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## RULES AND RELATED MATTERS

COMMISSION WILL MEET WITH  
COMMITTEE ON RULE 15c3-1

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The Commission announces that it will meet with members of the "Technical Committee on Rule 15c3-1" of the Securities Industry Association (the SIA) on February 26, 1975 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be for the purpose of discussing comments submitted by the SIA under the Commission's proposal to amend Rule 15c3-1, the net capital rule, which was announced in Securities Exchange Act Release No. 11094 (File No. S7-533). The meeting will be open to the public.

## DECISIONS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

BRUCE HALPERN, MURRAY LEVINE AND  
GARY FREDERICKS BARRED

The Commission has barred Bruce Halpern of New Rochelle, New York, Murray Levine, of Douglaston, New York, and Gary Fredericks, of Brooklyn, from association with any broker-dealer. Halpern was formerly a registered broker-dealer, and Levine and Fredericks were traders with broker-dealer firms.

The sanctions are based on findings that respondents violated antifraud provisions of the securities acts by participant in a manipulative scheme involving the common stock of Belmont Franchising Corporation. Pursuant to that scheme, a market for Belmont stock was initiated at an artificial level and controlled and manipulated thereafter; fictitious prices for the stock were quoted in the "pink sheets" published by the National Quotation Bureau, Inc. and otherwise; the secret arrangements were made to trade Belmont stock and quote it in the pink sheets in return for protection against loss, and to engage in transactions in the stock at the direction of others. It was also found that, on October 19, 1972, Fredericks was convicted of conspiracy to violate the securities acts' antifraud provisions, and federal mail and wire fraud statutes, in connection with his transactions in Belmont stock.

Respondents failed to answer the charges against them and were deemed in default. (Rel. 34-11227)

DECISIONS BARRING RICHARD GREENBERG FINAL

Two decisions of an administrative law judge barring Richard Greenberg, of Massapequa, New York, from association with any broker-dealer have become final. Greenberg was a partner in Lincoln Securities, a former Hempstead, New York broker-dealer firm.

According to the decisions, Greenberg was convicted of conspiracy to violate antifraud provisions of the securities acts in connection with an alleged manipulation of stock of Belmont Franchising Corporation. It was also found that Greenberg aided and abetted violations of net capital and reporting provisions, and failed to exercise proper supervision with respect to violations of credit extension requirements. (Rel. 34-11228)

## TRADING SUSPENSIONS

EXECUTIVE SECURITIES CORP. SUSPENDED

The SEC announced the suspension of the over-the-counter trading in the common stock of Executive Securities Corporation, a Florida corporation located in North Miami, for the ten-day period beginning February 14 and terminating at midnight (EST) on February 23, 1975.

The Commission announced that it had filed an injunctive action today in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York against Executive Securities Corporation, seeking to enjoin the firm from violating the antifraud provisions of the securities laws. The complaint also charged Richard O. Bertoli, president of Executive Securities, with aiding and abetting the violations of the bookkeeping provisions. In addition, the Securities Investor Protection Corporation has filed an application for a trustee under the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970. (Rel. 34-11250)

#### NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS SUSPENDED

The SEC announced the suspension of the over-the-counter trading in the common stock of National Environmental Controls, Inc., of Metairie, Louisiana, for the ten-day period beginning February 14 and terminating at midnight (EST) on February 23, 1975.

The suspension was initiated at the request of the company and pending an announcement by the company concerning a recent \$1,000,000 financing agreement. (Rel. 34-11251)

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## INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

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#### PLICO FUND, INC.

An order has been issued declaring that Plico Fund, Inc. has ceased to be an investment company as defined in the Act. (Rel. IC-8669 - Feb. 13)

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## HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

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#### SOUTHERN ELECTRIC GENERATING COMPANY

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until March 10 to request a hearing on a proposal of Southern Electric Generating Company, a public-utility subsidiary company of The Southern Company, to issue and sell notes to banks in an aggregate amount outstanding at any one time of not in excess of \$10 million. (Rel. 35-18812 - Feb. 14)

#### SOUTHERN SERVICES, INC.

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until March 11 to request a hearing on proposals of The Southern Company, a registered holding company, and Southern Services, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary, whereby Southern Services will mortgage its office building to secure a \$12 million loan. Southern proposes to guarantee Southern Service's obligations under the mortgage loan. (Rel. 35-18813 - Feb. 14)

