

HEARING DIVISION PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1



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TIME/DATE PREPARED: March 7, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

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..... Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc. AGENDA ITEM NO.: U-14

DOCKET NO.: E-01851A-13-0252

OPEN MEETING:DATE: 3/11/14 & 3/12/14

**Page 4, line 9:**

INSERT: "On March 3, 2014, CEC docketed a Second Notice of Compliance Filing, attaching an Amended POA." after "as recommended by Staff.<sup>2</sup>"

INSERT: "Amended" before "POA"

**Page 4, line 10**

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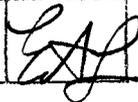
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**Page 14, line 23 – Page 15, line 1:**

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INSERT: "We approve the Amended POA as submitted."

**Page 16, line 21 ½:**

INSERT: "Amended" before "Plan of Administration"

**Page 16, line 23 ½:**

DELETE: "as modified herein by the addition of reference to the Decision No. of this Order,"

**Page 16, line 24 ½:**

DELETE: "revised" before "Plan of Administration"

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<b>THIS AMENDMENT:</b>		
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_____ Failed _____	Not Offered _____	_____ Withdrawn _____

**EXHIBIT A**

DELETE: Exhibit A (Plan of Administration)

INSERT: Exhibit A (Amended Plan of Administration)

**Make all conforming changes.**

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_____ Passed	_____ Passed as amended by _____	
_____ Failed	_____ Not Offered	_____ Withdrawn

**COLUMBUS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**Amended Plan of Administration**  
**Purchased Power and Fuel Cost Adjustor**

The Plan of Administration ("POA") relates to the administration of Columbus Electric Cooperative, Incorporated's ("CEC") fuel and purchased power cost adjustor ("FPPCA") and is filed for Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") approval pursuant to Decision \_\_\_\_\_ dated, \_\_\_\_\_ 2014.

The purpose of the POA is to describe how CEC proposes to administer its FPPCA based on the proposed methodology included in Docket No.E-01851A-13-0252. It is also intended to provide CEC Guidelines to adapt to changing conditions that may impact the administration of its FPPCA.

**Overview**

CEC is an electric distribution cooperative that is member- owned and managed as a not-for-profit entity. Its member-customers elect a nine member board of directors from its membership to set policy and oversee the management of the Cooperative. Margins earned by CEC flow to the patronage capital accounts of its members and are retired over a number of years, as permitted by CEC's financial condition. Currently, CEC has an all power requirement contract with Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, a generation cooperative headquartered in Westminster, Colorado.

Fuel and purchased power costs are a significant component of CEC's cost of providing electric service to its members. The purpose of the FPPCA is to allow CEC to recover or refund fluctuating power supply cost between rate cases.

CEC tracks the bank balance and resets the per-kWh recovery rate (or factor) each month to address over- or under-collections and in order to maintain the FPPCA bank balance as close to zero as is reasonably possible. CEC shall make these adjustments to the per-kWh recovery rate (or factor) for this purpose without prior Commission approval and subject to further Commission order.

**Eligible Expenses**

Currently, and as proposed in this case, the following expenses are booked in the following Rural Utility Service ("RUS") Accounts in accordance with RUS procedures and protocols and shall be eligible for inclusion in CEC's FPPCA:

- Account 555 (Purchased Power)
- Account 565 (Transmission of Electricity by Others)
- Account 547 (fuel cost for other generation)
- Account 501 (fuel cost for steam power, generation, less legal fees, less fixed fuel cost except for gas reservation)

Other expenses deemed fuel -related under RUS accounting, but booked to other RUS accounts, such as 557, shall not be recovered through the FPPCA.

The above accounts are subject to change if RUS alters its accounting requirements or definitions and to future Commission orders.

**The Base Cost of Fuel and Purchased Power:**

The Base Cost of Fuel and Purchased Power ("Authorized Base Cost") reflects the fuel and purchased power cost embedded in base rates and is set by order of the Commission in Decision No. \_\_\_\_\_. The proposed Authorized Base Cost is \$0.078510 per kWh for all electricity sold, effective the date of Commission order in Docket No.E-01851A-13-0252.

**FPPCA Rate:**

The FPPCA Rate shall be calculated based on the combined Arizona and New Mexico system purchases and sales. Agricultural sales shall be included in the current month's FPPCA calculation. All other sales will continue to be calculated based on current month power cost and prior month's sales.

**FPPCA Bank Balance**

As of January 2014, the FPPCA Bank Balance is \$5,540.86 (under -collected) but will continue accruing eligible expenses and revenues. At the date of the final order, the balance will be adjusted to remove the outstanding Bank Balance. The outstanding amount shall be recovered utilizing a temporary FPPCA calculation. Based on Staff recommendation, the temporary FPPCA will only recover the outstanding balance in an amount not to exceed one cent (\$0.01) per kWh until the account is as close to zero as is practical.

**Monthly Reporting:**

**Permanent Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Adjustment** - a monthly reporting together with invoices for all eligible expenditures and supporting schedules shall be submitted to the Utilities Division. The monthly reporting on the permanent FPPCA will include the beginning balance, the monthly collection and the outstanding end-of-month bank balance. The report shall be submitted on the forms attached hereto, or as amended from time to time by CEC with the written consent of the Director of Utilities, which amended forms shall be docketed in Docket No. E-01851A-13-0252. The monthly report shall be filed with Staff no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the following month.

**Temporary Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Adjustment** - CEC will file a separate report along with its regular monthly FPPCA filing showing the beginning balance, the monthly collection and the outstanding balance for the duration of the temporary fuel and purchased power cost adjustment.

