

interest or for the protection of investors or consumers, and (3) may request a hearing on the question of public disclosure. Thereafter such information shall not be made available to the public unless and until the Commission so directs.

(c) *Information obtained in the course of examinations, studies, and investigation.* Information or documents obtained by officers or employees of the Commission in the course of any examination, study or investigation pursuant to section 13(g), section 15(f) (49 Stat. 825, 828; 15 U.S.C. 79m, 79o), or paragraph (a) or (d) of section 18 (49 Stat. 831; 15 U.S.C. 79r) shall, unless made a matter of public record, be deemed confidential. Except as provided by 17 CFR 203.2, officers and employees are hereby prohibited from making such confidential information or documents or any other non-public records of the Commission available to anyone other than a member, officer, or employee of the Commission, unless the Commission or the General Counsel, pursuant to delegated authority, authorizes the disclosure of such information or the production of such documents as not being contrary to the public interest. Any officer or employee who is served with a subpoena requiring the disclosure of such information or the production of such documents shall appear in court, and, unless the authorization described in the preceding sentence shall have been given, shall respectfully decline to disclose the information or produce the documents called for, basing his or her refusal upon this rule.

(d) Any officer or employee who is served with such a subpoena, shall promptly advise the General Counsel of the service of such subpoena, the nature of the information or documents sought, and any circumstances which may bear upon the desirability of making available such information or documents.

[Rule U, 6 FR 2015, Apr. 19, 1941, as amended at 20 FR 7036, Sept. 20, 1955; 26 FR 3102, Apr. 12, 1961; 44 FR 50836, Aug. 30, 1979; 53 FR 17459, May 17, 1988; 58 FR 15005, Mar. 18, 1993]

§ 250.105 Disclosure detrimental to the national defense or foreign policy.

(a) Any requirement to the contrary notwithstanding, no notification, statement, application, declaration, report, or other document filed with the Commission shall contain any document or information which, pursuant to Executive order, has been classified by an appropriate department or agency of the United States for protection in the interests of national defense or foreign policy.

(b) Where a document or information is omitted pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, there shall be filed, in lieu of such document or information, a statement from an appropriate department or agency of the United States to the effect that such document or information has been classified or that the status thereof is awaiting determination. Where a document is omitted pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, but information relating to the subject matter of such document is nevertheless included in material filed with the Commission pursuant to a determination of an appropriate department or agency of the United States that disclosure of such information would not be contrary to the interests of national defense or foreign policy, a statement from such department or agency to that effect shall be submitted for the information of the Commission. A registrant may rely upon such statement in filing or omitting any document or information to which the statement relates.

(c) The Commission may protect any information in its possession which may require classification in the interests of national defense or foreign policy pending determination by an appropriate department or agency as to whether such information should be classified.

(d) It shall be the duty of the registrant to submit the documents or information referred to in paragraph (a) of this section to the appropriate department or agency of the United States prior to filing them with the Commission and to obtain and submit to the Commission, at the time of filing such documents or information, or

§§ 250.106—250.107

17 CFR Ch. II (4-1-02 Edition)

in lieu thereof, as the case may be, the statements from such department or agency required by paragraph (b) of this section. All such statements shall be in writing.

[33 FR 7682, May 24, 1968]

§§ 250.106—250.107 [Reserved]

§ 250.110 Small entities for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

For purposes of Commission rulemaking in accordance with the provisions of Chapter Six of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), and unless otherwise defined for purposes of a particular rulemaking proceeding, the terms “small business” and “small organization,” for purposes

of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, shall mean a holding company system whose gross consolidated revenues from sales of electric energy or of natural or manufactured gas distributed at retail for its previous fiscal year did not exceed \$1,000,000. There may be excluded from such gross revenues:

(a) Sales or electric energy or natural or manufactured gas to tenants or employees of any operating subsidiary company of such holding company for their own use and not for resale; and

(b) Sales of gas to industrial consumers or in enclosed portable containers.

[47 FR 5222, Feb. 4, 1982]

PART 251—INTERPRETATIVE RELEASES RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935 AND GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS THEREUNDER

Subject	Release No.	Date	Fed. Reg. Vol. and Page
Statement of policy regarding first mortgage bonds subject to the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.	13105	Feb. 16, 1956	21 FR 1286.
Statement of policy regarding preferred stock subject to the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.	13106	Feb. 16, 1956	21 FR 1288.
Opinion and statement of the Commission in regard to proper reporting of deferred income taxes arising from installment sales.	15359	Dec. 7, 1965	30 FR 15420.
Statement of the Commission to clarify the meaning of “beneficial ownership of securities” as relates to beneficial ownership of securities held by family members.	15381	Jan. 19, 1966	31 FR 1005.
Statement of the Commission setting the date of May 1, 1966 after which filings must reflect beneficial ownership of securities held by family members.	15403	Feb. 14, 1966	31 FR 3175.
Statement of the Commission authorizing the adoption of modifications of policies regarding provisions of long-term debt securities issued and sold under the Holding Company Act; 5-year refunding limitation.	16369	May 8, 1969	34 FR 9553.
Conclusion of the Commission that it is appropriate to permit the issuers of preferred stock under the Holding Company Act of 1935 to include a 5-year refunding limitation on all stocks sold on and after June 22, 1970.	16758	June 22, 1970	35 FR 10585.
Announcement by the Commission that no informal exceptions from the requirements (17 CFR 250.50) of competitive bidding will be granted.	16832	Sept. 17, 1970	35 FR 15210.
Publication of the Commission’s procedure to be followed if requests are to be net for no action or interpretative letters and responses thereto to be made available for public use.	16972	Jan. 25, 1971	36 FR 2600.
Commission endorses the establishment by all publicly held companies of audit committees composed of outside directors.	17514	Mar. 23, 1972	37 FR 6850.
Commission’s statement and policy on misleading pro rata stock distributions to shareholders.	17583	June 1, 1972	37 FR 11559.
Commission’s guidelines on independence of certifying accountants; example cases and Commission’s conclusions.	17636	July 5, 1972	37 FR 14294.
Commission’s interpretation of risk-sharing test in pooling-of-interest accounting.	17712	Sept. 29, 1972	37 FR 20937.
Commission reaffirms proper accounting treatment to be followed by a lessee when the lessor is created as a conduit for debt financing.	17772	Nov. 17, 1972	37 FR 26516.
Amendment of previous interpretation (AS-130) of risk-sharing test in pooling-of-interest accounting.	17841	Jan. 5, 1973	38 FR 1734.
Commission’s conclusion as to certain problems relating to the effect of treasury stock transactions or accounting for business combinations.	18067	Aug. 24, 1973	38 FR 24635.
Commission request for comments on Accounting Series Release No. 146 ...	18112	Oct. 5, 1973	38 FR 28819.
Statement by the Commission on disclosure of the impact of possible fuel shortages on the operations of issuers.	18225	Dec. 20, 1973	39 FR 1511.
Commission’s statement of policy and interpretations	18067A	Apr. 12, 1974	39 FR 14588.
Commission’s practices on reporting of natural gas reserve estimates	18640	June 14, 1974	39 FR 27556.