#### NATIONAL FUEL GAS COMPANY

The Commission has authorized a proposal by National Fuel Gas Company, a registered holding company, to amend its Certificate of Incorporation which would (1) authorize preferred stock, (2) afford future holders thereof certain protective features and (3) grant cumulative voting to holders of National's common stock. All of the National System's long-term financing is done at the parent company (National) level. At present, National has no preferred stock authorized or issued. National's common stockholders will be solicited for their necessary consent to the proposed amendments at a special stockholders meeting to be held on or about March 21, 1975. (Rel. 35-18814 - Feb. 14)

#### AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until March 11 to request a hearing on a proposal by American Electric Power Company, Inc., a registered holding company, that it issue and sell up to 10,000,000 shares of common stock by negotiation. (Rel. 35-18815 - Feb. 14)

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## SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS

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#### (S-7) COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY

One First National Plaza, P. O. Box 767, Chicago, Ill. 60690 - 5,107,000 shares of common stock, to be offered to its stockholders through a rights offering. The offering is to be made to stockholders on the basis of one share of common stock for each ten shares held. The company principally produces, purchases, transmits, distributes and sells electricity. (File 2-52812 - Feb. 11)

(S-7) DEERE & COMPANY

John Deere Rd., Moline, Ill. 61265 - \$100 million of notes, due 1987, and \$100 million of debentures, due 2000, to be offered for sale through underwriters headed by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated. Deere manufactures, distributes and finances the sale of mobile power machinery, including a full range of farm equipment, a broad range of industrial equipment, and consumer outdoor work and leisure power equipment. (File 2-52813 - Feb. 11)

(S-6) THE CORPORATE INCOME FUND,  
SIXTEENTH MONTHLY PAYMENT SERIES

\$20 million of units of beneficial interest, to be offered for sale through underwriters headed by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, 125 High St., Boston, Mass. 02110. The Fund, a Unit Investment Trust, was by a trust agreement among Merrill Lynch, as sponsor, The Bank of New York and The National Shawmut Bank of Boston, as trustees, and Interactive Data Services, Inc., as evaluator. The Fund's primary objective is providing a high level of current income through investment in a fixed portfolio of long-term debt obligations, issued primarily by corporations. (File 2-52815 - Feb. 11)

REGISTRATIONS EFFECTIVE

Feb. 13: Compugraphic Corp., 2-52764.

Feb. 14: American District Telegraph Co., 2-52677; Dallas Power & Light Co., 2-52708; Energy Management Corp., 2-52432; Houston Lighting & Power Co., 2-52709; Societe Nationale Des Petroles D'Aquitaine, 2-52760; System Engineering Laboratories, Inc., 2-52256; VSI Corp., 2-52549.

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RECENT 8K FILINGS

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Form 8-K is used by companies to file current reports on the following events:

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| <i>Item 1. Changes in Control of Registrant</i>              | <i>Item 9. Options to Purchase Securities</i>                                 |
| <i>Item 2. Acquisition or Disposition of Assets</i>          | <i>Item 10. Revaluation of Assets or Restatement of Capital Share Account</i> |
| <i>Item 3. Legal Proceedings</i>                             | <i>Item 11. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders</i>           |
| <i>Item 4. Changes in Securities</i>                         | <i>Item 12. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant</i>                 |
| <i>Item 5. Changes in Security for Registered Securities</i> | <i>Item 13. Other Materially Important Events</i>                             |
| <i>Item 6. Defaults upon Senior Securities</i>               | <i>Item 14. Financial Statements and Exhibits</i>                             |
| <i>Item 7. Increase in Amount of Securities Outstanding</i>  |   |
| <i>Item 8. Decrease in Amount of Securities Outstanding</i>  |   |

The companies listed below have filed 8-K reports for the month indicated and/or amendments to 8-K reports previously filed, responding to the item(s) of the form specified. Copies of the reports may be purchased from the Commission's Public Reference Section (in ordering, please give month and year of report). An invoice will be included with the requested material when mailed.

