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RULES AND RELATED MATTERS

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

RULE 17Ac3-1 PROPOSED

The Commission has published for public comment proposed Rule 17Ac3-1 and related Form TA-W prescribing procedures for the withdrawal of registration by transfer agents registered with the Commission. Written comments, in triplicate, should be addressed to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549, no later than July 15, 1977 and refer to File No. S7-703. (Rel. 34-13597)

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOUGLASS AND CO., INC. REVOKED; PRESIDENT SANCTIONED

Administrative Law Judge David J. Markun has issued an initial decision revoking the registration as a broker-dealer of Douglass and Co., Inc. of Denver, Colorado, and barring its president, Donn Charles Douglass, from association with a broker or dealer with the proviso that after a period of ten months he may apply to become associated in a non-proprietary, non-supervisory capacity upon satisfactory showing to the Commission that he will be adequately supervised.

The sanctions were imposed on the basis of findings that Respondents, among other things, wilfully violated or wilfully aided and abetted violations of (1) the registration requirements and various antifraud provisions of the securities laws and regulations in connection with re-initiating and maintaining a market in the stock of Polaris Mining Company from late 1973 to early 1975 and (2) the net-capital requirements during the period August-October, 1974, and again in October, 1976. In connection with the 1974 net-capital violations Judge Markun found that Respondents, among other things, engaged in a parking of securities and in a sham sale of furniture by the firm to Douglass in order to misrepresent the firm's capital position.

The decision is subject to review by the Commission on its own motion or on petition of a party.

COURT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

ASSOCIATED MINERALS, INC., OTHERS ENJOINED

The Washington Regional Office announced that on May 25 Judge John Feikens of the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, entered an order preliminarily enjoining Associated Minerals, Inc., Walter H. Allen and Charles R. Allen from violations of the registration and antifraud provisions of the securities laws in the offer and sale of securities in the form of fractional undivided interests in oil and/or gas wells or leases, or any other securities. The defendants consented in open court to the injunction without admitting or denying the allegations contained in the Commission's complaint. The Court deferred ruling on the Commission's Motion for an Accounting until a pre-trial conference scheduled for June 28. The Court ordered the parties to meet and discuss possible methods of conducting an accounting prior to the pre-trial conference. (SEC v. Associated Minerals, Inc., et al., D.E. Mich., S. Div., Civil Action No. 77-0986). (LR-7952)

FRANCIS EUGENE MOONEY, JR., D/B/A BACH PLANNING COMPANY ENJOINED

The Atlanta Regional Office announced that on May 27 a Federal District Court at Knoxville, Tennessee entered an order temporarily restraining Francis Eugene Mooney, Jr., individually and doing business as Bach Planning Company, a registered broker-dealer in Knoxville, Tennessee, from violations of the antifraud provisions of the securities laws, the net capital, bookkeeping, customer protection and reporting rules, and also from dissipating assets or destroying records relating to his business.

A civil injunctive complaint was filed on May 25 in the Federal District Court at Knoxville, against Mooney. The complaint alleges violations of the antifraud provisions of the securities laws in the offer, sale and purchase of securities. Misrepresentations and omissions of material facts related to, among other things, the misuse of customers' funds and Mooney's financial condition.

The Court appointed Edward L. Summers, Esq., of Knoxville, as temporary receiver and entered a show cause order ordering Mooney to show cause on or before 4:00 p.m. June 6 why the appointment of the receiver and the restraining order should not become final. (SEC v. Francis Eugene Mooney, Jr., Individually and doing business as Bach Planning Company, Civil Action No. 3-77-191). (LR-7953)

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT RELEASES

CALIFORNIA-WESTERN STATES LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until June 27 to request a hearing on an application of California-Western States Life Insurance Company (Cal-Western), a California stock life insurance company, and Cal-Western Separate Account A, a separate account of Cal-Western registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as an open-end diversified management investment company, (hereinafter collectively referred to as Applicants), for an order of the Commission pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act granting exemption from Sections 22(e), 27(c)(1) and 27(d) to the extent necessary to permit compliance by Applicants with certain provisions of the Education Code of the State of Texas as it would apply to payments made on variable annuity contracts subsequent to the date of the requested order. (Rel. IC-9798 - June 2)

