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September 21, 1943

District Engineer
Public Buildings Administration
Federal Works Agency
City Post Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. S. P. Hallowell has requested that a letter be sent to you relative to the need for connecting the air conditioning units in the Home Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There are six units to be connected. One is located in the immediate office of each of the Commissioners, and one in the Commission meeting room. The wiring available in these particular offices at the present time is not of sufficient capacity to carry the load of current required to operate the air conditioning machines, and additional wiring appears to be necessary.

The Commission is engaged upon extremely important matters in connection with the administration of the following laws: The Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the Investment Company Act of 1940, and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. In addition, it is required by Chapter X of the National Bankruptcy Act to perform certain duties in connection with corporate reorganization proceedings in Federal Courts. Further, at the present time it is also cooperating with several war agencies in various important phases of the war program.

The Commissioners are handicapped in the efficient performance of their responsible duties during the summer months because of excessive heat. If the units now available in their rooms are connected to provide comfortable offices, a larger volume of work could be done more efficiently. Also, the Commissioners spend a considerable portion of each working day in the Commission meeting room, and the need for air conditioning is probably even more important in this room than in the Commissioners' immediate offices,

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since the meetings bring together from six to fifteen people in a relatively small room.

I urgently request that this matter be given your favorable consideration at the earliest practicable date.

Sincerely yours,

Ganson Purcell
Chairman

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