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§ 575.0 Order authorizing uniform system of accounts for classes C and D

(a) The uniform system of accounts for waterworks corporations (classes C and D) is hereby prescribed for every waterworks corporation (as that term is defined in the Public Service Law) which has annual operating revenues from water operations of \$ 100,000 or more but less than \$ 700,000 subject to the jurisdiction of this commission, and every such waterworks corporation is hereby required, on and after July 1, 1987, to keep its records and accounts in conformity therewith.

(b) During the 12 months following the date on which said uniform system of accounts becomes effective, any such waterworks corporation may, for purposes of comparison, keep on its books, in addition to the accounts hereby prescribed, such portion or portions of its present accounts as may be deemed desirable by any such corporation.

(c) Each waterworks corporation for which this uniform system of accounts is prescribed shall classify, set forth and carry all assets, liabilities, capital stock and surplus existing as of the effective date of this uniform system of accounts, as prescribed in such system of accounts.

(d) As of the date a utility becomes subject to this system of accounts, it shall prepare opening entries in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) The accounts prescribed herein shall be opened by transferring thereto the balances carried in the accounts previously maintained. The company is authorized to make such subdivisions, reclassifications or consolidations of such balances as are necessary to meet the requirements of this system of accounts.

(2) The company shall prepare and keep as supporting records summary statements showing:

(i) the closing balances in each account carried on the books prior to the adoption of this system of accounts;

(ii) the journal entries to effect the transfer of those balances to the accounts prescribed herein, arranging such entries so as to show for each account or subdivision thereof from what account and to what account each amount was transferred; and

(iii) the resultant opening balance of each account under this system of accounts.

(3) The first annual report filed with this commission by a utility covering its operations subsequent to the adoption of this system of accounts shall include copies of statements referred to in paragraph (2) of this subdivision.

(e) In prescribing this system of accounts, the commission does not commit itself to the approval or acceptance of any item set out in any account, for the purpose of fixing rates or in determining other matters before the commission.

(f) The system of accounts prescribed by this Part shall become effective July 1, 1987, and shall be put into effect by each water corporation affected thereby on July 1, 1987.

§ 575.1 Definitions

(a) When used in this system of accounts:

(1) Accounts means the accounts prescribed in this system of accounts.

(2) Associated 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.

(3) 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 ownership or voting of securities, common directors, officers, or stockholders, voting trusts, holding trusts, associated companies, contract, or any other direct or indirect means.

(4) Commission or this commission means the Public Service Commission of the State of New York.

(5) Company. (See paragraph (9) of this subdivision.)

(6) Cost means the amount of money actually paid for property or services or the cash value at the time of the transaction of any consideration other than money. (See, however, water plant instruction section 577.1 of this Title.)

(7) Long-term debt means notes or other obligations having a life of more than one year from date of creation or assumption (except obligation representing advances from associated companies), and all unmatured bonds and receivers' certificates.

(8) Original cost as applied to water plant, means the cost of such property to the person first devoting it to public service.

(9) Person means an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an association, a joint-stock company, a business trust, or any organized group of persons, whether incorporated or not, or any receiver or trustee.

(10) Utility or utility company as used herein and when not otherwise indicated in the context, means any waterworks corporation. (See Public Service Law.)

(11) Waterworks corporation. (See Public Service Law.)