E.I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY

An order has been issued on an application of E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (Applicant), exempting from the provisions of Section 17(a) of the Act (1) a proposed purchase from Applicant by Dana Electronics, Inc. (Dana), a California corporation, of 727,500 shares of common stock of Dana, representing Applicant's entire equity ownership of Dana, for \$2,182,500 in cash, and (2) a proposed prepayment by Dana of \$1,250,000 of 5-1/2% notes, due 1978, held by Applicant. Applicant and Dana are companies presumed to be controlled by Christiana Securities Company, a registered non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. (Rel. IC-9800 - June 3)

TDP & L INVESTMENT ACCOUNT "A"

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until June 27 to request a hearing on an application of TDP & L Investment Account "A", Inc. (Applicant) for an amendment to a prior order of the Commission pursuant to Section 6(c) which declared that Henry R. Guild, Jr. should not be deemed an "interested person" of Applicant or its investment advisers within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) solely by reason of his then status as a director of Trusteed Funds, Inc. (Trusteed), a broker-dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, so as to continue in effect the exemption from said definition solely with respect to his present status as a director of Trusteed. (Rel. IC-9801 - June 6)

HOLDING COMPANY ACT RELEASES

YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until June 28 to request a hearing on a proposal of Yankee Atomic Electric Company, subsidiary of New England Electric System and Northeast Utilities, that it issue and sell up to \$10 million of term notes to institutional investors, and that it be exempted from competitive bidding regarding such sale. (Rel. 35-20061 - June 3)

MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY

A supplemental order has been issued authorizing Mississippi Power Company, subsidiary of The Southern Company, to increase the amount of its short-term notes to banks and commercial paper outstanding at any one time from \$25 million to \$33 million. (Rel. 35-20062 - June 3)

NORTHEAST UTILITIES

A notice has been issued giving interested persons until June 27 to request a hearing on a post-effective amendment to an application-declaration filed by Northeast Utilities, a registered holding company, and its subsidiary service company regarding a

\$500,000 increase in the system service company's long-term bank notes. (Rel. 35-20063 - June 3)

SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

The New England Securities Depository Trust Company (NESDTCO) has filed a proposed rule change pursuant to Rule 19b-4 (SR-NESDTCO-77-7) which would enable NESDTCO and the Depository Trust Company (DTC) to make cash settlement with each other directly upon the receipt and delivery of securities at DTC. Publication of the proposal is expected to be made in the Federal Register during the week of June 6. (Rel. 34-13598)

The Midwest Securities Trust Company (MSTC) has filed a proposed rule change pursuant to Rule 19b-4 (SR-MSTC-77-8) relating to the establishment of a depository interface between MSTC and the New England Securities Depository Trust Company. Publication of the proposal is expected to be made in the Federal Register during the week of June 6. (Rel. 34-13599)

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

The Commission has approved a proposed rule change filed by The Midwest Securities Trust Company (MSTC) under Rule 19b-4 (SR-MSTC-77-3) relating to MSTC's proposed dividend reinvestment program. (Rel. 34-13595)

The Commission has approved a proposed rule change filed by the American Stock Exchange, Inc. The rule change (SR-Amex-77-6) would permit a member, in engaging in principal floor transactions with respect to a customer's agency order, to obtain the consent of his customer after the transaction rather than, as is presently required, prior to the transaction. (Rel. 34-13596)

PROPOSED RULE RETURNED

The Commission has returned to the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. a proposed rule change (SR-NYSE-77-8) rescinding a policy which prohibited inter-exchange communications. The Commission determined that the filing was unnecessary since it did not involve a rule of that exchange. At the same time, the Commission requested public comment on issues concerning exchange regulation of communication connections. (Rel. 34-13594)

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS

(S-12) CITIBANK, N.A.

