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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 22-28638]

Application and Opportunity for Hearing: Algoma Steel Inc.

November 20, 2002.

The Securities and Exchange Commission gives notice that Algoma Steel Inc. has filed an application under Section 304(d) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. Algoma Steel asks the Commission to exempt from the certificate or opinion delivery requirements of Section 314(d) of the 1939 Act certain provisions of an indenture dated January 29, 2002, as supplemented by indentures dated January 29, 2002 and September 9, 2002, between Algoma Steel and Wilmington Trust Company. The indentures relate to 11% Secured Notes due 2009 and 1% Convertible Secured Notes due 2030.

Section 304(d) of the 1939 Act, in part, authorizes the Commission to exempt conditionally or unconditionally any indenture from one or more provisions of the 1939 Act. The Commission may provide an exemption under section 304(d) if it finds that the exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the 1939 Act.

Section 314(d) requires the obligor to furnish to the indenture trustee certificates or opinions of fair value upon any release of collateral from the lien of the indenture. The application requests an exemption from section 314(d) for specified dispositions of collateral that are made in Algoma Steel's ordinary course of business.

In its application, Algoma Steel alleges that:

1. The indenture permits Algoma Steel to dispose of collateral in the ordinary course of its business;
2. Algoma Steel will deliver to the trustee annual audited financial statements; and
3. Algoma Steel will deliver to the trustee a semi-annual certificate stating that all dispositions of collateral during

the relevant six-month period occurred in Algoma Steel's ordinary course of business and that all the proceeds were used as permitted by the indenture.

Any interested persons should look to the application for a more detailed statement of the asserted matters of fact and law. The application is on file in the Commission's Public Reference Section, File Number 22-28638, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

The Commission also gives notice that any interested persons may request in writing that a hearing be held on this matter. Interested persons must submit those requests to the Commission no later than December 19, 2002. Interested persons must include the following in their request for a hearing on this matter:

- The nature of that person's interest;
- The reasons for the request; and
- The issues of law or fact raised by the application that the interested person desires to refute or request a hearing on.

The interested person should address this request for a hearing to: Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. At any time after December 19, 2002, the Commission may issue an order granting the application, unless the Commission orders a hearing.

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority.

Jill M. Peterson,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27605]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

November 19, 2002.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by December 13, 2002, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After December 13, 2002, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Northeast Utilities, et al. (70-9343)

Northeast Utilities ("NU"), 174 Brush Hill Avenue, West Springfield, Massachusetts 01090-0010, a registered holding company, NU's wholly-owned nonutility subsidiary, NU Enterprises, Inc. ("NUEI"), and Northeast Utilities Service Company, both located at 107 Selden Street, Berlin, Connecticut 06037, (collectively, the "Applicants") have filed a post effective amendment to their application-declaration under section 12(b) and rules 45 and 54 under the Act.

By order dated November 12, 1998 (HCAR No. 26939) ("Prior Order"), the Commission authorized NU and NUEI to, among other things, issue guarantees or provide similar forms of credit support or enhancements (collectively, "Guarantees") to, or for the benefit of NUEI, NUEI's nonutility subsidiaries, or NU's other to-be-formed direct or indirect energy-related companies, as defined in rule 58 of the Act. The Commission, through subsequent orders in this file, authorized an increase in this Guarantee authority to \$500 million and the extension of the date through which Guarantees may be provided through December 31, 2002, under the terms and conditions of the Prior Order. Applicants request in this filing to maintain the Guarantee authority at \$500 million and to extend the date through which the Guarantees may be provided through September 30, 2003, under the terms and conditions of the Prior Order.

American Electric Power Company, et al. (70-10088)

American Electric Power Company Inc. ("AEP"), Central and South West Corporation ("CSW"), both registered holding companies under the Act, 1