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COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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COMMISSION DENIES REQUEST FOR RECORD RELATING TO ACTIVE INVESTIGATORY FILES

The Commission today considered the appeal of I. Walton Bader, Esq., of the staff's determination to deny his request, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, seeking the disclosure of records relating to Equity Funding Corporation of America contained in active Commission investigatory files. In making the ruling, the Commission finds that there exists a substantial likelihood of future enforcement action to which the requested records would be relevant. In these circumstances, it is the Commission's judgment that disclosure of the withheld records which comprise the contents of these investigatory files is not required because such disclosure would interfere with law enforcement proceedings, deprive persons of their rights to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication and constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In addition, certain of the requested materials are exempt from disclosure as inter or intra-agency memorandum. (FI-1)

AVAILABILITY OF RELEASE REGARDING POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL DISCLOSURES

The SEC has announced that it will make available a reasonable number of copies of Securities Act Release No. 5569 (February 11, 1975), upon request, to any group or organization whose membership might be interested in commenting on the matters set forth therein. In that Release, the Commission initiated a public proceeding, including public hearings, concerning disclosures in registration statements, reports and other documents filed with the Commission or required to be furnished to investors pursuant to the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act of environmental and other matters of primarily social rather than financial concern, including equal employment matters. (Rel. 33-5577)

DECISIONS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

JERRY RICHMAN AND NORMA PITTMAN SANCTIONED

The Commission has suspended Jerry Richman, of North Woodmere, New York, a vice-president of the New York City broker-dealer firm of Horizon Securities, Inc., and Norma Pittman, of Brooklyn, a former employee of that firm, from association with any broker-dealer, investment adviser or investment company for 30 days. Richman was also barred, with certain exceptions, from any such association in a supervisory or proprietary capacity, and Pittman, from any such association in a supervisory capacity. After three years, Richman may apply to the Commission for relief from the bar. The suspension of Richman is effective April 7; that of Pittman was effective the day following the Commission's order.

The proceedings against Richman and Pittman were based on charges that, during the period from about May to December 1972, Richman violated antifraud provisions in that he gave customers false assurances against loss, falsely stated to customers that Horizon would repurchase securities purchased by them, effected securities transactions at a time when Horizon was insolvent, and made material misstatements to investors in the stock of Horizon's parent company with respect to the solvency of Horizon, its principal asset. In addition, Richman and Pittman were charged with aiding and abetting false entries by Horizon in its books and records and Horizon's failure to comply with net capital, recordkeeping and credit extension requirements.

The Commission's action was based on offers of settlement in which Richman and Pittman without admitting or denying the charges against them, consented to findings based on the charges and to the indicated sanctions. (Rel. 34-11314)

**HORIZON SECURITIES, INC. REVOKED;
OFFICERS AND PARENT CORPORATION BARRED**

The Commission has revoked the broker-dealer registration of Horizon Securities, Inc., of New York City, and barred Nova Equity Ventures, Inc., of New City, New York, Horizon's parent corporation, Joseph De Filippo, president of Horizon and Nova, and Thomas De Filippo, a vice-president of Horizon, from association with any broker, dealer, registered investment company or investment adviser.

The sanctions were based on findings that, during the period from about May to December 1972, respondents violated antifraud provisions of the securities acts in that they gave customers false assurances against loss, falsely stated that Horizon would repurchase securities purchased by customers, conducted business at a time when Horizon was insolvent, and made material misstatements to investors in Nova stock with respect to the insolvency of Horizon, Nova's principal asset. It was also found that respondents made false entries in Horizon's books and records and failed to comply with net capital, recordkeeping and credit extension requirements.

Respondents consented to the above findings and sanctions without admitting or denying the charges against them. (Rel. 34-11315)

TRADING SUSPENSIONS

TRADING SUSPENDED IN NATURIZER, INC.

The SEC announced the temporary suspension of the over-the-counter trading in the common stock of Naturizer, Inc., of Norman, Oklahoma, for the ten-day period beginning on April 3 and terminating at midnight (EDT) on April 12, 1975.

The suspension was ordered because of the unavailability of adequate and accurate information about the corporation's financial condition.