**Annual Report and Adjustment:**

Each year following CEC's Board acceptance of its annual certified outside audit performed in accordance with RUS requirements, including specific review of the purchased power cost reported through the FPPCA during the audit period, CEC shall file revised year end and monthly reports, if necessary, to reflect all adjustments identified by the audit. This revised report shall be clearly marked as "Revised" on the reporting forms and all adjustments shall be explained in a cover letter and footnotes to the schedules. Such adjusted reports shall be filed with Staff no later than six months after the end of the applicable audit period (July 31 for a calendar year audit).

**Documentation Retention:**

CEC has no internal document retention policy; we comply with RUS Bulletin 180-2. In compliance CEC will retain documents related to our power purchases for a period of five (5) years. RUS bulletin 180-2 is attached to this POA.

**COLUMBUS ELECTRIC COOP., INC.  
FUEL ADJUSTMENT FOR 2013  
ARIZONA**

	<u>JAN</u>
Purchased Power Expense	24,997.75
Miscellaneous Adjustments	
Balancing Account	13,531.39
Net Purchased Power Expense	38,529.14
KWH Sales	320,270
Base Power Expense @ .04172/kwh	13,361.66
Increased Power Expense	25,167.48
Recovered	19,626.62
Balancing Account	5,540.86
Factor to be Used	0.0173006

186.18 AZ System

	KWH Purchased	KWH Sold	Power Bill	System Prepay	Power Cost	Factor	Base Amount	Pwr Cost Deferred	PCA Recovery- This Mo	Balance Over/Under	Factor Used
Dec 13										13,531.39	0.0613237
Jan 14	343,475	320,270	24,596.21	401.54	24,997.75	0.04172	13,361.66	11,636.09	19,626.62	5,540.86	0.0173006
Feb					0.00	0.04172	0.00	0.00		5,540.86	#DIV/0!
Mar					0.00	0.04172	0.00	0.00		5,540.86	#DIV/0!
Apr					0.00	0.04172	0.00	0.00		5,540.86	#DIV/0!
May					0.00	0.04172	0.00	0.00		5,540.86	#DIV/0!
Jun					0.00	0.04172	0.00	0.00		5,540.86	#DIV/0!
Jul					0.00	0.04172	0.00	0.00		5,540.86	#DIV/0!
Subtotal	343,475	320,270	24,596.21	401.54	24,997.75		13,361.66	11,636.09	19,626.62		
Aug					0.00	0.04172	0.00	0.00		5,540.86	#DIV/0!
Sep					0.00	0.04172	0.00	0.00		5,540.86	#DIV/0!
Oct					0.00	0.04172	0.00	0.00		5,540.86	#DIV/0!
Nov					0.00	0.04172	0.00	0.00		5,540.86	#DIV/0!
Dec					0.00	0.04172	0.00	0.00		5,540.86	#DIV/0!
Subtotal	0	0	-	-	-		-	-	-		
Subtotal	343,475	320,270	24,596.21	401.54	24,997.75		13,361.66	11,636.09	19,626.62		#DIV/0!

Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Power Cost Breakdown  
JANUARY, 2013

	Non-Coinc	Member TTP/MCP	Energy	Amount	Cost /Kwh
Deming 69		9,149.00	4,083,387	\$ 322,968.67	0.07909333
Phelps Dodge		410.00	518,400	\$ 24,183.48	0.04665023
Playas		2,608.00	1,781,200	\$ 109,932.78	0.06171838
Renewable Resource					#DIV/0!
<b>Total Power Cost</b>	-	<b>12,167.00</b>	<b>6,382,987</b>	<b>\$ 457,084.93</b>	<b>0.07160988</b>

	NM	AZ	Total \$
Purchases	6,039,512	343,475	6,382,987
Cost	\$ 432,488.72	\$ 24,596.21	\$ 457,084.93
Prepay	\$ 7,060.46	\$ 401.54	\$ 7,462.00
<b>Total Power &amp; Prepay</b>	<b>\$ 439,549.18</b>	<b>\$ 24,997.75</b>	<b>\$ 464,546.93</b>

	NM Sales	5,631,484	0.9461890
	AZ Sales	320,270	0.0538110
	Total Sales	5,951,754	
NM Sales-Billed	5,394,420		
- Ag Sales Prior Mo	1,300,194		
+Ag Sales Current Mo	1,537,258		
NM Sales	5,631,484		

COLUMBUS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
POST OFFICE BOX 631  
DEMING, NM 88031

MEMBER NO. 110

INVOICE DATE:  
DATE DUE:

\*\*\*\* REGULAR MONTH \*\*\*\*

PLEASE MAIL PAYMENT TO: TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ASSOC., INC.  
P.O. BOX 33695 DENVER, CO 80233-0695

JANUARY , 2014

POINTS OF DELIVERY	MEMBER TPP/MCP (KW)	ENERGY (KWH)	TOTAL AMOUNT
DEMING 69	9,149	4,083,387	\$322,968.67
PHELPS DODGE	410	518,400	\$24,183.48
PLAYAS	2,608	1,781,200	\$109,932.78
RENEWABLE RESOURCE CERTIFICATE	0	0	\$0.00
TOT COST METERED POWER	12,167	6,382,987	\$457,084.93
NET AMOUNT DUE			\$457,084.93

MILLS PER KWH

71.6099

MEMBER SYS TPP/MCP FACTOR

70.5127

**COLUMBUS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**PURCHASED POWER AND FUEL ADJUSTOR**  
**BANK BALANCE REPORT FA - 1**  
**2014**