COMPANY	ITEM NO.	MONTH
BURLINGTON NORTHERN INC	7,14	01/75
CABANA COACH CORP	3	01/75
CAMBRIDGE MEMORIES INC	11,14	01/75
CASCO NORTHERN CORP	7,14	01/75
CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT CO	11	01/75
CENTRAL VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE CORP	11,14	11/74
CENTRAN CORP	8	01/75
CHARTER MEDICAL CORP	11	01/75
CHRIS CRAFT INDUSTRIES INC	2,4,7,8,11,14	01/75
CIRCLE F INDUSTRIES INC	2,14	01/75
CITIES SERVICE CO	3	10/74
CLEVELAND CLIFFS IRON CO	3	01/75
CLEVEPAK CORP	4,7,8,14	01/75
COMPO INDUSTRIES INC	10,14	01/75
COMPUTER PRODUCTS INC	13	01/75
COOK INDUSTRIES INC	7,13	01/75
CORDIS CORP	3	01/75
COUNTRYWIDE CREDIT INDUSTRIES INC	9	01/75
CREOLE PETROLEUM CORP	13,14	01/75
CUMMINS ENGINE CO INC	4,7,8,13,14	01/75
CUMMINS INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORP	7,14	01/75

RECENT 8K REPORTS CONT.

CYCLOTRON CORP	10	01/75
DAVIS H B CORP	13,14	01/75
DAYTON HUDSON CORP	10,14	01/75
DECISION DATA COMPUTER CORP	13,14	01/75
DELTONA CORP	7,13	01/75
DIVERSIFIED MORTGAGE INVESTORS	13,14	01/75
DUVAL CORP	3,14	01/75
EASTERN GAS & FUEL ASSOCIATES	14	01/75
ELECTRIC HOSE & RUBBER CO	13	01/75
EMHART CORP	3,7,10,14	01/75
EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC CO	13,14	01/75
EMPRESS INTERNATIONAL LTD	13	10/74
ENERGY ABSORPTION SYSTEMS INC	3	01/75
ENERGY VENTURES INC	13,14	01/75
ESB INC	12,14	11/74
FEDDER DATA CENTERS INC	7	07/74
FEDDER DATA CENTERS INC	3	01/75
FEDERATED ENTERPRISES CORP	2,14	11/73
FEDERATED ENTERPRISES CORP	2	04/74
FELMONT OIL CORP	8,13	01/75
FINANCEAMERICA CORP	8	01/75
FIRST GREATWEST CORP	13,14	01/75
FIRST MACOMB CORP	1,2,4,7,11,14	01/75
FLAVORLAND INDUSTRIES INC	13	01/75
FLYING DIAMOND OIL CORP	13,14	01/75
FOUR PHASE SYSTEMS INC	7	01/75
GAMBLE SKOGMO INC	7,8	01/75
GAYNOR STAFFORD INDUSTRIES INC	7,14	01/75
GENERAL AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION CORP	7,13,14	01/75
GENERAL CRUDE OIL CO	1,14	01/75
GENERAL DEVELOPMENT CORP	3,8	01/75
GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP	9	01/75
GEON INDUSTRIES INC	3	01/75
GEORGIA POWER CO	2,13,14	01/75
GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER CO	7,10,13,14	01/75
GRAYBAR ELECTRIC CO INC	7,14	01/75
GREAT NORTHERN NEKOOSA CORP	13	01/75
GREY ADVERTISING INC DELAWARE	7,13,14	01/75
HARRELSON RUBBER CO	3	01/75
HAVATAMPA CIGAR CORP	14	01/75
HAWKEYE BANCORPORATION	7,14	01/75
HORIZON BANCORP	12	01/75
HOUSTON LIGHTING & POWER CO	13,14	01/75
HYSTER CO	7,13,14	01/75
IBI SECURITY SERVICE INC	2,7	05/74
IMPERIAL AMERICAN RESOURCES FUND INC	14	12/74
IMPERIAL OIL LTD	3	01/75
INDIANAPOLIS WATER CO	13,14	01/75
INTEGRATED RESOURCES INC	3	01/75
INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO	2,7,14	01/75
INTERNATIONAL STRETCH PRODUCTS INC	7	01/75
INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH CORP	3,13	01/75
INTERSTATE CORP	13,14	01/75
INTERSTATE POWER CO	13	01/75

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