Uniform System of Accounts Class A & B Water - 1973

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OPERATING EXPENSE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Supervision and Engineering.

The supervision and engineering includible in the operating expense accounts shall consist of the pay and expenses of superintendents, engineers, clerks, other employees and consultants engaged in supervising and directing the operations and maintenance of each utility function. Wherever allocations are necessary in order to arrive at the amount to be reflected by underlying records.

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Labor:

- 1. Special tests to determine efficiency of equipment operation.
- 2. Preparing or reviewing budgets, estimates, and drawings relating to operation or maintenance for department approval.
- 3. Preparing instructions for operations and maintenance activities.
- 4. Reviewing and analyzing of operating results.
- Establishing organizational setup of departments and executing changes therein.
- 6. Formulating and reviewing routines of departments and executing changes therein.
- General training and instruction of employees by supervisors whose pay
 is chargeable hereto. Specific instruction and training in a particular type
 of work is chargeable to the appropriate functional account.
- Secretarial work for supervisory personnel, but not general clerical and stenographic work chargeable to other accounts.

'Expenses:

- 9. Consultants' fees and expenses.
- 10. Meals, traveling and incidental expenses.

2. Maintenance.

- A. The cost of maintenance chargeable to the various operating expense and clearing accounts includes labor, materials, overheads and other expenses incurred in maintenance work. A list of work operations applicable generally to utility plant is included hereunder.
- B. Materials recovered in connection with the maintenance of property shall be credited to the same account to which the maintenance cost was charged.

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C. If the book cost of any property is carried in account 106, Utility Plant Purchased or Sold, the cost of maintaining such property shall be charged to the accounts for maintenance of property of the same class and use, the book cost of which is carried in other utility plant in service accounts. Maintenance of property leased from others shall be treated as provided in operating expense instruction 3.

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- 1. Direct field supervision of maintenance.
- Inspecting, testing, and reporting on condition of plant specifically to determine the need for repairs, replacements, rearrangements and changes and inspecting and testing the adequacy of repairs which have been made.
- 3. Work performed specifically for the purpose of preventing failure, restoring serviceability or maintaining life of plant.
- 4. Rearranging and changing the location of plant not retired.
- 5. Repairing for reuse materials recovered from plant.
- 6. Testing for, locating and clearing trouble.
- 7. Net cost of installing, maintaining, and removing temporary facilities to prevent interruptions in service.
- 8. Replacing or adding minor items of plant which do not constitute a retirement unit. (See utility plant instruction 10.)

3. Rents.

- A. The rent expense accounts provided under the several functional groups of expense accounts shall include all rents, including taxes paid by the lessee on leased property, for property used in utility operations, except (1) minor amounts paid for occasional or infrequent use of any property or equipment and all amounts paid for use of equipment that, if owned, would be includible in plant accounts 391 to 398, inclusive, which shall be treated as an expense item and included in the appropriate functional account and (2) rents which are chargeable to clearing accounts, and distributed therefrom to the appropriate account. If rents cover property used for more than one function, such as pumping and distributing, or by more than one department, the rents shall be apportioned to the appropriate rent expense or clearing accounts of each department on an actual, or, if necessary, an estimated basis.
- B. When a portion of property or equipment rented from others for use in connection with utility operations is subleased, the revenue derived from such subleasing shall be credited to the rent revenue account in operating revenues; provided, however, that in case the rent was charged to a clearing account, amounts received from subleasing the property shall be credited to such clearing account.
 - C. The cost, when incurred by the lessee, of operating and maintaining leased