

SUBCHAPTER C—ACCOUNTS, RECORDS AND REPORTS

PARTS 1200–1219—UNIFORM SYSTEMS OF ACCOUNTS

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§ 1200.1 Financial statements released by carriers.

Carriers desiring to do so may prepare and publish financial statements in reports to stockholders and others, except in reports to this Board, based on generally accepted accounting principles for which there is authoritative support, provided that any variance from this Board's prescribed accounting rules contained in such statements is clearly disclosed in footnotes to the statements.

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§ 1200.2 Adoption of generally accepted accounting principles issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB).

(a) *Accounting Series Circulars.* Following the release of a Statement of Financial Accounting Standards by the FASB, and provided that the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration of the Board considers such standards appropriate for the Board's accounting regulations, the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration shall issue an Accounting Series Circular (ASC) requiring carriers under the Board's jurisdiction to follow the new standards in their accounts and reports filed with the Board. The Office shall

also specify in the ASC the proper accounting procedures that the carriers shall follow.

(b) *Carriers' and Interested Parties' Comments on the ASC.* The ASC issued by the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration will remain effective until revoked by the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration. After an ASC is issued, the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration shall allow carriers and interested parties 45 days following the service date of the ASC during which the respondents may submit to the Office their comments and reasons either supporting or opposing the ASC.

(c) *Formal Adoption of the New Accounting Standards.* After considering the comments submitted in response to the ASC, and based on the proposal of the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration, the Board will decide whether or not to adopt the new accounting standards specified in the ASC by revising the Uniform Systems of Accounts, (49 CFR 1201 through 1210).

(d) *Accounting Standards Not Appropriate for Board's Use.* The Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration may determine that a new FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards is not appropriate for use by carriers under the Board's jurisdiction. In such instances, the Office shall issue an ASC to advise the carriers that the new standards shall not be used in their reports filed with the Board. The carriers and interested parties shall be allowed 45 days following the ASC's service date to submit comments to the Board. The Board will then determine whether or not to revise the Uniform Systems of Accounts to conform to the new accounting standards.

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PART 1201—RAILROAD COMPANIES

Subpart A—Uniform System of Accounts

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 - 1-6 Charges to be just and reasonable.
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 - 1-8 Accounting for computer systems and word processing costs.
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 - 1-11 Items in texts of accounts.
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 - 1-13 Payroll related expenses.
 - 1-14 Submission of questions.
 - 1-15 Transfers from government authorities.
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 - 1-18 Distribution of expenses for material, tools, fuel, lubricants, purchased services and general.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPERTY ACCOUNTS

- 2-1 Items to be charged.
- 2-2 Minimum rule applicable to additions to property.
- 2-3 Land.
- 2-4 Structures.
- 2-5 Equipment.
- 2-6 Components of construction cost.
- 2-7 Additions to and retirements of property—General.
- 2-8 Additions to and retirements of units of property.
- 2-9 Additions and retirements of other than units of property.
- 2-10 Additions to and retirements of track.
- 2-11 Expenses in connection with additions and betterments.
- 2-12 Units of property rebuilt or converted.
- 2-13 Changes in line of road and relocation of yard tracks.
- 2-14 Track connections.
- 2-15 Merger, consolidation, and purchase of a railway operating entity or system.
- 2-16 Reorganization of railway.
- 2-17 Construction projects in which governmental agencies, individuals, or others, and the carrier participate.
- 2-18 Leased property improvements and retirements.

- 2-19 List of units of property.
- 2-20 Accounting for leases.
- 2-21 Freight train car repair costing.
- 2-22 Map specifications.
- 2-23 Accounting for engineering costs.
- 2-24 Accounting for other general expenditures.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

- 3-1 Items to be charged.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEPRECIATION ACCOUNTS

- 4-1 Method.
- 4-2 Rates of depreciation.
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR INCOME AND BALANCE SHEET ACCOUNTS

- 5-1 Current assets.
- 5-2 Recorded value of securities owned.
- 5-3 Discounts, expenses, and premiums on debt.
- 5-4 Discount, premium, and assessment on capital stock.
- 5-5 Joint liabilities.
- 5-6 Contingencies.
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLEARING ACCOUNTS

- 6-1 Items to be charged.
- 6-2 Material and stationery store expenses.
- 6-3 Shop expenses.
- 6-4 Gravel and sand pits and quarries.
- 6-5 Power plant operations.

PROPERTY ACCOUNTS

Road

- 0 Road.
- 2 Land for transportation purposes.
- 3 Grading.
- 4 Other right-of-way expenditures.
- 5 Tunnels and subways.
- 6 Bridges, trestles, and culverts.
- 7 Elevated structures.
- 8 Ties.
- 9 Rails and other track material.
- 11 Ballast.
- 13 Fences, snowsheds, and signs.
- 16 Station and office buildings.
- 17 Roadway buildings.
- 18 Water stations.
- 19 Fuel stations.
- 20 Shops and enginehouses.
- 22 Storage warehouses.
- 23 Wharves and docks.
- 24 Coal and ore wharves.
- 25 TOFC/COFC terminals.
- 26 Communication systems.
- 27 Signals and interlockers.
- 29 Power plants.
- 31 Power-transmission systems.
- 35 Miscellaneous structures.
- 37 Roadway machines.