For the Month of: **JANUARY**

<u>Line</u>			
1.	ENDING BANK BALANCE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH:	\$	<u>\$13,531.39</u>
	Over - collected balance (negative): Under - collected balance (+ positive)		
2.	JURISDICTIONAL SALES (Applicable to FUEL ADJ.):	KWH	<u>320,270</u>
	This number SHOULD be the same as the number listed on FA - 3, labeled " Total Sales " (KWH)		
3.	ACTUAL COST OF PURCHASED POWER:	\$	<u>24,997.75</u>
	Attach copies of invoices to support this number.		
4.	UNIT COST OF PURCHASED POWER:	\$ / KWH	<u>0.078052</u>
	( Line 3 / Line 2 ) Carry Out SIX Decimal Places.		
5.	AUTHORIZED BASE COST OF PURCHASED POWER:	\$ / KWH	<u>0.041720</u>
	Per Decision No. <u>63986</u> Dated <u>August 31 2001</u>		
6.	AUTHORIZED PURCHASED POWER ADJUSTOR:	\$ / KWH	<u>0.0613237</u>
	Per Decision No. <u>N/A</u> Dated _____		
7.	TOTAL RATE COLLECTED FROM CUSTOMER:	\$ / KWH	<u>0.103044</u>
	( Line 5 + Line 6 )		
8.	INCREMENTAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AUTHORIZED AND ACTUAL RECOVERY:	\$ / KWH	<u>-0.024992</u>
	(Line 4 - Line 7 )		
9.	NET CHANGE TO BANK BALANCE:	\$	<u>(\$8,004.19)</u>
	( Line 2 X Line 8 ) If Line 4 is greater than Line 7 - under collected balance. If Line 4 is less than Line 7 - over collected balance. Use ( )		
10.	ADJUSTMENTS TO BANK BALANCE:	\$	<u>\$13.66</u>
	Itemize ALL adjustments and provide detail for Staff's review on FA - 1A.		
11.	PREAPPROVED DSM COSTS:	\$	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Itemize ALL costs and provide detail for Staff's review on FA - 1B.		
12.	ENDING BANK BALANCE:	\$	<u>\$5,540.86</u>
	Balance ( Line 1 ) + Net Change ( Line 9 ) + Adjustments ( Line 10 & 11 ).		

**COLUMBUS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**PURCHASED POWER AND FUEL ADJUSTOR**  
**ADJUSTMENTS TO BANK BALANCE DETAIL**  
**BANK BALANCE REPORT FA - 1A**  
**2014**

For the Month of: **JANUARY**

PLEASE PROVIDE A DETAILED SUMMARY OF THE ADJUSTMENTS THAT THE COMPANY IS CLAIMING THAT AFFECT THE ENDING BALANCE OF THE PURCHASED POWER AND FUEL ADJUSTOR REPORT. EXAMPLES OF ADJUSTMENTS COULD INCLUDE PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS FOR BILLING ERRORS OR CORRECTIONS, REFUNDS RECEIVED FROM YOUR SUPPLIER, REFUNDS ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION ETC. ALL ADJUSTMENTS NEED TO BE THOROUGHLY EXPLAINED AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED, IF APPROPRIATE. THE TOTAL OF ALL THE ADJUSTMENTS BEING CLAIMED SHOULD BE ENTERED AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS FORM AND ON FA - 1, LINE 10.

	<u>KWH</u>	<u>PCA FACTOR</u>	<u>RECOVERY</u>
1. Billing Adjustments for Prior Months.			13.66
a. Billing Month			
b. Adjustment - Change in Base Rate Error in calculating prior months factor.			
2. Billing Adjustments for Current Month.			
a. Billing Rounding Error			

**ADJUSTMENTS TO BANK BALANCE**

( Transfer amount to FA - 1, Line 10. )

**\$13.66**



**COLUMBUS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**PURCHASED POWER AND FUEL ADJUSTOR**  
**GENERAL INFORMATION FA - 2**  
**2014**

For the Month of: JANUARY

Line

1. COMPANY NAME: COLUMBUS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

2. MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 631, DEMING, NM 88031

3. CONTACT PERSON: RACHEL MARRUFO  
( Person to contact who can answer questions about this report )

4. CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER:

## GENERATION

5. GAS GENERATION	( \$ )	<u>0.00</u>	
6. OIL GENERATION	( \$ )	<u>0.00</u>	
7. COAL GENERATION	( \$ )	<u>0.00</u>	
8. OTHER GENERATION ( Identify )	( \$ )	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL GENERATION COSTS	( \$ )		A. <u>0.00</u>

## PURCHASED POWER

9. BASE METER CHARGE	( \$ )	<u>          </u>	
• ( Less Interruptible Purchase )	( \$ )	<u>0.00</u>	
10. DEMAND CHARGE	( \$ )	<u>          </u>	
• ( Less Interruptible Purchase )	( \$ )	<u>0.00</u>	
11. ENERGY CHARGE	( \$ )	<u>24,997.75</u>	
( Includes G & T Fuel & Purchased Power Cost Adjustment. )			
OTHER PURCHASES (Net Metering)		<u>0.00</u>	
* ( Less Interruptible Purchase )	( \$ )	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL PURCHASED POWER COSTS	( \$ )		B. <u>24,997.75</u>

12. TOTAL COST OF GENERATION AND PURCHASED POWER	( \$ )		<u>24,997.75</u>
( Total of Lines 8A and 11B )			

13. KWH	( KWH )		
GENERATED		<u>0</u>	
PURCHASED		<u>343,475</u>	
• ( Less Interruptible Purchase )		<u>0</u>	
OTHER PURCHASES (NET METERING)		<u>0</u>	
TOTAL KWH GENERATED / PURCHASED			<u>343,475</u>

14. COST PER KWH	( \$ / KWH )	<u>0.072779</u>
( Line 12 / Line 13 )		

15. UNACCOUNTED FOR KWH'S		
LINE LOSS	( KWH )	<u>23,205</u>
• ( Less Interruptible Losses )	( KWH )	<u>0</u>
OWN USE	( KWH )	<u>0</u>
NET UNACCOUNTED FOR KWH		<u>23,205</u>

\* (RE: Docket No. U-1851-95-037, Decision No. 58997)

## COLUMBUS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

PURCHASED POWER AND FUEL ADJUSTOF

GENERAL INFORMATION FA - 3

2014

For the Month of: JANUARY

<u>Line</u>	<u>SALES ( KWH )</u>		
1.			
	Residential	262,057	
	Commercial - ( small )	32,693	
	Commercial - ( large )		
	Industrial	0	
	Irrigation	25,520	
	Municipal	0	
	Wholesale	0	
	Other Sales ( Less Irrigation Interruptible Sales)	0	
	<b>TOTAL SALES ( KWH )</b>		<b>320,270</b>
	( Total KWH Sales SHOULD Agree with number on FA - 1, Line # 2. )		

2.	<u>SALES ( \$ )</u>		
	Residential	44,010.52	
	Commercial - ( small )	5,365.85	
	Commercial - ( large )	0.00	
	Industrial	0.00	
	Irrigation	4,185.83	
	Municipal	0.00	
	Wholesale	0.00	
	Other Sales ( Less Irrigation Interruptible Sales)	0.00	
	<b>TOTAL SALES ( \$ )</b>		<b>53,562.20</b>

3.	<u>NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS **</u>		
	Residential	423	
	Commercial - ( small )	37	
	Commercial - ( large )	0	
	Industrial	0	
	Irrigation	8	
	Municipal	0	
	Wholesale	0	
	Other Sales ( Irrigation Interruptible )	0	
	<b>TOTAL CUSTOMERS</b>		<b>468</b>

\*\* Use " Average " number of customers : Begin # plus End # divided by 2.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Rural Utilities Service**

**RUS BULLETIN 180-2**

**SUBJECT: Record Retention Recommendations for RUS Electric Borrowers**

**TO: RUS Electric Borrowers  
Certified Public Accountants**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Date of Approval**

**OFFICE OF PRIMARY INTEREST: Program Accounting and Regulatory Analysis**

**INSTRUCTIONS: This bulletin replaces the REA Bulletin 180-2 dated June 6, 1972.**

**AVAILABILITY: This bulletin is available on the RUS web site at  
<http://www.usda.gov/electric/bulletin.htm>**

**PURPOSE: This bulletin suggests policies and procedures for the effective preservation and efficient maintenance of financial records of RUS Electric borrowers.**

*for*  
  
Blaine D. Stockton  
Assistance Administrator  
Electric Program

6/26/03  
Date

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## EXHIBITS

Exhibit A - FERC Regulation: 18 CFR Part 125 – Preservation of Records of Public Utilities and Licensees. *(Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this document, however, in case of discrepancies, the printed version available from the Government Printing Office, is the authoritative source.)*

## ABBREVIATIONS

### INDEX:

#### ACCOUNTING

Policy on Audits

#### AUDITS

FERC - Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

RUS - Rural Utilities Service

## DEFINITIONS

Public Utility or Licensee - RUS Borrower

Commission - Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

## 1 PURPOSE

This bulletin recommends policies and procedures for the effective preservation and efficient maintenance of financial records of Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Electric borrowers.

## 2 GENERAL

RUS endorses the guidelines as described by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) "Regulations to Govern the Preservation of Records of Public Utilities and Licensees." The FERC guidelines can be found in 18 CFR Part 125 (Exhibit A). Records of RUS borrowers of a kind not listed in the FERC regulations should be governed by those applicable to the closest similar records. These suggested guidelines should not be construed as excusing compliance with any other lawful requirements for the preservation and maintenance of records.

## 3 RECORD STORAGE MEDIA

The media used to capture and store the data will play an important part of each RUS borrower. Each borrower has the flexibility to select its own storage media. The following are suggested guidelines:

- (a) The storage media have a life expectancy at least equal to the applicable retention period provided for in the master index of records, unless there is quality transfer from one media to another with no loss of data. Each transfer of data from one media to another should be verified for accuracy and documented.
- (b) It is suggested that each borrower implement internal control procedures that assure the reliability of, and ready access to, data stored on machine-readable media. It is advisable that a borrower's internal control procedures be documented by a responsible supervisory official.
- (c) It is recommended that records be indexed and retained in such a manner that they are easily accessible.

- (d) It would be helpful if the borrower have the hardware and software available to locate, identify, and reproduce the records in readable form without loss of clarity.
- (e) At the expiration of the retention period, the borrower may use any appropriate method to destroy records.
- (f) When any records are lost or destroyed before the expiration of the retention period set forth in the mater index, it is recommended that a certified statement be added to the master index listing, as far as may be determined, the records lost or destroyed and describing the circumstances of the premature loss or destruction.

