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INVESTORS TO GET OPPORTUNITY TO MEET SEC STAFF DURING NATIONAL CONSUMER EDUCATION WEEK

Thousands of individual investors will have an opportunity to get personalized responses to questions about the securities markets direct from SEC staff members, during activities planned by the Commission in conjunction with National Consumer Education Week.

President Carter has proclaimed the week of October 5-11, 1980 as National Consumer Education Week and has called on Federal agencies to schedule special events aimed at providing individuals with the information and knowledge they need "to make intelligent decisions as consumers." The SEC has as one of its principal responsibilities the protection of investors. In discharging that responsibility it attempts, among other activities, to help individual investors get the information they need to make informed investment decisions, and to inform them of what recourse is open to those who feel they have been dealt with unfairly.

Open House

Persons in the Washington area, and individuals or groups from outside the area interested in traveling to the capital

next week, are invited to a series of four open house sessions at the Commission's headquarters (500 North Capitol Street). The sessions, to be held from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, October 6-9, will feature showings of the Commission's new multi-media audiovisual presentation, "Eagle on the Street." Members of the Commission's staff will be on hand to explain what information about publicly owned companies is available to investors through the SEC; what steps the Commission may be able to take to assist individual investors who feel they have been dealt with unfairly; and what additional means of resource are available to investors under the federal securities laws. (Those interested in attending an Open House are urged to contact the Office of Consumer Affairs at (202) 523-5516, beforehand.) Similar programs will be held at several of the Commission's regional or branch offices in other cities.

"You and the Federal Government:
A Special Consumer Affair"

The SEC will also participate in an exposition sponsored by the U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs, to be held on the Smithsonian Mall, Washington, D.C., on Friday, October 10. The exposition is entitled "You and the Federal Government: A Special Consumer Affair" and its purpose is to make consumers aware of the various materials and programs available from the federal government to assist them. Commission staff members will distribute investor education brochures, and answer individual questions.

"Investors Gallery"

In the spirit of National Consumer Education Week, the SEC will participate in the "Investors Gallery" at the Annual Convention of the National Association of Investment Clubs, to be held at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel, Houston, Texas from October 23-25. This unique national gathering of individual investors is expected to attract several thousand persons. In addition to making available investor education brochures, and showing "Eagle on the Street," the Commission's staff will be prepared to discuss specific questions presented by individual investors.

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