

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2022-00702

XXXX X. XXXX

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Reimbursement of \$2,674.00 for personally procured non-temporary storage (NTS) of household goods (HHG) at his home of record (HOR) for the duration of his Permanent Change of Station (PCS) short tour.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He PCS'd to XXXX in Oct 20 for a one year short tour assignment. Due to COVID and the difficulty of procuring authorized government movers, it was recommended he complete a Personally Procured Move (PPM). He conducted a PPM to move his HHGs in storage near his HOR. He had his PCS orders amended to state he was authorized a PPM to NTS at his HOR. His losing Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) reviewed and approved his DD Form 2278, *Application for Do It Yourself Move and Counseling Checklist*, for the PPM. His Personal Property Worksheet was submitted to his losing LRS specifying the destination address as his HOR. The government was not able to procure movers to pick up his HHGs in order for him to move out of his home. He was already traveling to his HOR to visit family, leave his vehicle, and take leave before his short tour.

According to Joint Travel Regulation (JTR), para 0518-B.2. states, "NTS must be in a storage facility near the location of the HHG on the date the Service member's PCS order is issued. However, the official designated by the service concerned may select a different storage facility based on the best value to the Government." He believes he met the JTR requirements for procuring storage that provided the best value to the government. Additionally, Joint Personal Property Shipping Office (JPPSO) offered reimbursement of 180 days for storage in transit (SIT) in the amount of \$1,094.00, but refuses to cover the entire period of storage (\$2,674.00) without a non-availability letter from his losing LRS. His losing LRS refuses to provide a non-availability letter despite previous approval of DD Form 2278, Personal Property Worksheet, and amended PCS orders including the reimbursement for his PPM of HHGs to and from the NTS facility at his HOR.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a currently serving Air Force first lieutenant (O-2).

On 3 Aug 20, Special Order XXXX, authorized the applicant to PCS to XXXX with a report no later than (NLT) of 9 Oct 20.

On 11 Aug 20, Order XXXX amended Special Order XXXX, to add approval of circuitous/indirect travel from XXXX to XXXX.

On 26 Aug 20, Order XXXX further amended Special Order XXXX, to add authorization of PPM to HOR to NTS.

On 8 Oct 20, the applicant's Report on Individual Personnel (RIP) reflects his Effective Duty Date at XXXX.

For more information, see the excerpt of the applicant's record at Exhibit B and the advisory at Exhibit C.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

PPA HQ/LHE recommends denying the application. The applicant requested NTS at government expense through the origin Traffic Management Office (TMO). The applicant stated, he was advised by the TMO to utilize the PPM transportation method to store his HHG at origin. Instead the applicant elected to transport his HHG to a location near his HOR, which he was authorized to do and was reimbursed \$5,052.77 for the PPM. The origin personnel office issued amended order number XXXX, dated 26 Aug 20, advising the applicant he was authorized a PPM to HOR to procure NTS; however, NTS at his HOR is not a JTR allowance/entitlement. JTR, paragraph 010206 states in part that "A travel order may only contain authority for travel and transportation allowances provided within the JTR. If there is any conflict between a travel order and the JTR, the JTR prevails." Additionally, JTR Paragraph 0518-B.2. further advises that "NTS must be in a storage facility near the location of the HHG on the date the Service member's PCS order is issued. However, the official designated by the Service concerned may select a different storage facility based on the best value to the Government." Therefore, reimbursement under NTS rates at destination of his HOR is not authorized.

Based on the documentation provided by the applicant and analysis of the facts, there is no evidence of an error or injustice. The applicant has received full payment for authorized allowance to transport personal property to HOR. Further payment for NTS at HOR is not authorized IAW JTR para 0518-B.2.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 28 Mar 22 for comment (Exhibit D), but has received no response.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was timely filed.
2. The applicant exhausted all available non-judicial relief before applying to the Board.
3. After reviewing all Exhibits, the Board concludes the applicant is the victim of an error or injustice. While the Board notes the recommendation of PPA HQ/LHE against correcting the record, the Board finds a preponderance of the evidence substantiates the applicant's contentions. The Board found the applicant's unit authorized the applicant a PPM to a NTS facility at his HOR. The applicant relied upon this authorization and to not reimburse the applicant fully for this PPM constitutes an injustice to the applicant. Therefore, the Board recommends correcting the applicant's records as indicated below.

RECOMMENDATION

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT be corrected to show he was authorized/approved to personally procure storage in transit (SIT) at his HOR for the duration of his overseas tour and is authorized to be reimbursed \$2,674.00.

CERTIFICATION

The following quorum of the Board, as defined in Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 1.5, considered Docket Number BC-2022-00702 in Executive Session on 31 May 22:

, Panel Chair
, Panel Member
, Panel Member

All members voted to correct the record. The panel considered the following:

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 3 Mar 22.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, PPA HQ/LHE, w/atchs, dated 25 Mar 22.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 28 Mar 22.

Taken together with all Exhibits, this document constitutes the true and complete Record of Proceedings, as required by AFI 36-2603, paragraph 4.11.9.

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR