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**OHIO EDISON PROPOSES SHARE INCREASE.** Ohio Edison Company, Akron, has applied to the SEC under the Holding Company Act for approval of an increase in its authorized and outstanding shares; and the Commission has issued an order (Release 35-14186) giving interested persons until March 22, 1960, to request a hearing thereon.

Under its proposed recapitalization, Ohio Power will amend its charter so as to (a) increase its authorized common shares from 8,000,000 to 20,000,000; (b) increase the par value of the shares from \$12 to \$15 per share; (c) change the 6,386,749 outstanding shares of \$12 par stock into 12,773,498 shares of \$15 par stock; and (d) provide that the common stock capital be increased from \$76,640,988 to \$191,602,470 by the transfer of all capital surplus (including premium on common stock) in the amount of \$75,814,660, and earned surplus in the amount of \$39,146,822, to the capital stock account. This will leave a balance of \$21,715,350 in earned surplus as of December 31, 1959, which is about one year's dividends on the preferred and common shares outstanding.

The company also proposes to amend its charter relating to the pre-emptive rights of its common stockholders by substituting therefor a new Article Fourteenth so as to bring such rights into substantial conformity with the General Corporation Law of Ohio. Ohio Power proposes to solicit proxies for the adoption of the proposed amendments to its charter.

**BARR RECIPIENT OF PRESIDENT'S AWARD.** Andrew Barr, SEC Chief Accountant, who was designated as one of five Government employees to receive the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service (the highest honor bestowed on career civil servants), received the award on March 8, 1960.

**MILL FACTORS FILES FOR STOCK OFFERING.** Mill Factors Corporation, 380 Park Avenue South, New York, filed a registration statement (File 2-16223) with the SEC on March 8, 1960, seeking registration of not less than 201,200 shares and not more than 270,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale through a group of underwriters headed by Lee Higginson Corporation and C. E. Unterberg, Towbin Co. The public offering price and underwriting terms will be supplied by amendment. The underwriters will pay out of underwriting commissions \$10,000 to Troster, Singer & Co. for services rendered in connection with negotiations leading to the offering.

The company is engaged in the factoring business, principally with companies in the textile, apparel or allied fields. Part of the proceeds from the sale of the new stock will be applied to the purchase for its treasury shares of its outstanding common stock at \$9.10 per share tendered pursuant to a purchase offer by the company. Mrs. Marion K. Weil and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Stonaker, who hold an aggregate of 101,200 shares, have agreed to tender all such shares to the company. Walter D. Yankauer, president, and certain other officers and directors of the company, holding an aggregate 188,920 shares, have agreed not to tender their shares.

The balance of the net proceeds will be added to general funds and thereby increase its borrowing power. According to the prospectus this will enable the company to meet the expanding needs of present clients and to acquire and service new business.

In addition to certain indebtedness the company has outstanding 360,000 shares of common stock (adjusted to reflect a 20 for 1 stock split to become effective in April, 1960).

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