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EDWARD A. MOSELEY, *Secretary.*

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At a General Session of the INTERSTATE COMMERCE  
COMMISSION, held at its office in Washington, D. C.,  
on the 31st day of May, 1910.

*Present:*

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MARTIN A. KNAPP, JUDSON C. CLEMENTS, CHARLES A. PROUTY, FRANCIS M. COCKRELL, FRANKLIN K. LANE, EDGAR E. CLARK, JAMES S. HARLAN,	} Commissioners.
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The subject of a Uniform System of Accounts to be prescribed for and kept by carriers being under consideration, the following order was entered:

*It is ordered,* That the Classification of Operating Revenues of Carriers by Water with the text pertaining thereto, prepared under the direction of this Commission by Henry C. Adams, in charge of Statistics and Accounts, and embodied in printed form to be hereafter known as First Issue, a copy of which is now before this Commission, be, and the same is hereby, approved; that a copy thereof duly authenticated by the Secretary of the Commission be filed in its archives, and a second copy thereof, in like manner authenticated, in the office of the Bureau of Statistics and Accounts; and that each of said copies so authenticated and filed shall be deemed an original record thereof.

*It is further ordered,* That the said Classification of Operating Revenues of Carriers by Water with the text pertaining thereto, be, and is hereby, prescribed for the use of carriers by water subject to the provisions of the

act to regulate commerce as amended June 29, 1906, in the keeping and recording of their operating revenue accounts; that each and every such carrier and each and every receiver or operating trustee of any such carrier be required to keep all operating revenue accounts in conformity therewith; and that a copy of the said First Issue be sent to each and every such carrier and to each and every receiver or operating trustee of any such carrier.

*It is further ordered,* That the rules contained in the said First Issue of the Classification of Operating Revenues of Carriers by Water are, and by virtue of this order do become, the lawful rules according to which the said operating revenues are defined; that each and every person directly in charge of the accounts of any such carrier or of any receiver or operating trustee of any such carrier is hereby required to see to, and under the law is responsible for, the correct application of the said rules in the keeping and recording of the operating revenue accounts of any such carrier; and that it shall be unlawful for any such carrier or for any receiver or operating trustee of any such carrier or for any person directly in charge of the accounts of any such carrier or of any receiver or operating trustee of any such carrier to keep any account or record or memorandum of any operating revenue item except in the manner and form in the said First Issue set forth and hereby prescribed, and except as hereinafter authorized.

*It is further ordered,* That any such carrier or any receiver or operating trustee of any such carrier may subdivide any primary account in the said First Issue established as may be required for the purposes of any such carrier or of any receiver or operating trustee of any such carrier; or may make assignment of the amount credited to any such primary account to operating divisions, to its individual lines, or to States: *Provided, however,* That a list of such subprimary accounts set up or such assign-

ments made by any such carrier or by any receiver or operating trustee of any such carrier be first filed in the office of the Bureau of Statistics and Accounts of this Commission subject to disapproval by the Commission.

*It is further ordered,* That in order that the basis of comparison with previous years be not destroyed, any such carrier or any receiver or operating trustee of any such carrier may, during the twelve months from the time that the said First Issue becomes effective, keep and maintain, in addition to the operating revenue accounts hereby prescribed, such portion or portions of its present accounts with respect to operating revenue items as may be deemed desirable by any such carrier, or by any receiver or operating trustee thereof, for the purpose of such comparison; or, during the same period, may maintain such groupings of the primary accounts hereby prescribed as may be desired for that purpose.

*It is further ordered,* That any such carrier or any receiver or operating trustee of any such carrier may, in addition to the operating revenue accounts hereby prescribed, keep any temporary or experimental accounts the purpose of which is to develop the efficiency of operations: *Provided, however,* That such temporary or experimental accounts shall not impair the integrity of any general or primary account hereby prescribed; and that any such temporary or experimental accounts shall be open to inspection by the Commission.

*It is further ordered,* That January 1, 1911, be, and is hereby, fixed as the date on which the said First Issue shall become effective.