#### 4 RECOMMENDED PRACTICES

- (a) Financial requirement and expenditure statements, which are not specifically covered by FERC regulations are recommended to be kept for one year after the "as of date" of RUS's loan fund and accounting review.
- (b) Consumer accounts' records should be kept for those years for which patronage capital has not been allocated.

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**§ 125.2**

14. Miscellaneous office supplies and expenses, printing, and stationery.

15. Transportation, meals, and incidental expenses.

**NOTE A:** The pay of employees driving trucks or other transportation equipment incidental to their regular occupation, shall not be included herein but charged directly to the appropriate expense or other account.

**NOTE B:** Transportation expenses applicable to construction shall not be included in operating expenses.

**935 Maintenance of general plant.**

A. This account shall include the cost assignable to customer accounts, sales and administrative and general functions of labor, materials used and expenses incurred in the maintenance of property, the book cost of which is includible in account 390, Structures and Improvements, account 391, Office Furniture and Equipment, account 397, Communication Equipment, and account 398 Miscellaneous Equipment. For Nonmajor utilities, include also other general equipment accounts (not including transportation equipment). (See operating expense instruction 2.)

B. Maintenance expenses on office furniture and equipment used elsewhere than in general, commercial and sales offices shall be charged to the following accounts:

- Steam Power Generation, Account 514.
- Nuclear Power Generation, Account 532 (Major only).
- Hydraulic Power Generation, Account 545.
- Other Power Generation, Account 554.
- Transmission, Account 573.
- Distribution, Account 598.
- Merchandise and Jobbing, Account 416.
- Garages, Shops, etc., Appropriate clearing account, if used.

**NOTE:** Maintenance of plant included in other general equipment accounts shall be included herein unless charged to clearing accounts or to the particular functional maintenance expense account indicated by the use of the equipment.

**PART 104 [RESERVED]**

**NOTE:** For the Uniform System of Accounts for all Public Utilities, see part 101 of this subchapter.

**PART 125—PRESERVATION OF RECORDS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND LICENSEES**

Sec.

125.1 Promulgation.

125.2 General instructions.

125.3 Schedule of records and periods of retention.

**AUTHORITY:** 16 U.S.C. 825, 825c, and 825h; 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

**§ 125.1 Promulgation.**

This Part is prescribed and promulgated as the regulations governing the preservation of records by public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission and by licensees holding licenses issued by the Commission, to the extent and in the manner set forth therein.

[Order 617, 65 FR 48155, Aug. 7, 2000]

**§ 125.2 General instructions.**

(a) *Scope of this part.* (1) The regulations in this part apply to all books of account and other records prepared by or on behalf of the public utility or licensee. See item 40 of the schedule (§125.3) for those records that come into possession of the public utility or licensee in connection with the acquisition of property, such as purchase, consolidation, merger, etc.

(2) The regulations in this part should not be construed as excusing compliance with other lawful requirements of any other governmental body, Federal or State, prescribing other record keeping requirements or for preservation of records longer than those prescribed in this part.

(3) To the extent that any Commission regulations may provide for a different retention period, the records should be retained for the longer of the retention periods.

(4) Records other than those listed in the schedule may be destroyed at the option of the public utility or licensee: *Provided, however,* That records which are used in lieu of those listed shall be preserved for the periods prescribed for the records used for substantially similar purposes. And, *provided further,* That retention of records pertaining to added services, functions, plant, etc.,

the establishment of which cannot be presently foreseen, shall conform to the principles embodied herein.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Records Retention Schedule, the Commission may, upon the request of the Company, authorize a shorter period of retention for any record listed therein upon a showing by the Company that preservation of such record for a longer period is not necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors or consumers.

(b) *Designation of supervisory official.* Each public utility or licensee subject to the regulations in this part shall designate one or more persons with official responsibility to supervise the utility's or licensee's program for preservation and the authorized destruction of its records.

(c) *Protection and storage of records.* The public utility or licensee shall provide reasonable protection for records subject to the regulations in this part from damage by fire, floods, and other hazards and, in the selection of storage spaces, safeguards the records from unnecessary exposure to deterioration from excessive humidity, dryness, or lack of proper ventilation.

(d) *Record storage media.* Each public utility and licensee has the flexibility to select its own storage media subject to the following conditions.

(1) The storage media must have a life expectancy at least equal to the applicable record retention period provided in §125.3 unless there is a quality transfer from one media to another with no loss of data.

(2) Each public utility and licensee is required to implement internal control procedures that assure the reliability of, and ready access to, data stored on machine readable media. Internal control procedures must be documented by a responsible supervisory official.

(3) Each transfer of data from one media to another must be verified for accuracy and documented. Software and hardware required to produce readable records must be retained for the same period the media format is used.

(e) *Destruction of records.* At the expiration of the retention period, public utilities and licensees may use any appropriate method to destroy records.

(f) *Premature destruction or loss of records.* When records are destroyed or lost before the expiration of the prescribed period of retention, a certified statement listing, as far as may be determined, the records destroyed and describing the circumstances of accidental or other premature destruction or loss must be filed with the Commission within ninety (90) days from the date of discovery of the destruction.

(g) *Schedule of records and periods of retention.* (1) Records related to plant in service must be retained until the facilities are permanently removed from utility service, all removal and restoration activities are completed, and all costs are retired from the accounting records unless accounting adjustments resulting from reclassification and original costs studies have been approved by the regulatory commission having jurisdiction. If the plant is sold, the associated records or copies thereof, must be transferred to the new owners.

