

NorthWestern Public Service division ("NPS") of NorthWestern holds ownership interests in the following electric utility assets: a 23.4% share of Big Stone Generating Plant, located near Big Stone City, South Dakota; a ten percent share of Coyote I Electric Generating Station, located near Beulah, North Dakota; and an 8.7% share of Neal Electric Generating Unit No. 4, located near Sioux City, Iowa. These facilities are operated by their other co-owners, and their output is dispatched by the MidContinent Area Power Pool. NorthWestern uses this plant to provide retail electric service to 108 communities in South Dakota, with a combined total population of 98,400 people. The company states that it also engages in limited wholesale electricity sales.

The NPS also holds nonexclusive municipal franchises to provide natural gas service in fifty-seven South Dakota and four Nebraska communities. Under these franchises, NorthWestern provides gas distribution services to approximately 81,000 customers.<sup>2</sup>

Applicant states that the South Dakota Public Utility Commission regulates its electric and gas utility operations, and its Nebraska gas distribution activities are regulated by the four Nebraska municipalities in which it operates.

By purchase and sale agreement dated September 29, 2000 ("Agreement"), NorthWestern agreed to acquire ("Acquisition") the gas, electric, and certain nonutility operations of Montana Power Company ("MPC"). Under the Agreement, MPC would transfer certain assets to a new limited liability company subsidiary, Montana Power LLC ("LLC"), and NorthWestern would acquire all of the membership interests of the LLC. The assets that MPC would transfer to the LLC include the following: (1) Milltown Dam, a three megawatt capacity hydroelectric facility; (2) its leasehold interest in Colstrip Unit 4, an electric generating plant located in Montana that is operated by a third-party; (3) certain electric transmission and distribution lines; (4) 2,000 miles of natural gas pipeline; and (5) three underground propane distribution systems that service the town of Townsend, the Big Sky Ski Resort, and the Anaconda Job Corps. MPC used

businesses; provides air conditioning, heating, duct-cleaning, and plumbing services; supplies, markets, and distributes propane, other natural gas liquids, crude oil, and natural gas to other resellers and end-users; markets electricity at market rates; and holds "non-material," passive investments in nonutility businesses related to those described above.

<sup>2</sup> Applicant states that approximately half of these customers are located in South Dakota, and the other half is located in Nebraska.

these assets to provide retail electric service to approximately 288,000 customers located in Montana and Wyoming,<sup>3</sup> retail gas service to approximately 151,000 retail customers in Montana, and propane distribution service to the town of Townsend, the Big Sky Ski Resort, and the Anaconda Job Corps.

On February 14, 2002, NorthWestern filed the Application and, on February 25, 2002, NorthWestern acquired the LLC. By acquiring the LLC, Applicant became a "holding company" within the meaning of the Act. Applicant requests an order from the Commission granting the company an exemption from registration under section 3(a)(3) of the Act.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application to Withdraw From Listing and Registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC (Star Struck, Ltd., Common Stock, \$1.00 par value) File No. 1-08912

February 10, 2003.

Star Struck, Ltd., a Delaware corporation ("Issuer"), has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,<sup>2</sup> to withdraw its Common Stock, \$1.00 par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange").

The Issuer stated in its application that it has met the requirements of Amex Rule 18 by complying with all applicable laws in State of Delaware, in which it is incorporated, and with the Amex's rules governing an issuer's voluntary withdrawal of a security from listing and registration.

The Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer unanimously approved a resolution on November 1, 2002 to withdraw the Issuer's Security from

<sup>3</sup> Applicant states that the only electric service provided in Wyoming consisted of MPC's service of customers within Yellowstone National Park, which is located in both Montana and Wyoming.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78l(d).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

listing on the Amex. The Board took such action at the advice of counsel since the Issuer had fewer than 500 shareholders of record and total assets not exceeding \$10,000,000 on the last day of each of the three most recent fiscal years and, by delisting its Security from the Amex, the Issuer could eliminate significant anticipated costs, including fees and expenses relating to the Amex's annual listing charges. In addition, the Board has considered the effect on the Issuer and on its shareholders of delisting and has determined that the benefit of delisting substantially outweighs any adverse effect on the Issuer or on its shareholders. The Issuer states that it is currently seeking a market maker for the Security.

The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from listing on the Amex and from registration under section 12(b) of the Act<sup>3</sup> shall not affect its obligation to be registered under section 12(g) of the Act.<sup>4</sup>

Any interested person may, on or before March 5, 2003, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the Amex and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>5</sup>

**Jonathan G. Katz,**  
*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-25930; File No. 812-12865]

### TCW Premier Funds, et al.

February 10, 2003.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Application for an Order of Exemption under Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940,

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 781(b).

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 781(g).

<sup>5</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).