A true copy:

EDW. A. MOSELEY,  
*Secretary.*



## INTRODUCTORY LETTER.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION,  
BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND ACCOUNTS,  
*Washington, June 1, 1910.*

### TO CARRIERS CONCERNED:

This Classification of Operating Revenues, with the text pertaining thereto, is issued in accordance with an order of the Interstate Commerce Commission, a copy of which will be found immediately preceding this letter.

In formulating this classification, it has been the endeavor of the Bureau of Statistics and Accounts to enlist the cooperation of the various associations representing the carriers by water throughout the United States. With the exception of the American Steamship Association, the assistance received has been rendered by the representatives of individual carriers rather than by the associations of which these carriers are members. All suggestions and criticisms, from whatever source received, have been carefully considered.

Special attention is directed to the fact that a general account has been provided for revenue from the charter of vessels, under which will be found these three primary accounts:

Charters Involving Rent Exclusively,  
Charters Involving Rent and Maintenance,  
Charters Involving Rent, Maintenance, and Operation.

The second and the third of the above accounts are intended for use in those cases in which operating expenses are not separable from amounts paid as rents, strictly defined; if they are separable, the rental portions

should be treated as payments for charters, and the operating expense portions should be credited to the appropriate operating expense accounts.

Accounting officers are requested to correspond with the Bureau of Statistics and Accounts should question arise with regard to the correct interpretation of any account, since otherwise it will not be practicable to insure uniformity in the interpretation of the accounting rules herein prescribed.

HENRY C. ADAMS,

*In charge of Statistics and Accounts.*

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## I. REVENUE FROM TRANSPORTATION.

### WR 1. FREIGHT REVENUE.

This account should include amounts earned by a carrier for the transportation of freight.

This account should be credited with a carrier's proportion of revenue from the transportation of freight, including the proportion accruing from arbitraries allowed in rates for cargo insurance; also overcollections made in excess of correct rates, such overcollections to be held subject to claim.

This account should be charged with refunds of overcharges resulting from the use of erroneous rates, calculations, weights, or classifications; authorized allowances and arbitraries; amounts paid for completing hauls or effecting deliveries when the cost of such service is included in the rates charged by the carrier; amounts uncollected or refunded on freight destroyed in transit and on short and lost freight; also uncollectible undercharges determined after delivery has been made.

NOTE.—If a carrier maintains a transfer or a lighterage service, the expenses of which are included in Operating Expenses under account WE 39, "Tugs and Lighters—Operation," or WE 40, "Switching, Lighterage, and Other Transfers," the revenues arising from the service should be included in account WR 8, "Miscellaneous Transportation Revenue." If the service is performed by an outside party, its cost to the carrier should be charged to the appropriate revenue account.

### WR 2. PASSENGER REVENUE.

This account should include amounts earned by a carrier for the transportation of passengers.

This account should be credited with a carrier's proportion of revenue from the sale of tickets (including tickets for corpses) and from the collection of cash fares; also overcollections made in excess of correct rates, such overcollections to be held subject to claim.

This account should be charged with amounts paid for refund of fares and for redemption of tickets; also amounts paid for transferring passengers and baggage between stations or depots, except in cases in which the transfer of both passengers and baggage is provided for in the division of the through rates.

The credits to this account should appear under appropriate subdivisions as follows:

- (a) Revenue from passenger transportation, including sleeping accommodations and meals (when not separable).
- (b) Revenue from passenger transportation, not including sleeping accommodations and meals.
- (c) Revenue from the rent of staterooms, berths in staterooms, and other sleeping and living accommodations.
- (d) Revenue from the sale of meals and food supplies.

#### WR 3. EXCESS BAGGAGE REVENUE.

This account should include amounts earned by a carrier for the transportation of baggage in excess of authorized free allowances, and also amounts earned through separate charges for such transportation of packages, articles, dogs, etc., as is incidental to the transportation of passengers.

