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CAPITAL EXPENDITURES UP. The SEC and the Department of Commerce announce (for June 10th Newspapers) that businessmen expect plant and equipment expenditures to rise steadily during 1963, after seasonal adjustments, with anticipated outlays at a record \$39.2 billion for the year, 5% above 1962 expenditures. For details, see Stat. Release No. 1906.

NEW ENGLAND ELECTRIC RECEIVES ORDER. The SEC has issued an order under the Holding Company Act (Release 35-14890) authorizing New England Electric System, Boston registered holding company, and 14 subsidiaries to use a method of allocating the group's consolidated income tax liabilities which will give to each of the companies included therein the full investment credit each company contributes to the total investment credit allowed on the consolidated returns.

NEW ENGLAND ELECTRIC SEEKS ORDER. New England Electric System, Boston registered holding company, has applied to the SEC for an order under the Holding Company Act with respect to its proposal to extend its credit in respect of an Agreement and Lease between John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company and New England Power Service Company (a subsidiary of NEES); and the Commission has issued an order (Release 35-14891) giving interested persons until June 17, 1963 to request a hearing thereon. The agreement entered into between New England Power and Hancock relates to land in Westborough, Mass., to be purchased by Hancock (for \$175,000) from another subsidiary of NEES and improvements to be constructed thereon (at an estimated cost of \$6,000,000) with funds to be advanced by Hancock. New England Power will rent the facility for an annual rental of \$566,000 (with an option to purchase the leased property near the end of the initial 35-year term). The proposed extension of credit by NEES is intended to assure or guaranty the payment of all amounts payable by New England Power to Hancock under the Agreement.

FIRESTONE TIRE & RUBBER PROPOSES DEBENTURE OFFERING. The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, 1200 Firestone Parkway, Akron, Ohio, filed a registration statement (File 2-21471) with the SEC on June 6 seeking registration of \$75,000,000 of debentures due 1988, to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by Harriman Ripley & Co., Inc., 63 Wall St., New York. The interest rate, public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment. The net proceeds from the debenture sale will be used to repay \$41,400,000 of domestic bank loans and to provide additional working capital. According to the prospectus, the company intends to reimburse its general funds in part for the past increased investment in inventories and accounts receivable and to provide in part for further increases.

TEXAS EASTERN TRANSMISSION PROPOSES BOND OFFERING. Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation, Southern National Bank Bldg., Houston, Texas, filed a registration statement (File 2-21472) with the SEC on June 6 seeking registration of \$50,000,000 of first mortgage pipe line bonds due 1983, to be offered for public sale through underwriters headed by Dillon, Read & Co., Inc., 46 Williams St., New York. The interest rate, public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment. The company is engaged principally in the transmission of natural gas and it also is engaged in the transportation of petroleum products and the production of oil and gas. The net proceeds from the bond sale will be used to retire outstanding revolving credit notes which were incurred for general corporate purposes, including construction; and the balance will be used in connection with construction programs. The company's construction program for 1963 involves estimated expenditures of \$54,000,000. In addition to certain indebtedness and preferred stock, the company has outstanding 19,245,459 shares of common stock, of which management officials as a group own 5.6%. George R. Brown is board chairman and Orville S. Carpenter is president.

MCGRAW-EDISON FILES PROFIT SHARING PLAN. McGraw-Edison Company, Elgin, Ill., filed a registration statement (File 2-21473) with the SEC on June 5 seeking registration of \$3,000,000 of participations in its Profit Sharing Plan, and 215,848 shares of common stock which may be acquired pursuant thereto.

GENERAL FOODS FILES SAVINGS PLAN. General Foods Corporation, 250 North Street, White Plains, N. Y., filed a registration statement (File 2-21474) with the SEC on June 6 seeking registration of \$24,000,000 of interests in its Employee Savings-Investment Plan, and 300,000 shares of common stock which may be acquired pursuant thereto.

ORAL ARGUMENT, COMING WEEK. June 11, 2:30 P.M. - Reese, Scheftel & Co., et al.

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS. Effective June 6: Flori Investment Co. (File 2-21217).

Effective June 7: Standard Pressed Steel Co. (File 2-21353).

Withdrawal June 6: ADR Mitsui & Co. Ltd. (File 2-17589); ADR Mitsui Shipbuilding & Engineering Co., Ltd. (File No. 2-17486).

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