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NOTICE OF COMMISSION MEETINGS

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

CHANGES IN THE MEETING

The following item was not considered at an open meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 1979, at 10:00 a.m., but has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 1979, at 10:00 a.m.: Consideration of a request by Amwiss International Corp. that the Commission either (1) concur in an interpretation that Amwiss, under certain circumstances, would not be deemed a "third market maker" for purposes of Rule 11a1-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or (2) grant Amwiss an exemption from the Rule, pursuant to paragraph (d) thereof, relieving it of the obligation to communicate quotation information to the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. for dissemination to quotation vendors. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT Stephen L. Parker at (202) 755-8949.

The following item was not considered at an open meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 1979 at 2:30 p.m.: Oral argument on a appeal by Frank DeFelice.

The following closed item scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 1979 at 10:00 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 1979, at 10:00 a.m.: Authorization to discuss settlement of possible enforcement action.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

CRAWFORD & ASSOCIATES, INC. AND ITS PRESIDENT SANCTIONED

Crawford & Associates, Inc., a registered investment adviser has been censured. In addition, the firm has been restricted for six months with respect to the type of new business it may solicit and obtain. William F. Crawford, Sr. (Crawford), president of Crawford & Associates, Inc., has been barred from being associated with any broker or dealer, with the right to apply to the Commission to become associated with a broker or dealer after a period of two years. Moreover, Crawford's activities as a person associated with an investment adviser have been limited for six months in the same manner that the activities of Crawford & Associates have been restricted. Additionally, Crawford & Associates and Crawford have submitted undertakings requiring: (1) Crawford to notify the Commission's staff prior to engaging in the offer or sale of the securities of Crawford & Associates; and (2) that a copy of the Order Imposing Remedial Sanctions be mailed to all shareholders of Crawford & Associates who purchased their shares during the period from April 1973 to March 1975.

The sanctions were imposed after the Commission found that the respondents had violated the antifraud provisions of the securities laws in the offer and sale of securities of Crawford & Associates. The sanctions were imposed by consent of the respondents without their admitting or denying the allegations. (Rel. IA-667)

FIRST WESTERN COMPANY AND DONALD H. SKAUDEL SANCTIONED

The Commission has entered an order instituting proceedings against Donald H. Skaufel, Inc., doing business as First Western Company, a registered broker-dealer in Spokane, Washington and Donald H. Skaufel, president of First Western, and revoking the registration of First Western and barring Skaufel from association with any broker or dealer.

The sanctions are based on findings that from on or about April 30, 1977 to September 8, 1978, First Western wilfully violated and Skaufel wilfully aided and abetted violations of the Commission's net capital rule. The Commission's action was taken pursuant to an offer of settlement in which respondents consented to the above findings without admitting or denying the charges against them. (Rel. 34-15549)

CIVIL PROCEEDINGS

BERNARD TOLKOW ENJOINED

On February 21 Judge Charles M. Metzner of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York entered a final judgment of permanent injunction against Bernard Tolkow. The entry of the judgment was consented to by Tolkow without admitting or denying the allegations of the Commission's complaint. The complaint alleged that Tolkow had violated antifraud provisions of the securities laws in transactions involving the investment of union benefit funds.

The judgment enjoins Tolkow from violations of antifraud provisions of the securities laws. Tolkow is also enjoined for a period of five years from the entry of the judgment from acting as a trustee, investment advisor, business manager, or acting in a similar capacity in loans or other investments made or entered into by United Welfare Fund - Security Division, a union benefit fund. (SEC v. Howard Garfinkle, et al., Civil Action No. 75-184, S.D.N.Y.). (LR-8680)

CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

EDWARD A. COPPAGE, JR. PLEADS GUILTY

The Washington Regional Office announced that on February 13 Edward A. Coppage, Jr., of Annandale, Virginia, pleaded guilty in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division, to a criminal information charging him with a violation of the registration provisions of the securities laws in his offer and sale of common stock of Research Homes, Inc. Judge Albert V. Bryan, Jr. set sentencing for March 16. (U.S. v. Edward A. Coppage, Jr.). (LR-8676)

