

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

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SOURCE: Order 219, 25 FR 5516, 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 8601, 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

those in this account are to be made to account 174, Miscellaneous Current and Accrued Assets, for gas receivable and to account 242, Miscellaneous Current and Accrued Liabilities, for gas deliverable under such transactions. Such entries must be reversed and appropriate contra entries made to this account when gas is received or delivered in satisfaction of the amounts receivable or deliverable.

807 Purchased gas expenses.

A. This account shall include expenses incurred directly in connection with the purchase of gas for resale.

B. The utility shall not include as purchased gas expense, segregated or apportioned expenses of operating and maintaining gathering system plant whether such plant is devoted solely or partially to purchases of gas, except that the utility shall include the cost of turning on and off purchase gas wells and operating measuring stations devoted exclusively to measuring purchased gas.

C. In general, it is intended that this account include only the expenses directly related to purchased gas, including the expenses of computing volumes of gas purchased, and special items directly related to gas purchases which are not includible in other accounts.

D. This account shall be subdivided as follows:

- 807.1 Well expenses—Purchased gas.
- 807.2 Operation of purchased gas measuring stations.
- 807.3 Maintenance of purchased gas measuring stations.
- 807.4 Purchased gas calculations expenses.
- 807.5 Other purchased gas expenses.

808.1 Gas withdrawn from storage—Debit.

A. This account shall include debits for the cost of gas withdrawn from storage during the year. Contra credits for entries to this account shall be made to accounts 117.1 through 117.4, or account 164.2, Liquefied Natural Gas Stored, as appropriate. (See the Special Instructions to accounts 117.1, 117.2, and 117.3).

B. Withdrawal of gas from storage shall not be netted against deliveries to storage. (See account 808.2.)

NOTE: Adjustments for gas inventory losses due to cumulative inaccuracies in gas measurement, or from other causes, shall be entered in account 823, Gas Losses. If, however, any adjustment is substantial, the utility may, with approval of the Commission, amortize the amount of the adjustment to account 823 over future operating periods.

808.2 Gas delivered to storage—Credit.

A. This account shall include credits for the cost of gas delivered to storage during the year. Contra debits for entries to this account shall be made to accounts 117.1 through 117.4, or account 164.2, Liquefied Natural Gas Stored, as appropriate. (See the Special Instructions to accounts 117.1, 117.2, and 117.3).

809.1 Withdrawals of liquefied natural gas held for processing—Debit.

A. This account shall include debits for the cost of liquefied gas withdrawn during the year. Contra credits for entries to this account shall be made to account 164.3, Liquefied Natural Gas Held for Processing.

B. Withdrawals of liquefied natural gas held for processing shall not be netted against deliveries. (See account 809.2.)

NOTE: Adjustments for gas inventory losses due to cumulative inaccuracies in gas measurement, or from other causes, shall be entered in account 846.1, Gas Losses, in the month determined, if, however, any adjustment is substantial, the utility may, with approval of the Commission, amortize the amount of the adjustment to account 846.1 over future operating periods.

809.2 Deliveries of natural gas for processing—Credit.

A. This account shall include credits for the cost of gas delivered for processing during the year. Contra debits for entries to this account shall be made to account 164.3, Liquefied Natural Gas Held for Processing.

B. Deliveries of natural gas for processing shall not be netted against withdrawals from processing. (See account 809.1.)

810 Gas used for compressor station fuel—Credit.

This account shall include concurrent credits for charges which are made to operating expenses for gas consumed