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



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OHIO POWER FINANCING CLEARED

The SEC has issued an order (Holding Company Act Release No. 13583) authorizing Ohio Power Company, Canton, to issue and sell, at competitive bidding, \$25,000,000 of First Mortgage Bonds due 1987. The Commission also authorized its parent, American Gas and Electric Company, to make a \$12,000,000 cash capital contribution to Ohio. Proceeds of the sale of the bonds and the capital contribution will be used by Ohio for prepayment of not in excess of \$36,000,000 of its outstanding bank notes. The remaining proceeds, together with other funds, will be applied to property additions and improvements.

TRANS-AMERICA URANIUM MINING FILES FOR STOCK OFFERING

Trans-America Uranium Mining Corporation, Waterloo, Iowa, filed a registration statement (File 2-13736) with the SEC on November 6, 1957, seeking registration of 3,000,000 shares of its Common Capital Stock (1 mill per share par value). The company proposes to offer this stock for public sale at 25¢ per share. No underwriting is involved.

Organized under Colorado law in August, 1956, the company is said to be in the promotional stage and owns no property. It proposes generally to carry on a mineral-type business, that is, to search, prospect and explore for ores and minerals; to locate, lease and purchase mining claims or mineral grounds; to build, operate and maintain mills and plants; and to do all other things necessary to the operation of a mining company. The purpose of this financing is to acquire capital for the acquisition of properties and development of properties; but it is not known from whom properties will be acquired (nor is there any indication as to where the properties will be located, although the prospectus indicates that two of the promoters have prospected on the Colorado Plateau and one in the western United States). Of the proceeds, \$19,700 will be applied to the costs of the offering; \$50,000 for land acquisition; \$150,000 for core drilling and related exploratory work; \$66,000 for mining machinery, drilling and other equipment; \$70,000 for administrative expenses, including salaries; \$28,000 for geological and engineering services and \$12,000 for accounting, legal and other consulting services; \$9,000 as a contingency reserve; and \$345,300 as working capital reserve.

The company now has outstanding 5,499,390 shares of stock, of which 5,461,390 shares are held by the promoters, Alfred E. Owens, president, John A. Netty, vice president (both of Waterloo) and Gaylord W. Engle (Rhodes, Iowa), secretary-treasurer. Owens is said to have received 4,200,000 of the 5,061,390 shares held by him for his services during the period August 21, 1956, to March 31, 1957. If all of the 3,000,000 shares are sold to the public, the public will have paid \$750,000 for 35.5% of the shares then outstanding, as against the 64.5% interest

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represented by the 5,461,390 shares held by the officers, directors and promoters of the company, issued mostly for services.

MIDDLE SOUTH FINANCING CLEARED

The SEC has authorized Middle South Utilities, Inc., of New York, to sell an additional 451,894 shares of its \$10 par common stock at competitive bidding. Middle South proposes to invest approximately \$10,300,000 of the proceeds in additional shares of the common stock of two of its subsidiaries, Louisiana Power & Light Company and New Orleans Public Service Inc., for the purpose of providing those subsidiaries with a portion of the funds required for construction purposes, and to repay \$1,275,000 of bank loans. The remainder of the proceeds will be held by Middle South for further investments in the common stocks of its separate subsidiaries and for other corporate purposes. (See Holding Company Act Release No. 13584.)

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