Naturizer, Inc., Norman, Oklahoma, is engaged in the manufacture and sale of compost produced through recycling organic waste materials. Naturizer has approximately 10,000 shareholders scattered throughout the country with approximately 7,500,000 shares issued and outstanding.

Naturizer filed a Form 10-K on December 23, 1974. This was the first periodic report that Naturizer has filed since January 1, 1971. On March 19, 1975, the auditors who prepared the financial statements submitted as a part of the Form 10-K a statement to the Commission staff that its "Auditors Opinion" dated September 2, 1974 "must no longer be relied upon or associated with the financial statement." Additionally, the auditors notified the Commission staff that they have terminated their relationship with Naturizer, Inc. (Rel. 34-11337)

ADDITIONAL ACTION ON FOUR TRADING SUSPENSIONS

The SEC has announced the suspension of exchange and over-the-counter trading in the securities of Equity Funding Corp., and over-the-counter trading in the securities of Zenith Development Corp., Industries International, Inc., and Westgate California Corp. for the further ten-day period April 7 - 16, inclusive.

COURT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

COMPLAINT NAMES ROBERT V. EHRMAN

The Fort Worth Regional Office announced that on March 31 a civil complaint seeking an injunction and order of disgorgement was filed in Federal District Court at Tulsa, Oklahoma, charging Robert V. Ehrman and Robert V. Ehrman, doing business as Ehrman Oil Company, Tulsa, with violations of the registration and antifraud provisions of the securities laws. The complaint alleges that during the period from September 1973 through March 1974, Ehrman offered and sold fractional undivided working interests in a Bossier Parish, Louisiana oil and gas lease. (SEC v. Robert V. Ehrman, et al., N.D. Okla.). (LR-6817)

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

FEDERAL STREET FUND

An order has been issued exempting from Section 17(a) of the Act the redemption of shares of Federal Street Fund, Inc., by affiliated persons of the Fund for marketable securities owned by the Fund. (Rel. IC-8738 - April 2)

AETNA VARIABLE ANNUITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until April 24 to request a hearing on an application of Aetna Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company for an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. (Rel. IC-8739 - April 2)

PUTNAM INVESTORS FUND

An order has been issued on an application of Putnam Investors Fund, Inc., a mutual fund, and Putnam Fund Distributors, Inc., of Boston, Massachusetts, The Municipal Income Fund (First Insured Discount Series and Subsequent Series), The Corporate Income Fund (First Discount Series and Subsequent Series), both registered unit investment trusts, and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated of New York, New York, permitting reduced sales charges on Putnam Investors shares when purchased in combination with units of The Municipal Income Fund or The Corporate Income Fund. (Rel. IC-8741 - April 3)

AETNA VARIABLE ANNUITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until April 23 to request a hearing on an application of Aetna Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (Aetna Variable), a stock life insurance company presently registered under the Act as an open-end, diversified, management investment company, and Variable Annuity Account B of Aetna Variable (Account B), a new separate account recently registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a unit investment trust, for an order that would permit (1) offers of exchange of certain securities of Account B for other securities to be issued by Account B, (2) certain variations in the sales and administrative charges imposed upon the purchase of securities of Account B, (3) percentage deductions for sales and administrative expenses to be assessed on the balances of payments remaining after certain other deductions, and (4) the sale of variable annuity contracts without depositing the net proceeds of payments thereunder with a qualified bank. (Rel. IC-8742 - April 3)

HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until April 30 to request a hearing on a proposal of Jersey Central Power & Light Company, subsidiary of General Public Utilities Corporation, to issue and sell 250,000 additional shares of its cumulative preferred stock at competitive bidding. (Rel. 35-18906 - April 3)

A supplemental notice has also been issued giving interested persons until April 29 to request a hearing on a proposal of Jersey Central Power & Light Company to amend its First Mortgage Indenture and to solicit bondholders' proxies in connection therewith. (Rel. 35-18907 - April 3)

ALABAMA POWER COMPANY

An order has been issued authorizing Alabama Power Company, subsidiary of The Southern Company, to carry out certain transactions related to the financing of pollution control facilities. (Rel. 35-18908 - April 3)

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS

(S-7) TEXACO INC.