(2) Records related to hydroelectric facilities and additions, retirements, and betterments thereto must be retained until:

(i) The Commission has determined the actual legitimate original cost of the facilities, or the licenses are surrendered. If the plant is sold, the associated records or copies thereof, must be transferred to the new owners.

(ii) Records related to the determination of amortization reserves pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Power Act must be retained until a final determination and adjudication of the amortization reserves are made.

(h) *Retention periods designated "Destroy at option".* "Destroy at option" constitutes authorization for destruction of records at managements' discretion if it does not conflict with other legal retention requirements or usefulness of such records in satisfying pending regulatory actions or directives.

(i) *Records of services performed by associated companies.* Public utilities and licensees must assure the availability of records of services performed by and for associated or affiliated companies with supporting cost information for the periods indicated in §125.3 as necessary to be able to readily furnish detailed information as to the nature of

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the transaction, the amounts involved, and the accounts used to record the transactions.

(j) *Index of records.* Public utilities and licensees must arrange, file, and index records so records may be readily identified and made available to Commission representatives.

(k) *Rate case.* Notwithstanding the minimum retention periods provided in these regulations, if a public utility or licensee wants to reflect costs in a current, future, or pending rate case, or if a public utility or licensee has abandoned or retired a plant subsequent to the test period of the utility's rate case, the utility must retain the appropriate records to support the costs and adjustments proposed in the current or next rate case.

(l) *Pending complaint litigation or governmental proceedings.* Notwithstanding the minimum requirements, if a public utility or licensee is involved in pending litigation, complaint procedures, proceedings remanded by the court, or governmental proceedings, it must retain all relevant records.

(m) *Life or mortality study data.* Life or mortality study data for depreciation purposes must be retained for 25 years or for 10 years after plant is retired, whichever is longer.

(Secs. 3, 4, 15, 16, 306; 41 Stat. 1063-1066, 1068, 1072, 1075; 49 Stat. 838-841; 52 Stat. 617 (16 U.S.C. 796, 797, 803, 808, 809, 816, 825b, 825g, 826i); secs. 8, 10, 16; 52 Stat. 825, 826, 830 (15 U.S.C. 717g, 717i, 717o))

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<b>Corporate and General</b>	
1. Reports to stockholders: Annual reports or statements to stockholders.	5 years.
2. Organizational documents:	
(a) Minute books of stockholders', directors', and directors' committee meetings.	5 years or termination of the corporation's existence, whichever occurs first.
(b) Titles, franchises, and licenses: Copies of formal orders of regulatory commissions served upon the utility.	6 years after final non-appealable order.
3. Contracts, including amendments and agreements (except contracts provided for elsewhere):	
(a) Service contracts, such as for management, accounting, and financial services.	All contracts, related memoranda, and revisions should be retained for 4 years after expiration or until the conclusion of any contract disputes pertaining to such contracts, whichever is later.
(b) Contracts with others for transmission or the purchase, sale or interchange of product.	All contracts, related memoranda, and revisions should be retained for 4 years after expiration or until the conclusion of any contract disputes or governmental proceedings pertaining to such contracts, whichever is later.
(c) Memoranda essential to clarifying or explaining provisions of contracts listed above, including requests for discounts.	For the same periods as contracts to which they relate.
(d) Card or book records of contracts, leases, and agreements made, showing dates of expirations and of renewals, memoranda of receipts, and payments under such contracts.	For the same periods as contracts to which they relate.
4. Accountants' and auditors' reports:	
(a) Reports of examinations and audits by accountants and auditors not in the regular employ of the utility (such as reports of public accounting firms and commission accountants).	5 years after the date of the report.
(b) Internal audit reports and working papers .....	5 years after the date of the report.
<b>Information Technology Management</b>	
5. Automatic data processing records (retain original source data used as input for data processing and data processing report printouts for the applicable periods prescribed elsewhere in the schedule): Software program documentation and revisions thereto.	Retain as long as it represents an active viable program or for periods prescribed for related output data, whichever is shorter.
<b>General Accounting Records</b>	
6. General and subsidiary ledgers:	
(a) Ledgers:	
(1) General ledgers .....	10 years.
(2) Ledgers subsidiary or auxiliary to general ledgers except ledgers provided for elsewhere.	10 years.
(b) Indexes:	
(1) Indexes to general ledgers .....	10 years.
(2) Indexes to subsidiary ledgers except ledgers provided for elsewhere.	10 years.
(c) Trial balance sheets of general and subsidiary ledgers	2 years.
7. Journals: General and subsidiary .....	10 years.
8. Journal vouchers and journal entries including supporting detail:	
(a) Journal vouchers and journal entries .....	10 years.
(b) Analyses, summarization, distributions, and other computations which support journal vouchers and journal entries:	
(1) Charging plant accounts .....	25 years. See § 125.2(g).
(2) Charging all other accounts .....	6 years.
9. Cash books: General and subsidiary or auxiliary books .....	5 years after close of fiscal year.
10. Voucher registers: Voucher registers or similar records when used as a source document.	5 years. See § 125.2(g).
11. Vouchers:	
(a) Paid and unpaid vouchers (one copy-analysis sheets showing detailed distribution of charges on individual vouchers and other supporting papers).	5 years. See § 125.2(g).
(b) Original bills and invoices for materials, services, etc., paid by vouchers.	5 years. See § 125.2(g).
(c) Paid checks and receipts for payments of specific vouchers.	5 years.
(d) Authorization for the payment of specific vouchers .....	5 years. See § 125.2(g).

