

# Research on Internal Accounting Control of Enterprises -- A Case Study of Electric Power Enterprises

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## ABSTRACT

Internal accounting control is an important part of internal control, enterprise internal control is the key link, in recent years, internal accounting control has been the concern of the practical and theoretical circles. This paper introduces the internal control of enterprises, and takes Datang Anhui Branch as an example, briefly analyzes the problems of internal control in the process of informatization and puts forward relevant Suggestions. Conducive to the development of internal accounting control in our country.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Internal accounting control refers to a series of measures and means implemented by enterprises in order to ensure the quality of accounting information, protect the safety of assets, promote the realization of corporate strategic objectives and ensure the implementation of relevant laws and regulations. It is not only a simple financial management mode, but also an enterprise management mechanism.

Enterprise accounting internal control system is the key to the development of enterprises, that is to say, enterprises in the development process should put the accounting work in a key position, grasp the accuracy and timeliness of accounting information, to drive the development of the whole enterprise with financial accounting management, to achieve good operation of the enterprise. [1] The quality of enterprise accounting internal control system directly affects the economic benefits of the enterprise, internal control system not only makes the enterprise accounting work more standardized, but also can provide reference for the management to make decisions to a certain extent.

## 2. RESEARCH SIGNIFICANCE

To build a well-designed and effective Chinese internal control system comprehensively is not only the need for enterprises' fine management, but also the need for enterprises to deal with operational risks and enhance their core competitiveness. At the same time, by strengthening the construction of internal control and implementing effective cost control, it is of great significance for the sales terminal to attract customers at a lower price and drive the development of the enterprise. In addition, with the change of environment and the continuous development of management theory, the internal control of enterprises must be improved and developed accordingly.

Perfecting the internal control system of enterprises and ensuring the quality of accounting information is of great significance to perfect the corporate governance structure and information disclosure system, protecting the legitimate rights and interests of investors and ensuring the effective operation of the capital market.

## 3. DEFECTS IN INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROL

### 3.1. Unsound System

The system is the key to the development of enterprises, good system construction can ensure the construction and development of enterprises, especially the financial management of enterprises, it is necessary to formulate strict systems to ensure the safety of funds. [2] At present, many enterprises more or less exist the accounting system is not comprehensive, not detailed situation, leading to the lack of a clear understanding of enterprise managers and accounting staff, financial management work is relatively chaotic, there is capital risk.

### 3.2. Weak Risk Awareness

Risk factors accompany any management effort. In the course of financial activities, financial risk is unavoidable. At present, financial personnel in the risk awareness is still relatively weak, lack of internal accounting control awareness, easy to lead the enterprise into risk. Weak risk awareness is also reflected in the lack of attention to the risk factors of internal accounting control, do not know the purpose of internal accounting control, leading to the emergence of different types of financial management risk factors, affecting the operation of enterprises.

### **3.3. Low Quality Accounting Team**

The rapid development of China's economy has driven the rapid expansion of enterprises, but the rapid expansion at the same time has reduced the requirements for accounting personnel, which has resulted in the relatively low quality of accounting personnel in enterprises. Low professional level of financial accounting personnel will not only cause the financial work is not rigorous, thus financial information distortion, so that enterprises appear property losses, but also let the enterprise internal control system in name only, the system can not be high-quality implementation, thus affecting the long-term development of enterprises.

### **3.4. Imperfect Supervision Mechanism**

Enterprise accounting internal control system is a need to adhere to a long-term, continuous improvement of the work, some enterprises after the formulation of the system lax supervision, there are some enterprises only pay attention to post-supervision, so that the superiority of the internal control system cannot be fully reflected. In addition, the senior management of the enterprise to the internal control system of insufficient attention, supervision is difficult to implement, the final internal control system can not be effectively implemented.

## **4. CASE ANALYSIS**

In recent years, the rapid development of information, this section to Datang Anhui Branch as an example, the process of information on its internal accounting control problems for a brief analysis.

### **4.1. Company Profile**

Datang Anhui Branch, founded in January 2004, is China Datang Group's representative office in Anhui province, located in Hefei city, Anhui Province, China. On behalf of the group, the company holds Anhui Electric Power Co., LTD. (62%), Anhui Huainan Luoneng Power Generation Co., LTD. (52.8%) and Datang Huaibei Power Generation Co., LTD. (95%), relatively holds Hefei United Power Generation Co., LTD. (27.5%) and shares in Ma 'anshan Wengda Power Generation Co., LTD. (40%).

