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To: Bureau Assistant Directors, Administration
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Subject: Change in En Route Mileage Allowance for Permanent Change of Station

Historically, Permanent Change of Station En Route Mileage rates have been reimbursed on a tiered system described in Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) 302-4.300, based on number of passengers in the vehicles. When those en route relocation mileage rates have exceeded the IRS published rate, the excess was considered taxable income to the relocating employee. For employees whose relocation travel authorizations are issued on or after September 25, 2007 the en route relocation mileage rate will match the IRS published rate for moving (currently .20 a mile) regardless of number of passengers in the vehicle. In the future, it will be adjusted as necessary for increases and decreases determined by the IRS, comparable to the regular temporary duty mileage rates. Given that the reimbursed rate will equal the IRS authorized rate, there will no longer be a taxable impact on en route relocation mileage payments.

The General Services Administration published this amendment in the Federal Register, 41 CFR Part 302-4 [FTR Amendment 2007-03; FTR Case 2007-301; Docket 2007-0002, Sequence 3] RIN 3090-AI34, on June 27, 2007.

The new en route relocation mileage rate is effective for all relocation travel authorizations issued on or after September 25, 2007. Employees who have existing PCS authorizations issued prior to this date, but who have not yet commenced en route travel, will continue to be reimbursed under the tiered system.

Prior Financial Administration
Memorandum on this Subject:

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