGS

## U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### INJUNCTION ENTERED AGAINST FLORIDA BANK FUND, INC., OTHERS

The Atlanta Regional Office and the Miami Branch Office announced that on September 28 the Honorable William Terrell Hodges entered a judgment of preliminary injunction and order appointing a receiver for Florida Bank Fund, Inc. (FBF). In addition to FBF, other defendants are Lancer Management Corporation (LMC), Marjorie S. Stewart, Frank J. Brennan, and LaMar M. Silver. FBF is an open-end investment company, registered with the Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. LMC is an investment adviser registered with the Commission pursuant to the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and its only client is FBF. (SEC v. Florida Bank Fund, Inc., Middle Dist. of Fla., Tampa Div., Civil Action No. 78-759-CIV-TH). (LR-8565)

### MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AGAINST ENERGY GROUP OF AMERICA, INC. DENIED

The New York Regional Office announced that on September 21 the Honorable Charles E. Stewart, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, issued a memorandum decision which denied the Commission's motion for a preliminary injunction against Energy Group of America, Inc. and Edwin G. Axel. The defendants were and are engaged in the business of inducing members of the public to enter the Simultaneous Oil and Gas Lottery sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management of the Department of Interior. (SEC v. Energy Group of America, Inc., Edwin G. Axel, 77 Civ. 3187, CES). (LR-8567)

### COMPLAINT NAMES FRED BLUMENSTEIN

The New York Regional Office announced that on October 13 a complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York seeking to enjoin Fred Blumenstein of the Bronx, New York, from further violations of the antifraud provisions of the securities laws in the offer and sale of call options. The complaint alleges that Blumenstein, the sole principal of Wall Street Options Corporation, a Delaware corporation located in New York, New York, made, or caused to be made, false and misleading statements to the public in the offer and sale of these options. The complaint also seeks an order directing Blumenstein to disgorge all profits which inured to him as a result of his violative conduct. (SEC v. Fred Blumenstein, 78 Civil 4805, S.D.N.Y.). (LR-8569)

## CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

### FRANKLIN HUNTER JONES INDICTED

The Fort Worth Regional and the Atlanta Regional Office jointly announced that on September 20 a federal grand jury in Alexandria, Louisiana, returned an indictment against Franklin Hunter Jones of West Monroe, Louisiana, charging him with three counts of securities fraud and one count of interstate transportation of money taken by fraud in an offering of interests in a limited partnership formed for the purpose of drilling an oil and gas well to be located in Union County, Arkansas. The indictment alleged that Jones, in effecting such sales, made fraudulent misrepresentations. The indictment further alleged that Jones failed to drill the well for which the limited partnership was formed. (U.S. v. Franklin Hunter Jones, W.D./LA., Monroe Div., Criminal No. 78-30019). (LR-8566)

### SAM FORD AND BARBARA BELLE IMPRISONED

The New York Regional Office announced the October 5 sentencing of Sam Ford and Barbara Belle by U.S. District Court Judge Lloyd F. MacMahon. As to Ford, the Court sentenced him to a total of eight years imprisonment and a five thousand dollar fine.

Specifically, Ford was sentenced to a five year prison term on each of three counts of wire fraud, the sentences to run concurrently, and a one thousand dollar fine on each of these counts. In addition, Ford was sentenced to a three year prison term and a two thousand dollar fine on one count of perjury, the sentence and fine to be consecutive with the wire fraud penalties. Ms. Belle was sentenced to a two year prison term on each of three counts of wire fraud, the sentences to be served concurrently. The sentences were imposed as a result of convictions rendered on September 21 following a two week jury trial.

In a related civil action filed on October 31, 1977, Belle previously consented to the entry of an order permanently enjoining her from further violations of the registration and antifraud provisions of the securities laws. In this same action, the Commission is currently seeking a permanent injunction against Ford as to further violations of similar provisions of the securities laws, and a disgorgement of profits in connection with his transactions in Dimensional Entertainment Corporation common stock. (See SEC v. Dimensional Entertainment Corporation, 77 Civil 5290, CHT). (U.S. v. Sam Ford and Barbara Belle, 78 Crim. 141, S.D.N.Y.). (LR-8568)

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## INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

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### FUND FOR MUTUAL DEPOSITORS INC.

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until November 13 to request a hearing on an application of Fund for Mutual Depositors Inc., an open-end diversified management investment company, declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-10446 - Oct. 19)

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## HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

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### THE COLUMBIA GAS SYSTEM, INC.

