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CENTRAL AND SOUTH WEST STOCK SALE CLEARED

The SEC has issued an order (Release 35-14076) authorizing Central and South West Corporation, Wilmington, Del., to offer for sale at competitive bidding 350,000 shares of common stock. Net proceeds, estimated at \$21,000,000, will be used in part to prepay certain outstanding bank notes. Subject to a further order of the Commission, some \$6,000,000 of the proceeds would be used for additional investments in subsidiaries during 1959 and 1960. The remainder of the proceeds will be used (again subject to future Commission order) for additional investments in one or more of the principal subsidiaries or used by Central for general corporate purposes.

FIVE INDICTED IN GENERAL ASSOCIATES STOCK SALE

The SEC Seattle Regional Office announced October 15, 1959, that J. Alvin Hibbard and four others had been indicted (USDC, WD, Wash.) on charges of violating anti-fraud provisions of the Securities Act and the Mail Fraud Statute in the sale of stock of General Associates, Inc.

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT COMPANY SHARES IN REGISTRATION

The following companies filed amendments on October 19, 1959, to their respective registration statements, seeking registration of additional securities, as indicated: Commonwealth Stock Fund, Inc. (File 2-10611), San Francisco, 700,000 common shares; Commonwealth Investment Co. (File 2-10758), San Francisco, 2,000,000 common shares; and Commonwealth Income Fund (File 2-13527), San Francisco, 1,000,000 common shares.

NATIONAL VIDEO FILES FOR SECONDARY

National Video Corporation, 4300 West 47th St., Chicago, has joined with Rico Electronics, Inc., Vega Alta, Puerto Rico, in the filing of a registration statement (File 2-15734) with the SEC seeking registration of 283,307 outstanding shares of Class A stock of National Video, to be offered for public sale by the present holders thereof through an underwriting group headed by Bache & Co. The public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

All the outstanding stock of Rico Electronics, Inc., an affiliated manufacturing company, will be held in the Rico Electronics Stock Trust for the benefit of all holders of shares of National Video. Each certificate for the Class A stock of National Video will bear an endorsement evidencing the interest of the holder of such certificate in such trust. According to the application, National Video intends to apply to the American Stock Exchange for the listing of the Class A shares.

National Video is engaged in manufacturing cathode ray tubes for sale primarily to TV set manufacturers. Rico Electronics is engaged in manufacturing electron guns, a component part of cathode ray tubes, for sale to National Video. It operates in Puerto Rico. Its capitalization consists of 616,667 shares of common stock, all of which will be held in trust for the benefit of holders of Class A and Class B shares of National Video.

National Video has outstanding 283,307 Class A and 333,360 Class B shares. Officers and directors of National Video own 143,156 Class A and 92,766 Class B shares. The principal stockholders are Asher J. Cole, president, (89,794 Class A and 60,600 Class B shares), and Ralph E. Stolkin (152,392 Class B shares). The officers and directors are selling all their Class A shares, as are the other three holders of the Class A stock.

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ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC PROPOSES STOCK OFFERING

Atlantic City Electric Company, 1600 Pacific Ave., Atlantic City, N. J., today filed a registration statement (File 2-15738) with the SEC seeking registration of 200,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale through an underwriting group headed by Eastman Dillon, Union Securities & Co. and Smith, Barney & Co. The public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

Net proceeds of the sale of the additional common stock will be used to provide part of the funds needed for the company's 1960 construction program and to provide additional funds if needed for costs of construction being incurred in 1959. Construction expenditures during the nine months ended September 30, 1959, totaled about \$9,916,000; and it is estimated that for the entire year, 1959 construction expenditures will approximate \$14,500,000 and for the year 1960 \$17,713,000.

RESERVE INSURANCE FILES FOR OFFERING AND SECONDARY

Reserve Insurance Company, 180 West Adams St., Chicago, today filed a registration statement (File 2-15740) with the SEC seeking registration of 110,837 shares of capital stock. Of this stock, 62,676 shares are to be offered for public sale by the issuing company and 48,161 (representing outstanding stock) by the present holders thereof. A. G. Becker & Co., Inc., is listed as the principal underwriter. The public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

The company and its subsidiary, The Summit Fidelity and Surety Company, are engaged in writing multiple line fire and casualty insurance and surety bonds, and in the investment and reinvestment of their assets. The company now has outstanding 257,324 shares of stock. Net proceeds to the company from its sale of additional stock will be added initially to its general funds; and the increased capital will enable the company to finance a larger volume of underwriting and to carry out its plans for qualifying to transact business in additional states.

The prospectus lists eighteen selling stockholders, who hold in the aggregate 106,401 shares. Allan S. Blank, president, is the largest individual holder, 32,314 shares; and he proposes to sell the largest block, 9,814 shares. Megh & Co. proposes to sell 8,750 of its holdings of 18,750 shares; and Jack R. Aron proposes to sell all of his holdings of 7500 shares.

MARINE CORP. PROPOSES DEBENTURE OFFERING

The Marine Corporation, 633 North Water St., Milwaukee, Wisc., filed a registration statement (File 2-15739) with the SEC on October 19, 1959, seeking registration of \$5,000,000 of Convertible Debentures, due November 1, 1979, to be offered for public sale through an underwriting group headed by Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc., and three other firms. The interest rate, public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

Net proceeds of the sale of the debentures will be added to the general funds of the company and will be available to provide additional capital funds to affiliated banks from time to time, for possible acquisition of existing banks, for possible organization of new banks and for other general corporate purposes. It is contemplated that about \$2,000,000 will be used to provide additional capital for the Marine National Exchange Bank of Milwaukee and about \$1,000,000 to provide additional capital for other banks now controlled by Marine Corporation, including a minimum of \$300,000 to provide additional capital funds for Holton State Bank incident to the move of that bank to a new location in 1960.

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