

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NEWS DIGEST

A brief summary of financial proposals filed with and actions by the S.E.C.



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**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & DRUG CO. SEEKS ORDER.** Medical Equipment and Drug Investment Company, Washington, D. C., has applied to the SEC for an order under the Investment Company Act declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company; and the Commission has issued an order (Release IC-3487) giving interested persons until June 28, 1962, to request a hearing thereon. According to the application, the applicant, following an unsuccessful attempt to negotiate a public underwriting of its shares, has decided to abandon its objectives and plans shortly to dissolve. No shares have been offered or sold.

**CONSOLIDATED NATURAL GAS FINANCING CLEARED.** The SEC has issued an order under the Holding Company Act (Release 35-14654) authorizing Consolidated Natural Gas Company, New York holding company, to sell \$40,000,000 of promissory notes to banks. Proceeds of the borrowings will be utilized to finance the purchase of inventory gas for storage by four subsidiaries of Consolidated. The subsidiaries will issue and sell to Consolidated their own short term notes in the aggregate amount of \$40,000,000.

To provide funds to finance their 1962 construction programs, three of the subsidiaries also proposed to sell an additional \$23,000,000 of stock to Consolidated, as follows: East Ohio Gas Company, \$10,000,000, Hope Natural Gas Company, \$8,000,000, and Peoples Natural Gas Company, \$5,000,000. The fifth subsidiary, Lake Shore Pipe Line Company, also was authorized to sell an additional \$200,000 of stock to Consolidated, the proceeds to be used for construction purposes.

**AMERICAN NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION SEEKS ORDER.** American Natural Gas Production Company, subsidiary of American Natural Gas Company, New York holding company, has joined with its parent in the filing of an application with the SEC under the Holding Company Act proposing the sale by Production Company of an additional 30,000 common shares at \$100 per share to the parent; and the Commission has issued an order (Release 35-14655) giving interested persons until July 6th to request a hearing thereon. The stock is to be sold from time to time through 1963; and the proceeds will be applied to the Production Company's exploration and development program (including repayment of \$250,000 of borrowings).

**FOUR DELISTINGS APPROVED.** The SEC has granted applications of the New York Stock Exchange to delist the 5% convertible prior preferred stock of Twin City Rapid Transit Co. and the common stock of Plymouth Oil Company, and similar applications of the Salt Lake Stock Exchange to delist the common stocks of Silver King Western Mining & Milling Company and East Tintic Coalition Mining Company, all effective at the close of business June 29, 1962. (Release 34-6829)

**BLACK BEAR INDUSTRIES TRADING BAN CONTINUED.** The SEC has issued an order under the Securities Exchange Act suspending trading in the common stock of Black Bear Industries, Inc., on the San Francisco Mining Exchange and over-the-counter market for a further ten-day period June 18-27, 1962, inclusive.

**WHITE CAPS GOLD - HERCULES MINES ENJOINED.** The SEC San Francisco Regional Office announced June 13th (Lit-2291) the entry of a Federal court order (USDC, ND Cal.) preliminarily enjoining further violations of the Securities Act registration requirement in the sale of stock of White Caps Gold Mining Company and Hercules Mines Company of Nevada by the two defendant companies and Fred Vollmar and William R. Noack.

**CLARIFICATION RE GENERAL SECURITIES.** The reference in the SEC News Digest of June 13, 1962, to General Securities Corporation of Washington, D. C., concerning which administrative proceedings are pending, is not to be confused with General Securities Co., Inc., of 101 West 57th Street, in New York City.

**NEWBERRY FILES STOCK PLAN.** J. J. Newberry Co., 245 Fifth Avenue, New York, filed a registration statement (File 2-20466) with the SEC on June 14th seeking registration of 100,000 shares of common stock, to be offered pursuant to its Employees' Stock Option Plan.

**ARGUMENTS, COMING WEEK.** June 19th, Cities Service Co. (fee case); June 21st, Investment Bankers of America, Inc.

**SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS.** Effective June 15: McGraw-Edison Company (File 2-20348); Piasecki Aircraft Corp. (File 2-20209); Pierce Proctor Schuette and Taranton Investment Co., Inc. (File 2-19483); Salro Manufacturing Corp. (File 2-19976). Withdrawn June 15: Nationwide Bowling Corp. (File 2-19165).

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