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until November 20 to request a hearing on a proposal of Columbia Gas System, Inc., a registered holding company, and Columbia Alaskan Gas Transmission Corporation, its subsidiary, whereby a new partnership agreement would be substituted for a previously approved general partnership agreement, such new agreement being substantially similar to the prior agreement but giving Columbia Alaskan the option to become a member of such new partnership. (Rel. 35-20734 - Oct. 18)

### MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until November 20 to request a hearing on a proposal of Mississippi Power Company, subsidiary of The Southern Company, to issue and sell at competitive bidding up to \$10 million of first mortgage bonds. (Rel. 35-20735 - Oct. 18)

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## SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS

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### APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

The Commission has approved a proposed rule change filed by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (SR-NYSE-78-49) amending NYSE Rules 301 and 325 to permit a member, whose membership is financed by his member organization pursuant to an a-b-c agreement and who ceases to be associated with the financing member organization, to transact business as an individual member on the floor for an interim period specified in the NYSE Rules. (Rel. 34-15245)

### APPROVAL OF AMENDED PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

The Commission has approved amended proposed rule changes filed by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (SR-MSRB-78-10 and SR-MSRB-78-47) altering MSRB's inter-dealer uniform practice rule, MSRB rule G-12, to provide that delivery of municipal securities for which a notice of call has been published on or prior to delivery date does not constitute good delivery unless the securities are identified as "called" at the time of trade. (Rel. 34-15243 and 34-15244)

## 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-1) THE ALL AMERICANS, Three Radnor Corporate Center, Radnor, Pa. 19087 - 240 units of limited partnership interests. Underwriter: Jensen, McClain, Nocera & Company, Inc. (File 2-62859 - Oct. 18)
- (S-5) STEINRGE BOND FUND, INC., 150 South Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill. 60606 - an indefinite number of shares of capital stock. (File 2-62865 - Oct. 18)
- (S-1) BANGOR PUNTA CORPORATION, One Greenwich Plaza, Greenwich, Conn. 06830 (203) 622-8100 - 388,839 shares of common stock. Underwriter: Merrill Lynch White Weld Capital Markets Group. The company manufactures and sells general aviation, boating, recreational vehicle, firearm, sporting equipment and law enforcement products. (File 2-62866 - Oct. 19)
- (S-1) MGF 79, LTD., Seventh Floor, Vaughn Bldg., Midland, Tex. 79701 - \$20 million of preformation limited partnership units. (File 2-62857 - Oct. 19)
- (S-1) VISA EXPLORATION CORPORATION, 490 Colorado State Bank Bldg., Denver, Colo. 80202 (303) 832-1209 - 1,200,000 shares of common stock. Underwriter: B. J. Leonard and Company, Inc., 200 Title Bldg., Denver, Colo. 80202 (303) 292-1280. The company is engaged in oil and gas exploration and development activities. (File 2-62868 - Oct. 19)
- (S-7) GENERAL ELECTRIC CREDIT CORPORATION, 570 Lexington, Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022 (203) 357-4000 - \$150 million of notes, due 1984. Underwriter: Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc. (File 2-62869 - Oct. 19)
- (S-7) EARLY CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIES INC., 10960 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal. 90024 (213) 879-1480 - 25,000 units. Underwriter: Wedbush, Noble, Cooke, Inc. The company is engaged in the food processing business. (File 2-62870 - Oct. 19)
- (S-8) DUPLEX PRODUCTS INC., 228 West Page St., Sycamore, Ill. 60178 - 5,543 shares of cumulative convertible preferred stock, Series A. (File 2-62871 - Oct. 19)  
  
In a separate statement the company seeks registration of 3,598 shares of cumulative convertible preferred stock, Series A. (File 2-62872 - Oct. 19)
- (S-12) BRADFORD TRUST COMPANY, 95 Wall Street, New York, N.Y. 10005 - 279,761 American Depository Receipts for ordinary shares of O'Okiep Copper Company Limited. (File 2-62873 - Oct. 19)
- (S-16) PULLMAN INCORPORATED, 200 South Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60604 (312) 32-7070-100,000 shares of common stock. (File 2-62874 - Oct. 19)
- (S-12) CITIBANK, N.A., 111 Wall St., New York, N.Y. 10015 - 100,000 American Depositor Receipts for Bearer Shares of Source Perrier. (File 2-62875 - Oct. 19)
- (S-8) DATA DIMENSIONS, INC., 51 Weaver St., Greenwich, Conn. 06830 - 177,400 shares of common stock. (File 2-62876 - Oct. 19)



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