

application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee from the SEC's Public Reference Branch.

#### Applicant's Representations

1. Applicant is a closed-end, diversified management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust. On or about March 25, 1994, applicant registered under the Act and filed a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933. Applicant's registration statement was not declared effective, and applicant has made no public offering of its shares.

2. Applicant has never issued or sold shares of which it is the issuer. Applicant has no shareholders, liabilities, or assets. Applicant is not party to any litigation or administrative proceeding.

3. Applicant is not engaged, and does not propose to engage, in any business activities other than those necessary for the winding-up of its affairs.

For the SEC, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

*Deputy Secretary.*

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#### [Investment Company Act Release No. 21686; 811-4805]

#### Van Kampen Merritt Growth Fund (A Series of Van Kampen American Capital Equity Trust); Notice of Application

January 18, 1996.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

**ACTION:** Notice of Application for Deregistration under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act").

**APPLICANT:** Van Kampen Merritt Growth Fund (a series of Van Kampen American Capital Equity Trust, formerly a sub-trust of Van Kampen Merritt Equity Trust).

**RELEVANT ACT SECTION:** Section 8(f).

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:** Applicant requests an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company.

**FILING DATE:** The application was filed on December 27, 1995.

**HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING:** An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on

February 12, 1996, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Applicant, One Parkview Plaza, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane L. Titus, Paralegal Specialist, at (202) 942-0584, or H.R. Hallock, Jr., Special Counsel, at (202) 942-0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee from the SEC's Public Reference Branch.

#### Applicant's Representations

1. Applicant is an open-end, diversified management investment company organized as a sub-trust of a Massachusetts business trust. On or about April 19, 1988, applicant registered under the Act and a filed registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933. Applicant's registration statement was declared effective on October 29, 1986, but applicant has made no public offering of its shares.

2. Applicant has never issued or sold shares of which it is the issuer. Applicant has no shareholders, liabilities, or assets. Applicant is not a party to any litigation or administrative proceeding.

3. Applicant is not engaged, and does not propose to engage, in any business activities other than those necessary for the winding-up of its affairs.

For the SEC, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

*Deputy Secretary.*

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#### [Investment Company Act Release No. 21687; 811-8444]

#### Van Kampen Merritt New York Quality Municipal Trust II; Notice of Application

January 18, 1996.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

**ACTION:** Notice of Application for Deregistration under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act").

**APPLICANT:** Van Kampen Merritt New York Quality Municipal Trust II.

**RELEVANT ACT SECTION:** Section 8(f).

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:** Applicant requests an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company.

**FILING DATE:** The application was filed on December 27, 1995.

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#### Applicant's Representations

1. Applicant is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust. On or about March 25, 1994, applicant registered under the Act and filed a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933. Applicant's registration statement was not declared effective, and applicant has made no public offering of its shares.

2. Applicant has never issued or sold shares of which it is the issuer. Applicant has no shareholders, liabilities, or assets. Applicant is not a party to any litigation or administrative proceeding.

3. Applicant is not engaged, and does not propose to engage, in any business