CORTES W. RANDELL AND JOHN B. MUMFORD SENTENCED

The Washington Regional Office announced that on February 16 the Honorable Albert V. Bryan, Jr., Senior Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, sentenced Cortes W. Randell and John B. Mumford as a result of their convictions on January 17 on 17 counts of securities fraud, mail fraud, interstate transportation of monies obtained by fraud and making a false statement to the Veterans Administration. Randell was sentenced to 7 years in prison and 5 years probation. Mumford was sentenced to 3 years in prison, 2-1/2 years suspended sentence for a total of 6 months in prison and 5 years probation. The judgment and convictions were based on Mumford's and Randell's activities as officers and directors of two Virginia corporations, National Commercial Credit Corporation and Federal Mortgage Acceptance Corporation during 1974 and 1975. Both men were released on bond pending appeal. (U.S. v. Cortes W. Randell and John B. Mumford, Criminal No. 78-199A, E.D. Va.). (LR-8681)

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

PENNSYLVANIA TAX-FREE INCOME TRUST

An order has been issued on an application of Pennsylvania Tax-Free Income Trust, registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as an open-end, diversified, management investment company, and the Trust's general distributor, Butcher & Singer, Inc., pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act, exempting from the provisions of Section 22(d) of the Act the proposed sale of Trust shares at net asset value without a sales charge to participants in a reinvestment program for unitholders in Investors' Municipal Pennsylvania Unit Trust, a unit investment trust registered under the Act sponsored by Butcher & Singer who are also shareholders of the Trust. (Rel. IC-10607 - Feb. 27)

MEDITERRANEAN FUND, INC.

An order has been issued on an application of Mediterranean Fund, Inc., an open-end, diversified management investment company, declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-10608 - Feb. 27)

HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

COLUMBIA GAS SYSTEM, INC.

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until March 22 to request a hearing on a post-effective amendment of The Columbia Gas System, Inc. (Columbia), a registered holding company, and certain of its subsidiaries, regarding the issuance and sale by Columbia Gas Development of Canada Ltd. (Development Canada), subsidiary of Columbia, to Columbia of an additional 280,000 shares of common stock for an price of \$7 million. (Rel. 35-20935 - Feb. 26)

A supplemental order has been issued relating to the proposal of Columbia Gas System, Inc. and its subsidiaries to allocate consolidated Federal income tax for 1978 by a method other than specified by Rule 45(b)(6). (Rel. 35-20936 - Feb. 27)

LISTING, DELISTING AND UNLISTED TRADING ACTIONS

DELISTING GRANTED

An order has been issued granting the application of Hospitality Motor Inns, Inc. to strike the common stock (no par value) from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange, Inc. (Rel. 34-15589)

UNLISTED TRADING GRANTED

An order has been issued granting the application of Union Gas Limited to strike the common share (NPV/Class A) from unlisted trading privileges on the American Stock Exchange, Inc. (Rel. 34-15584)

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-7) PACIFIC STANDARD LIFE COMPANY, 3820 Chiles Rd., Davis, Cal. 95616 (916) 756-3030 - 6,400 units and 320,000 common shares. Underwriter: Bateman Eichler, Hill Richards Inc. and The Ohio Company. The company engages in the sale and underwriting of individual life and disability, credit life and disability and group life insurance. (File 2-63636 - Feb. 26)
- (S-14) LYDALL, INC., 615 Parker St., Manchester, Conn. 06040 (203) 646-1233 - 322,250 shares of common stock. (File 2-63637 - Feb. 21)
- (S-8) BAY COLONY PROPERTY COMPANY, Two Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston, Mass. 01209 (617) 742-7550 - 75,000 shares of beneficial interest. (File 2-63638 - Feb. 26)
- (S-16) HONEYWELL INC., Honeywell Plaza, Minneapolis, Minn. 55408 (612) 870-5200 - 192 shares of common stock. (File 2-63639 - Feb. 26)
- (S-2) KFC NATIONAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE, INC., P.O. Box 32033, Louisville, Ky. 40232 - 800 membership common stock (Series A through G) and 4,700 store common stock. (File 2-63640 - Feb. 26)
- (S-6) NUVEEN TAX-EXEMPT BOND FUND, SERIES 126, 209 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill. 60604 - an indefinite number of units. Depositor: John Nuveen & Co. Inc. (File 2-63641 - Feb. 26)
- (S-8) CATERPILLAR TRACTOR CO., 100 N.E. Adams St., Peoria, Ill. 61629 - 1,300,000 shares of common stock and 21,500 of participations. (File 2-63642 - Feb. 26)
- (N-1) UNITED HIGH INCOME FUND, INC., One Crown Center, P.O. Box 1343, Kansas City, Mo. 64141 - an indefinite number of shares of capital stock. (File 2-63643 - Feb. 26)



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