

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

Manufactured Gas Production, accounts 708, 742
 Natural Gas Production and Gathering, account 769
 Natural Gas Production Extraction, account 791
 Underground Storage, account 837
 Local Storage, account 846.2
 Transmission Expenses, account 867
 Distribution Expenses, account 894
 Merchandising and Jobbing, account 416
 Garage, Shops, etc.—appropriate clearing account, if used.

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

PART 204 [RESERVED]

NOTE: For the Uniform System of Accounts for Natural Gas Companies subject to the Natural Gas Act, see part 201 of this subchapter. (Order 390, 49 FR 32526, Aug. 14, 1984; 50 FR 5745, Feb. 12, 1985)

PART 225—PRESERVATION OF RECORDS OF NATURAL GAS COMPANIES

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§ 225.1 Promulgation.

This part is prescribed and promulgated as the regulations governing the preservation of records by natural gas companies subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, to the extent and in the manner set forth therein.

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§ 225.2 General instructions.

(a) *Scope of this part.* (1) The regulations in this part must apply to all books of account and other records prepared by or on behalf of the natural gas

company. See item 40 of the schedule for those records that come into possession of the natural gas company in connection with the acquisition of property, such as purchases, 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 for periods 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 natural gas company: *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 natural gas company subject to the regulations in this part shall designate one or more persons with official responsibility to supervise the natural gas company's program for preservation and the authorized destruction of its records.

(c) *Protection and storage of records.* The natural gas company shall provide reasonable protection for records subject to the regulations in this part from damage by fires, floods, and other hazards and, in the selection of storage