111 Wall St., New York, N.Y. 10015 - seeks registration of 100,000 American Depository Receipts for ordinary shares of Central Pacific Minerals N.L., an Australian corporation. (File 2-59168 - June 1)

(S-6) E. F. HUTTON CORPORATE INCOME FUND

Tenth Series, One Battery Park Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10004 - \$15 million of units. The Fund is to be one in a series of unit investment trusts created under separate, but similar, trust indentures and agreements among E. F. Hutton & Company Inc., as sponsors, New England Merchants National Bank, as trustee and Telstat Advisory Service, Inc., as evaluator. The Fund's primary objective is providing a high level of current income consistent with preservation of capital through investment in a fixed portfolio of long-term corporate debt obligations and fixed dividend sinking fund preferred stocks. (File 2-59175 - June 1)

(S-7) NEW ENGLAND ELECTRIC SYSTEM

20 Turnpike Rd., Westborough, Mass. 01581 - 1,250,000 common shares, to be offered for sale at competitive bidding. The company is an electric utility holding company whose subsidiaries' business is principally that of generating, purchasing, transmitting and selling electric energy at wholesale and retail. (File 2-59182 - June 3)

(S-7) CARTER HAWLEY HALE STORES, INC.

550 South Flower St., Los Angeles, Cal. 90071 - 750,000 shares of common stock, issuable under the company's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan. The company is engaged primarily in the retail business through general and specialty department stores. (File 2-59183 - June 3)

(S-7) DATA 100 CORPORATION

6110 Blue Circle Dr., Minnetonka, Minn. 55343 - \$10 million of convertible subordinated debentures, due 1992, will be offered for sale by the company through underwriters headed by Dean Witter & Co. Inc., 33 North Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. 60602. The company is primarily engaged in the design, manufacture, marketing, leasing and maintenance of a family of remote data processing terminal systems. (File 2-59186 - June 3)

(S-7) TRAILER TRAIN COMPANY

300 South Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill. 60606 - \$40 million of equipment trust certificates, Series 38, to be offered for sale through underwriters headed by Salomon Brothers, One New York Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10004. The company provides the major railroads of the U.S. with pools of standardized railroad flatcars and boxcars. (File 2-59187 - June 3)

(S-14) THE BUEHLER CORPORATION

9000 Precision Dr., Indianapolis, Ind. 46236 - 1,869,930 shares of common stock. These shares will be issued in exchange for the shares of Maul Bros., Inc.'s common stock on a one-for-one basis in connection with a merger of the two corporations. The Buehler Corporation is engaged in the business of manufacturing power gearing and related components, automatic metal finishing equipment, and specialized components for the nuclear industry. (File 2-59188 - June 3)

REGISTRATIONS EFFECTIVE

May 26: Charter New York Corp., 2-58996; The Dean Witter Tax Exempt Trust, Twenty Ninth Series, 2-59011; E. F. Hutton Corporate Income Fund, Ninth Series, 2-58788; Income Trust for U.S. Government Guaranteed Securities, 2-57937; Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc., 2-58617; Modern Merchandising Inc., 2-58929; Pacific Holding Corp., 2-58360; Thomson Industries Ltd., 2-58631; Warner Co., 2-59063.
May 27: Allied Products Corp., 2-58863; Ambac Industries, Inc., 2-58960; American District Telegraph Co., 2-58984; Citicorp, 2-58952; The Continental Group, Inc., 2-58391; Cooper Tire & Rubber Co., 2-58577; Data Resources Inc., 2-58785; Dean Witter Organization, Inc., 2-58861; Federated Department Stores, Inc., 2-58845; Harriet Cotton Mills, 2-58468; Kraft, Inc., 2-58939; Merrill Lynch Basic Value Fund, Inc., 2-58521; South Carolina Electric and Gas Co., 2-58933; The Upjohn Co., 2-58632.
May 31: Alton Box Board Co., 2-58980; American Petrofina, Inc., 2-58764; Consolidated Natural Gas Co., 2-58972; Delta Air Lines Inc., 2-58919; Dravo Corp., 2-58897; F. W. Woolworth Co., 2-58941; LTV Corp., 2-58974; Michigan Bell Telephone Co., 2-58944; Public Service Co. of New Mexico, 2-58926; Ryan Homes, Inc., 2-58927; Sears, Roebuck & Co., 2-59064; Stone & Webster Inc., 2-59059.

NOTE TO DEALERS. When applicable the 90-day period of time dealers are required to use the prospectus is noted above in parentheses after the name of the issuer. As to the other issuers, there may be no such requirement to use a prospectus, or the requirement may be for a period of only 40 days; see Section 4(3) of the Securities Act of 1933 and Rule 174 (17 CFR 230.174) thereunder.

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