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SUBCHAPTER F—ACCOUNTS, NATURAL GAS ACT

PART 201—UNIFORM SYSTEM OF
ACCOUNTS PRESCRIBED FOR
NATURAL GAS COMPANIES SUB-
JECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE
NATURAL GAS ACT

AUTHORITY: 15 U.S.C. 717-717w, 3301-3432; 42 U.S.C. 7101-7352, 7651-7651o.

SOURCE: Order 219, 25 FR 5616, June 21, 1960, unless otherwise noted.

EDITORIAL NOTE: For FEDERAL REGISTER citations affecting part 201, see the List of CFR Sections Affected, which appears in the Finding Aids section of the printed volume and at www.fdsys.gov.

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 58 FR 18006, April 7, 1993, part 201 was amended by redesignating definitions 31 through 39 as 32 through 40 and adding a new definition 31; Accounts 182.3 and 254 were added under Balance Sheet Accounts; and Accounts 407.3 and 407.4 were added under Income Accounts. The added text contains information collection and recordkeeping requirements and will not become effective until approval has been given by the Office of Management and Budget.

NOTE: Order 141, 12 FR 8504, Dec. 19, 1947, provides in part as follows:

Prescribing a system of accounts for natural gas companies under the Natural Gas Act. The Federal Power Commission acting pursuant to authority granted by the Natural Gas Act (58 Stat. 821, as amended; 15 U.S.C. and Sup. 717 et seq.), particularly sections 8(a), 10(a) and 16 thereof, and finding such action necessary and appropriate for carrying out the provisions of said Act, ordered that:

(a) The accompanying system of accounts, entitled "Uniform System of Accounts Prescribed for Natural Gas Companies Subject to the Provisions of the Natural Gas Act," and the rules and regulations contained therein, be adopted;

(b) Said system of accounts and said rules and regulations contained therein be and the same are hereby prescribed and promulgated as the system of accounts and rules and regulations of the Commission to be kept and observed by natural gas companies subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, to the extent and in the manner set forth therein;

(c) Said system of accounts and rules and regulations therein contained as to all natural gas companies now subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, became effective on January 1, 1940, and as to any natural gas company which may hereafter become subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission,

they shall become effective as of the date when such natural gas company becomes subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Uniform System of Accounts Prescribed for
Natural Gas Companies Subject to the
Provisions of the Natural Gas Act

Definitions

When used in this system of accounts:

1. *Accounts* means the accounts prescribed in this system of accounts.

2. *Actually issued*, as applied to securities issued or assumed by the utility, means those which have been sold to bona fide purchasers for a valuable consideration, those issued as dividends on stock, and those which have been issued in accordance with contractual requirements direct to trustees of sinking funds.

3. *Actually outstanding*, as applied to securities issued or assumed by the utility, means those which have been actually issued and are neither retired nor held by or for the utility; provided, however, that securities held by trustees shall be considered as actually outstanding.

4. *Amortization* means the gradual extinguishment of an amount in an account by distributing such amount over a fixed period, over the life of the asset or liability to which it applies, or over the period during which it is anticipated the benefit will be realized.

5. A. *Associated (affiliated) companies* means companies or persons that directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, control, or are controlled by, or are under common control with the accounting company.

B. *Control* (including the terms "controlling," "controlled by," and "under common control with") means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a company, whether such power is exercised through one or more intermediary companies, or alone, or in conjunction with, or pursuant to an agreement, and whether such power is established through a majority or minority

functional structures and improvements account. The furnishings of such residential and recreational facilities shall be classified in the equipment account of the related function.

15. *Fees for applications filed with the Commission.* A. Fees for applications involving construction of property shall be accounted for as follows:

(1) All fees paid prior to the final disposition of the certificate application shall be charged to account 186, Miscellaneous Deferred Debits.

(2) If the certificate is granted and accepted, the amounts recorded in account 186 shall be cleared to account 107, Construction Work in Progress—Gas, and subsequently cleared to the appropriate plant accounts.

(3) If the certificate requested is not granted or is not accepted by the applicant, the fees recorded in account 186 shall be cleared to account 928, Regulatory Commission Expenses.

(4) All amounts paid after the Commission has granted the certificate shall be recorded in account 107, Construction Work in Progress—Gas, and subsequently cleared to the appropriate plant accounts.

B. All amounts paid related to certificate applications involving the acquisitions of facilities including those acquired by merger or pooling of interests shall be charged to account 928, Regulatory Commission Expenses.

C. All other fees for applications not involving construction or acquisition of facilities shall be charged to account 928, Regulatory Commission Expenses.

Operating Expense Instructions

1. *Supervision and engineering.* The supervision and engineering includible in the operating expense accounts shall consist of the pay and expenses of superintendents, engineers, clerks, other employees and consultants engaged in supervising and directing the operation and maintenance of each utility function. Wherever allocations are necessary in order to arrive at the amount to be included in any account the method and basis of allocation shall be reflected by underlying records.