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Item No. and description	Retention period
(e) Lists of unaudited bills (accounts payable), list of vouchers transmitted, and memoranda regarding changes in audited bills.	Destroy at option.
(f) Voucher indexes .....	Destroy at option.
<b>Insurance</b>	
12. Insurance records:	
(a) Records of insurance policies in force, showing coverage, premiums paid, and expiration dates.	Destroy at option after expiration of such policies.
(b) Records of amounts recovered from insurance companies in connection with losses and of claims against insurance companies, including reports of losses, and supporting papers.	6 years. See § 125.2(g).
<b>Operations and Maintenance</b>	
13.1 Production—Public utilities and licensees (less Nuclear):	
(a) Boiler-tube failure report .....	3 years.
(b) Generation and output logs with supporting data: .....	3 years.
(c) Station and system generation reports and clearance logs:	
(1) Hydro-electric .....	25 years. See § 125.2(g).
(2) Steam and others .....	6 years. See § 125.2(g).
(d) Generating high-tension and low-tension load records ..	3 years.
(e) Load curves, temperature logs, coal, and water logs ....	3 years.
(f) Gauge-reading reports .....	2 years, except river flow data collected in connection with hydro operation must be retained for life of corporation.
(g) Recording instrumentation charts .....	1 year, except where the basic chart information is transferred to another record, the charts need only be retained 6 months provided the record containing the basic data is retained 1 year.
13.2 Production—Nuclear:	
For informational purposes, refer to the document retention requirements of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.	
14. Transmission and distribution—Public utilities and licensees.	
(a) Substation and transmission line logs .....	3 years.
(b) System operator's daily logs and reports of operation ..	3 years.
(c) Transformer history records .....	For life of transformer.
(d) Records of transformer inspections, oil tests, etc .....	Destroy at option.
15. Maintenance work orders and job orders:	
(a) Authorizations for expenditures for maintenance work to be covered by work orders, including memoranda showing the estimates of costs to be incurred.	5 years.
(b) Work order sheets to which are posted in detail the entries for labor, material, and other charges in connection with maintenance, and other work pertaining to utility operations.	5 years.
(c) Summaries of expenditures on maintenance and job orders and clearances to operating other accounts (exclusive of plant accounts).	5 years.
<b>Plant and Depreciation</b>	
16. Plant ledgers:	
(a) Ledgers of utility plant accounts including land and other detailed ledgers showing the cost of utility plant by classes.	25 years. See § 125.2(g).
(b) Continuing plant inventory ledger, book or card records showing description, location, quantities, cost, etc., of physical units (or items) of utility plant owned.	25 years. See § 125.2(g).
17. Construction work in progress ledgers, work orders, and supplemental records:	
(a) Construction work in progress ledgers .....	5 years after clearance to plant account, provided continuing plant inventory records are maintained; otherwise 5 years after plant is retired.
(b) Work orders sheets to which are posted in summary form or in detail the entries for labor, materials, and other charges for utility plant additions and the entries closing the work orders to utility plant in service at completion.	5 years after clearance to plant account, provided continuing plant inventory records are maintained; otherwise 5 years after plant is retired.

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Item No. and description	Retention period
(c) Authorizations for expenditures for additions to utility plant, including memoranda showing the detailed estimates of cost, and the bases therefor (including original and revised or subsequent authorizations).	5 years after clearance to plant account except where there are ongoing Commission proceedings.
(d) Requisitions and registers of authorizations for utility plant expenditures.	5 years after clearance to plant account except where there are ongoing Commission proceedings.
(e) Completion or performance reports showing comparison between authorized estimates and actual expenditures for utility plant additions.	5 years after clearance to plant account except where there are ongoing Commission proceedings.
(f) Analysis or cost reports showing quantities of materials used, unit costs, number of man-hours etc., in connection with completed construction project.	5 years after clearance to plant account except where there are ongoing Commission proceedings.
(g) Records and reports pertaining to progress of construction work, the order in which jobs are to be completed, and similar records which do not form a basis of entries to the accounts.	Destroy at option.
18. Retirement work in progress ledgers, work orders, and supplemental records:	
(a) Work order sheets to which are posted the entries for removal costs, materials recovered, and credits to utility plant accounts for cost of plant retirement.	5 years after plant is retired.
(b) Authorizations for retirement of utility plant, including memoranda showing the basis for determination to be retired and estimates of salvage and removal costs.	5 years after plant is retired.
(c) Registers of retirement work .....	5 years.
19. Summary sheets, distribution sheets, reports, statements, and papers directly supporting debits and credits to utility plant accounts not covered by construction or retirement work orders and their supporting records.	5 years.
20. Appraisals and valuations:	
(a) Appraisals and valuations made by the company of its properties or investments or of the properties or investments of any associated companies. (Includes all records essential thereto.)	3 years after appraisal.
(b) Determinations of amounts by which properties or investments of the company or any of its associated companies will be either written up or written down as a result of:	
(1) Mergers or acquisitions .....	10 years after completion of transaction or as ordered by the Commission.
(2) Asset impairments .....	10 years after recognition of asset impairment.
(3) Other bases .....	10 years after the asset was written up or down.
21. The original or reproduction of engineering records, drawings, and other supporting data for proposed or as-constructed utility facilities: Maps, diagrams, profiles, photographs, field survey notes, plot plan, detail drawings, records of engineering studies, and similar records showing the location of proposed or as-constructed facilities.	Retain until retired.
22. Contracts relating to utility plant:	
(a) Contracts relating to acquisition or sale of plant .....	6 years after plant is retired or sold.
(b) Contracts and other agreements relating to services performed in connection with construction of utility plant (including contracts for the construction of plant by others for the utility and for supervision and engineering relating to construction work).	6 years after plant is retired or sold.
23. Records pertaining to reclassification of utility plant accounts to conform to prescribed systems of accounts including supporting papers showing the bases for such reclassifications.	6 years.
24. Records of accumulated provisions for depreciation and depletion of utility plant and supporting computation of expense:	
(a) Detailed records or analysis sheets segregating the accumulated depreciation according to functional classification of plant.	25 years.
(b) Records reflecting the service life of property and the percentage of salvage and cost of removal for property retired from each account for depreciable utility plant.	25 years.
Purchase and Stores	
25. Procurement:	