135 East 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10017 - \$300 million of debentures, due 2005, to be offered for sale through underwriters headed by Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, 1251 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10019. Texaco is an integrated oil company which, together with its subsidiary and non-subsidiary companies, is engaged in the worldwide exploration for and production, transportation, refining, and marketing of crude oil and petroleum products, including petrochemicals. (File 2-53027 - Mar. 14)

(S-7) ANHEUSER-BUSCH, INCORPORATED

721 Pestalozzi St., St. Louis, Mo. 63118 - \$125 million of debentures, to be offered for sale through underwriters headed by Dillon, Read & Co. Inc., 46 William St., New York, N.Y. 10005. The company's principal product is beer, produced and distributed under the brand names Budweiser, Michelob and Busch. (File 2-53064 - Mar. 21)

(S-1) GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE MIDWEST

11 Eleventh Ave., Grinnell, Iowa 50112 - 150,000 shares of cumulative preferred stock. The managing underwriters are Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis Incorporated, 140 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10004, and Salomon Brothers, One New York Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10004. The company provides telephone services. (File 2-53172 - Mar. 28)

(S-1) AMERICAN LIBERTY FINANCIAL CORPORATION

c/o Trust Department of American Bank & Trust Company, P.O. Box 591, Baton Rouge, La. 70821 - 270,000 shares of common stock and 200,000 shares of preferred stock. 70,000 shares of the common stock will be offered to directors of the corporation and to a private trust. 200,000 shares of common stock and 200,000 shares of preferred stock, to be offered for sale in units, each consisting of preferred stock (8% non-cumulative convertible and callable, \$24.875 par, plus one share of common stock) at \$25 per unit. There is no underwriter involved in the offer and the corporation is offering the securities to the public as Issuer-Dealer/Broker. The corporation is newly formed and has no present business operations. It has been formed for the purpose of organizing and financing a Louisiana life insurance company. (File 2-53221 - Apr. 2)

(S-6) THE DEAN WITTER TAX-EXEMPT TRUST, EIGHTH SERIES

c/o Dean Witter & Co. Incorporated, 45 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal. 94106 - \$7,500,000 of units. The Trust will be created under a trust indenture among Dean Witter & Co. Incorporated, 45 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal. 94106, as sponsor, United States Trust Company of New York, as trustee, and Standard & Poor's Corporation, as evaluator. The Trust will consist of interest bearing obligations issued by or on behalf of states, counties, municipalities and territorial possessions of the United States and authorities, agencies and other political subdivisions thereof, the interest on which is, in the opinion of counsel to the issuers of such obligations, exempt from Federal income tax. (File 2-53222 - Apr. 2)

(S-7) APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

40 Franklin Rd., Roanoke, Va. 24009 - \$40 million of first mortgage bonds, having a maturity of not less than five nor more than thirty years, to be offered for sale at competitive bidding. The company is an electric utility operating company. (File 2-53224 - Apr. 2)

REGISTRATIONS EFFECTIVE

Apr. 3: Baker Oil Tools, Inc., 2-53049; E. I. Du Pont De Nemours & Co., 2-53093 & 2-53092; Gulf States Utilities Co., 2-52878; Instrument Systems Corp., 2-52746; Portland General Electric Co., 2-53013; The Sampson Corp., 2-52676; Stanley Home Products, Inc., 2-49892; Vulcan Materials, Co., 2-52976.

REGISTRATIONS WITHDRAWN

Feb. 12: American International Pictures, Inc., 2-49317.
Mar. 31: Brunswick Income Properties - 1974, 2-51550.
Apr. 2: Remote Computing Corp., 2-51645.
Apr. 4: Celadon Corp., 2-52692; Stauffer Chemical Co., 2-52902, 2-52903.

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Many requests for copies of documents referred to in the SEC News Digest have erroneously been directed to the Government Printing Office. Copies of such documents and of registration statements may be ordered from the Public Reference Section, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549. The reproduction cost is 15¢ per page plus postage (\$2 minimum) and 30¢ per page plus postage for expedited handling (\$5 minimum). Cost estimates are given on request. All other referenced material is available in the SEC Docket.

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