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

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McPHAIL CANDY APPLIES FOR EXEMPTION

McPhail Candy Corporation, Chicago, Ill., has filed a notification of registration with the SEC as a closed-end management investment company; and, concurrently therewith, it applied for an order declaring it to be primarily engaged in a business other than that of an investment company or, alternatively, an exemption from all provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The Commission has scheduled the matter for hearing on January 21, 1958 (Holding Company Act Release No. 2644).

According to the application, McPhail's outstanding securities at March 31, 1957, consisted of \$750,000 of indebtedness to banks and brokers, 48,209 shares of 5½% convertible preferred stock, \$10 par, on which there were unpaid dividend arrears of \$163,000 equivalent to approximately 6 years dividend requirements, and 500,000 shares of common stock, \$1 par. The application further indicates that McPhail's investment policy "is to invest for safety and yield primarily in securities issued by leading industrial companies of the United States..." that, as of March 31, 1957, the company owned the common stocks of forty one issuers, with an aggregate market value of \$2,134,412, and that the company does not control or influence the policies or operations of such issuers. The application further states that McPhail is primarily engaged, directly or through wholly-owned subsidiaries, in the business of manufacturing and selling candies and confections. The Commission's order states that information in its files indicates, among other things, that candy manufacturing by the company is presently conducted on a limited basis and that its retail candy stores have been closed. The order further indicates that as of March 31, 1957, there were 194 holders of preferred stock and 702 holders of common stock of McPhail Candy, and that Russell McPhail owns beneficially 14,243 shares (30%) of the preferred and 388,895 shares (78%) of the common.

LOUISIANA POWER STOCK SALE CLEARED

Louisiana Power & Light Company, New Orleans, has received SEC authorization (Holding Company Act Release No. 13632) to issue and sell an additional 1,800,000 shares of common stock to its parent, Middle South Utilities, Inc., for \$6,500,000 cash. Proceeds thereof are to be used by the subsidiary to pay part of the cost of its program of property additions and improvements.

COMMONWEALTH EDISON FILES FOR DEBENTURE ISSUE

Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago, Ill., today filed a registration statement (File 2-13805) with the SEC seeking registration of \$50,000,000 of Sinking Fund Debentures, due January 1, 2008, to be offered for public sale at

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competitive bidding. Net proceeds of the financing will be added to working capital for ultimate application toward the cost of gross additions to the electric utility properties of the company and its subsidiaries. This construction program for the four-year period 1958-1961, as now scheduled, calls for the expenditure of approximately \$600,000,000 for property additions.

CONNECTICUT POWER PROPOSES BOND ISSUE

The Connecticut Light and Power Company, Berlin, Connecticut, today filed a registration statement (File 2-13806) with the SEC seeking registration of \$30,000,000 of First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds, Series O, due January 1, 1988, to be offered for public sale through an underwriting group headed by Putnam & Company, Chas. W. Scranton & Co., and Estabrook & Co. The interest rate, public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

Net proceeds will be added to the general funds of the company and applied first to the repayment in full of short term bank loans presently outstanding (expected to amount to \$9,000,000 as of the date of the offering), and the balance will be applied to the company's construction program. The company estimates its program at \$42,117,000 for 1958.

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