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Item No. and description	Retention period
(a) Agreements entered into for the acquisition of goods or the performance of services. Includes all forms of agreements not specifically set forth in Subsection 7 such as but not limited to: Letters of intent, exchange of correspondence, master agreements, term contracts, rental agreements, and the various types of purchase orders: (1) For goods or services relating to plant construction (2) For other goods or services .....	6 years. See § 125.2(g). 6 years. 6 years. See § 125.2(g).
(b) Supporting documents including accepted and unaccepted bids or proposals (summaries of unaccepted bids or proposals may be kept in lieu of originals) evidencing all relevant elements of the procurement.	6 years. See § 125.2(g).
26. Material ledgers: Ledger sheets of materials and supplies received, issued, and on hand	6 years after the date the records/ledgers were created.
27. Materials and supplies received and issued: Records showing the detailed distribution of materials and supplies issued during accounting periods	6 years. See § 125.2(g).
28. Records of sales of scrap and materials and supplies:	
(a) Authorization for sale of scrap and materials and supplies.	3 years.
(b) Contracts for sale of scrap materials and supplies .....	3 years.
<b>Revenue Accounting and Collecting</b>	
29. Customers' service applications and contracts: Contracts, including amendments for extensions of service, for which contributions are made by customers and others	4 years after expiration.
30. Rate schedules: General files of published rate sheets and schedules of utility service, including schedules suspended or superseded	6 years after published rate sheets and schedules are superseded or no longer used to charge for utility service.
31. Maximum demand, and demand meter record cards	1 year, except where the basic chart information is transferred to another record the charts need only be retained 6 months, provided the basic data is retained 1 year. Destroy at option.
32. Miscellaneous billing data: Billing department's copies of contracts with customers (other than contracts in general files)	Destroy at option.
33. Revenue summaries: Summaries of monthly operating revenues according to classes of service, including summaries of forfeited discounts and penalties	5 years.
<b>Tax</b>	
34. Tax records:	
(a) Copies of tax returns and supporting schedules filed with taxing authorities, supporting working papers, records of appeals of tax bills, and receipts for payment. See Subsection 11(b) for vouchers evidencing disbursements:	
(1) Income tax returns .....	2 years after final tax liability is determined.
(2) Property tax returns .....	2 years after final tax liability is determined.
(3) Sales and other use taxes .....	2 years.
(4) Other taxes .....	2 years after final tax liability is determined.
(5) Agreements between associate companies as to allocation of consolidated income taxes.	2 years after final tax liability is determined.
(6) Schedule of allocation of consolidated Federal income taxes among associate companies.	2 years after final tax liability is determined.
(b) Filings with taxing authorities to qualify employee benefit plans.	5 years after discontinuance of plan.
(c) Information returns and reports to taxing authorities.	3 years after final tax liability is determined.
<b>Treasury</b>	
35. Statements of funds and deposits .....	For nuclear decommissioning funds, retain records for all items listed for 3 years after final decommissioning is completed. If amortization reserve funds related to licensed projects are maintained, retain until the Commission makes a final determination of the disposition of amortization reserves. Retain records for the most recent 3 years.
(a) Statements of periodic deposits with fund administrators or trustees.	Retain records for the most recent 3 years.
(b) Statements of periodic withdrawals from fund .....	Retain records for the most recent 3 years.
(c) Statements prepared by fund administrator or trustees of fund activity including:	Retain records until the fund is dissolved or terminated.
(1) Beginning of the year balance of fund;	
(2) Deposits with the fund;	
(3) Acquisition of investments held by the fund;	

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Item No. and description	Retention period
(4) Disposition of investments held by the fund; (5) Disbursements from the fund, including party to whom disbursement was made; (6) End of year balance of fund.	
36. Records of deposits with banks and others:	
(a) Statements from depositories showing the details of funds received, disbursed, transferred, and balances on deposit.	Destroy at option after completion of audit by independent accountants.
(b) Check stubs, registers, or other records of checks issued.	3 years.
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
37. [Reserved]	
38. Statistics: Financial, operating and statistical reports used for internal administrative or operating purposes.	5 years.
39. Budgets and other forecasts (prepared for internal administrative or operating purposes) of estimated future income, receipts and expenditures in connection with financing, construction and operations, including acquisitions and disposals of properties or investments.	3 years.
40. Records of predecessor companies .....	Retain consistent with the requirements for the same types of records of the utility.
41. Reports to Federal and State regulatory commissions including annual financial, operating and statistical reports.	5 years.
42. Advertising: Copies of advertisements by or for the company on behalf of itself or any associate company in newspapers, magazines, and other publications, including costs and other records relevant thereto (excluding advertising of appliances, employment opportunities, routine notices, and invitations for bids all of which may be destroyed at option).	2 years.

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