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Labor:

1. Special tests to determine efficiency of equipment operation.
2. Preparing or reviewing budgets, estimates, and drawings relating to operation or maintenance for departmental approval.
3. Preparing instructions for operations and maintenance activities.
4. Reviewing and analyzing operating results.
5. Establishing organizational setup of departments and executing changes therein.
6. Formulating and reviewing routines of departments and executing changes therein.
7. General training and instruction of employees by supervisors whose pay is chargeable hereto. Specific instruction and training in a particular type of work is chargeable to the appropriate functional account. (See Gas Plant Instruction 3(19).)
8. Secretarial work for supervisory personnel, but not general clerical and stenographic work chargeable to other accounts.

Expenses:

9. Consultants' fees and expenses.
10. Meals, traveling and incidental expenses.

2. Maintenance. A. The cost of maintenance chargeable to the various operating expense and clearing accounts, includes labor, materials, overheads and other expenses incurred in maintenance work. A list of work operations applicable generally to utility plant is included hereunder. Other work operations applicable to specific classes of plant are listed in functional maintenance expense accounts.

B. Materials recovered in connection with the maintenance of property shall be credited to the same account to which the maintenance cost was charged.

C. If the book cost of any property is carried in account 102, Gas Plant Purchased or Sold, the cost of maintaining such property shall be charged to the accounts for maintenance of property of the same class and use, the book cost of which is carried in other gas plant in service accounts. Maintenance of property leased from others shall be treated as provided in operating expense instruction 3.

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1. Direct field supervision of maintenance.
2. Inspecting, testing, and reporting on condition of plant specifically to determine the need for repairs, replacements, rearrangements and changes and inspecting and testing the adequacy of repairs which have been made.

3. Work performed specifically for the purpose of preventing failure, restoring serviceability or maintaining life of plant.

4. Rearranging and changing the location of plant not retired.

5. Repairing for reuse materials recovered from plant.

6. Testing for, locating and clearing trouble.

7. Net cost of installing, maintaining, and removing temporary facilities to prevent interruptions in service.

8. Replacing or adding minor items of plant which do not constitute a retirement unit. (See gas plant instruction 10.)

3. *Rents.* A. The rent expense accounts provided under the several functional groups of expense accounts shall include all rents, including taxes paid by the lessee on leased property, for property used in utility operations, except (1) minor amounts paid for occasional or infrequent use of any property or equipment and all amounts paid for use of equipment that, if owned, would be includible in plant accounts 391 to 398, inclusive, which shall be treated as an expense item and included in the appropriate functional account and (2) rents which are chargeable to clearing accounts, and distributed therefrom to the appropriate account. If rents cover property used for more than one function, such as production and transmission, or by more than one department, the rents shall be apportioned to the appropriate rent expense or clearing accounts of each department on an actual, or, if necessary, an estimated basis.

B. When a portion of property or equipment rented from others for use in connection with utility operations is subleased, the revenue derived from such subleasing shall be credited to the rent revenue account in operating revenues: *Provided, however,* That in case the rent was charged to a clearing account, amounts received from subleasing the property shall be credited to such clearing account.

C. The cost, when incurred by the lessee, of operating and maintaining leased property, shall be charged to the accounts appropriate for the expense if the property were owned.

D. The cost incurred by the lessee of additions and replacements to gas plant leased from other shall be ac-

counted for as provided in gas plant instruction 6.

4. *Training costs.* When it is necessary that employees be trained to specifically operate or maintain plant facilities that are being constructed, the related costs shall be accounted for as a current operating and maintenance expense. These expenses shall be charged to the appropriate functional accounts currently as they are incurred. However, when the training costs involved relate to facilities which are not conventional in nature, or are new to the company's operations, then see Gas Plant Instruction 3(19) for accounting.

Balance Sheet Chart of Accounts

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS

1. UTILITY PLANT

- 101 Gas plant in service.
- 101.1 Property under capital leases.
- 102 Gas plant purchased or sold.
- 103 Experimental gas plant unclassified.
- 104 Gas plant leased to others.
- 105 Gas plant held for future use.
- 105.1 Production properties held for future use.
- 106 Completed construction not classified—Gas.
- 107 Construction work in progress—Gas.
- 108 Accumulated provision for depreciation of gas utility plant.
- 109 [Reserved]
- 111 Accumulated provision for amortization and depletion of gas utility plant.
- 111.1-111.2 [Reserved]
- 112 [Reserved]
- 113.1-113.2 [Reserved]
- 114 Gas plant acquisition adjustments.
- 116 Accumulated provision for amortization of gas plant acquisition adjustments.
- 116 Other gas plant adjustments.
- 117.1 Gas stored—Base gas.
- 117.2 System balancing gas.
- 117.3 Gas stored in reservoirs and pipelines—noncurrent.
- 117.4 Gas owed to system gas.
- 118 Other utility plant.
- 119 Accumulated provision for depreciation and amortization of other utility plant.

2. OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS

- 121 Nonutility property.
- 122 Accumulated provision for depreciation and amortization of nonutility property.
- 123 Investment in associated companies.
- 123.1 Investment in subsidiary companies.
- 124 Other investments.
- 125 Sinking funds.
- 126 Depreciation fund.
- 128 Other special funds.