Datang Anhui Branch has successively applied two different management information systems in the informatization process: the easy to operate far-light system and the integrated system of business processing. [3]

### **4.2. Internal Accounting Control Issues**

#### *4.2.1. Subjective aspect*

##### 4.2.1.1. The system development team has weak awareness of internal control

The development of system software is generally done by computer software professionals. Usually, these personnel have high computer ability, but lack of awareness of internal accounting control, so in the development of the system, it is easy to ignore the need for professional accounting and internal accounting control, resulting in the system development is not perfect. For example, in the calculation of product cost, the incomplete calculation method causes material waste and is not fully utilized, which makes the financial department unable to accurately confirm corporate profits and affects corporate decision-making.

##### 4.2.1.2. Auditors are lax in their oversight

In recent years, The Anhui branch has been audited annually by Beijing Tian occupational International Accounting firm. For a long time by the same accounting firm audit, easy to form internal accounting control loopholes, unable to timely solve the branch's internal accounting control problems.

#### *4.2.2. Objective aspect*

The object of internal accounting control mainly refers to the relevant rules and regulations of the enterprise about internal accounting control and its process. Reasonable system is an important guarantee to carry out the work, the imperfect internal control system, will bring great obstacles to the enterprise's internal control work. First of all, in the case of the imperfect internal control system, the accounting work of the enterprise has the full responsibility of accounting personnel, internal control personnel difficult to intervene in the financial management of the enterprise. Secondly, the internal control personnel cannot supervise the accounting personnel. In addition, there will be unclear situation of the responsible person. When financial negligence occurs, the responsibility cannot be assigned to the individual, which makes the responsibility system lose its original function.

### **4.3. Improvement measures**

#### *4.3.1. Strengthen department cooperation and communication*

Internal accounting control is not just a matter of the financial department, but the enterprise internal functional departments and related personnel in the process of dealing with economic business contact, mutual restriction of the result, so to strengthen the division of labor and cooperation in internal accounting control of each department each personnel is particularly important. However, in order to achieve this effectively, we must advocate the interdisciplinary learning and skills of branch employees, more to understand the internal accounting control system and process, strengthen its internal accounting control consciousness. Enterprises should also pay attention to the improvement of the comprehensive ability of accounting personnel. They should enrich the learning content of accounting personnel and cultivate all-round financial talents according to the relevant requirements of electric power enterprises. Based on the needs of accounting internal control, enterprises should speed up the upgrade of information management system, and actively apply ERP management system, so as to ensure the smooth development of accounting work.

#### *4.3.2. Strengthen supervision over the internal and external auditing*

The establishment of the internal review mechanism is also to achieve the supervision of the accounting department, so that the accounting internal control system is constantly improved in the supervision, but also to ensure problems in the accounting department work, adjust the accounting mechanism of the enterprise at any time, to ensure the normal operation of the enterprise. Therefore, in order to improve the construction of the accounting internal system, enterprises must strictly implement the internal review mechanism, and give play to the greatest role of the accounting internal control system.

External supervision includes government supervision and social supervision. The government supervision of Datang Anhui Branch mainly comes from SASAC, which mainly supervises the state-owned assets and materials of the company to prevent the loss of state-owned assets. With the continuous development and growth of accounting firms in China, government supervision is relying more and more on social supervision. Social supervision is mainly realized through auditing of accounting firms.

#### *4.3.3. Improve relevant systems*

Establish a scientific accounting internal control system, can also be in the process of enterprise operation, orderly

solve the problems in the work. And the scientific accounting system, is for the accounting department to carry out accounting, the enterprise resources to the development of the necessary stage. In addition, a reasonable accounting internal control system can standardize the accounting work of enterprises, solve emergencies in the process of enterprise operation, and reduce financial risks. At the same time, the improvement of the accounting internal control system not only standardizes the work of the accounting department of electric power enterprises, but also standardizes the behavior of accounting personnel to ensure the effectiveness of employees in the accounting work. Strict accounting system will also improve accountants' attention to work, and standardize accounting personnel's financial operation, to a certain extent, can ensure the execution of accounting personnel, improve financial work efficiency.

## **5. CONCLUSION**

This paper is some thoughts and explorations on the accounting internal control system of enterprises. Clarify the concept and role of accounting internal control system is to explore the basis of optimization approach, understand the important significance of accounting internal control system for enterprise development and accounting internal control system in the current enterprise is the reason for the formation of this article, thus formed for the establishment of control system effective ways of several opinions. Accounting internal control system should play an important role in the operation of the enterprise, and promote the sustainable development of the enterprise, whether in the present, or in the future, the enterprise should improve the internal control mechanism.

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