This account should be charged with refunds of amounts previously credited to it.

#### WR 4. OTHER PASSENGER SERVICE REVENUE.

This account should include amounts (not otherwise provided for) earned by a carrier from sources incidental to the transportation of passengers, such as the sale of wines, liquors, beers, ales, mineral waters, cigars, cigarettes, etc., and of books, periodicals, and other news stand supplies; also the hire of steamer chairs and rugs.

This account should be charged with refunds of amounts previously credited to it.

#### WR 5. MAIL REVENUE.

This account should include amounts earned by a carrier for the transportation of mails and for the use of special mail facilities; also bonuses for special mail transportation.

This account should be charged with fines and penalties imposed by the Government for failures in mail service when they are not collected from agents or employees.

#### WR 6. EXPRESS REVENUE.

This account should include amounts earned by a carrier for the transportation of express matter and for express facilities, exclusive of distinct rents of offices at stations. (See account WR 9, "Rents of Buildings and Other Property.")

When a carrier transacts an express business through its regular organization, the earnings therefrom should be credited to this account.

This account should be charged with refunds of amounts previously credited to it.

**WR 7. SPECIAL SERVICE REVENUE.**

This account should include amounts earned by a carrier for running vessels on excursions or special trips when specific charges, not based on the number of passengers carried, are made for transportation between designated points; for running special trips carrying troops, munitions of war, camp outfits, etc., for the Federal or State Governments when specific amounts are charged for the transportation.

This account should be charged with refunds of amounts previously credited to it.

NOTE.—Lump sums received for passenger excursions or for special trips, ordinarily designated as "For charter of vessels," should be treated as revenue incident to transportation rather than as rent, and should be included in this account.

**WR 8. MISCELLANEOUS TRANSPORTATION REVENUE.**

This account should include amounts (not otherwise provided for) earned by a carrier from transportation, such as lighterage, towage, and like service.

This account should be charged with refunds of amounts previously credited to it.

**II. REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS OTHER THAN TRANSPORTATION.****WR 9. RENTS OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER PROPERTY.**

This account should include a carrier's revenue from rents of buildings, land, and other property, used in connection with its operations, when the cost of maintaining and operating the portion rented can not be separated from the cost of maintaining and operating the portion used by the carrier.

**WR 10. MISCELLANEOUS.**

This account should include a carrier's revenue from operations not otherwise provided for, such as amounts received for wharf and vessel privileges; parcel-room receipts; storage receipts; wharfage; demurrage; and other items of like nature.

This account should be charged with refunds of amounts previously credited to it.

### III. CHARTER REVENUE.

#### WR 11. CHARTERS INVOLVING RENT EXCLUSIVELY.

This account should include amounts received by a carrier for the hire or rent of vessels or other floating equipment when, under the conditions of the charters, the payments are solely for the rent of the equipment.

**NOTE.**—When charters include both rent and the expense of maintenance, or rent and the expense of maintenance and operation, the rental portion, when separable, should also be included in this account.

#### WR 12. CHARTERS INVOLVING RENT AND MAINTENANCE.

This account should include amounts received by a carrier for the hire or rent of vessels or other floating equipment when, under the conditions of the charters, the payments are for the rent and maintenance of the equipment.

**NOTE.**—This account is to be used when the expenses of maintenance are not separable from the rents; when they are separable, the rental portion only should be included in account WR 11, "Charters Involving Rent Exclusively," and the appropriate operating expense accounts should be credited with the cost of maintenance.

#### WR 13. CHARTERS INVOLVING RENT, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION.

This account should include amounts received by a carrier for the hire or rent of vessels or other floating equipment when, under the conditions of the charters, the payments are for the rent, maintenance, and operation of the equipment.

**NOTE.**—This account is to be used when the expenses of maintenance and operation are not separable from the rents; when they are separable, the rental portion only should be included in account WR 11, "Charters Involving Rent Exclusively," and the appropriate operating expense accounts should be credited with the cost of maintenance and operation.

