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

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Securities Exchange Act Release No. 5363

The Securities and Exchange Commission has ordered proceedings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to determine whether an application for broker-dealer registration filed by Gregory & Company, Inc., Montreal, Quebec, Canada, should be denied. The hearing therein is scheduled for September 18, 1956, in the Commission's Washington office.

Gregory and Company's application for registration as a broker-dealer was filed on June 13, 1956, and has not yet become effective. Kenneth Herbert Gregory is listed as president, a director and controlling stockholder. The Commission's order for proceedings asserts that information developed in an investigation tends to show (1) that, since December 1, 1955, applicant and Gregory have offered and sold to certain persons in the United States shares of the common stock of Cameron Copper Mines Ltd. and Zenith Mines, Limited, when no registration statement as to such securities was in effect under the Securities Act of 1933; and (2) that the application for broker-dealer registration is false and misleading, in that it represents that Gregory was connected from 1945 to 1954 with various brokers and dealers but omitted to state that Gregory during said period had other connections, including, among others, Frank S. Bane, Cornell & Seaford Ltd., C. R. Fox-Revett, Malvern Trading Corporation Ltd., Laval Securities (Ontario) Ltd., Williams & Max, Ellico Securities Ltd., Alexander Watt & Co. Ltd., Rodney & Company, and R. J. Edgar & Co. Ltd.

At the September 18th hearing, inquiry will be conducted into the foregoing matters to determine whether the reported information is true and, if so, whether provisions of the Securities Act, the Securities Exchange Act, and rules of the Commission under the latter Act, have been violated and whether it is in the public interest to deny Gregory & Company's application for broker-dealer registration.

Holding Company Act Release No. 13262

The SEC has issued an order giving interested persons until September 25, 1956, to request a hearing upon the debenture financing proposal of The Columbia Gas System, Inc. As previously reported (9/7/56), Columbia Gas proposes to issue and sell at competitive bidding \$25,000,000 of Debentures, Series G, due 1981. Proceeds of the sale of the debentures together with other funds will be applied to the company's 1956 construction program, involving total expenditures of approximately \$73,000,000.

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Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, Houston, filed a registration statement (File 2-12771) with the SEC on September 10, 1956, seeking registration of 441,250 shares of its 50¢ par Common Stock. The company proposes to offer these shares for subscription by common stockholders of record October 1, 1956, at the rate of one share of additional stock for each sixteen shares then held. The subscription price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment. White, Weld & Co. and Stone & Webster Securities Corporation are named as the principal underwriters.

Net proceeds of the financing will be added to the general funds of the company to be available for construction. The company estimates that it will spend approximately \$55,000,000 after June 30, 1956, in completing construction work which was scheduled at that date.

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The Brush Beryllium Company, Cleveland, O., filed a registration statement (File 2-12772) with the SEC on September 11, 1956, seeking registration of 400,000 shares of its \$1 par Common Stock. The Company proposes to offer 375,000 shares for public sale and 25,000 shares for subscription by stockholders. The public offering and subscription price is to be \$10 per share; and the underwriting commission payable in connection with the public offering is \$1 per share. No underwriting is involved in respect of the offering to stockholders.

Net proceeds of the stock sale will be used, together with the proceeds of bank borrowings in the amount of \$3,000,000, to finance the construction of new facilities at the company's plant near Elmore, O. Such new facilities will be used in the production of pure beryllium metal for sale to the Atomic Energy Commission. The new facilities also will enable the company to produce beryllium copper master alloy for delivery to the Commodity Credit Corporation in the quantities required under agreements with Continental Ore Corporation and Derby & Co. (Metals and Minerals) Inc. as well as the production of such alloy for sale to commercial customers.

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Pitney-Bowes, Inc., Stamford, Conn., filed a registration statement (File 2-12773) with the SEC on September 11, 1956, seeking registration of \$728,000 of Participations in The Pitney-Bowes Employees' Stock Purchase Plan and an unspecified number of shares of the company's \$2 par Common Stock which may be purchased pursuant to such Plan.

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