

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2022-03000

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**COUNSEL:** NONE

**HEARING REQUESTED:** NO

### APPLICANT'S REQUEST

He be paid a personally procured move (PPM) incentive payment in the amount of \$7,450.17.

### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

The Air Force Financial Services Center denied payment because he did not have weight tickets for the move. He is due reimbursement in the amount of \$7,450.17, which is the government constructed cost reimbursement incentive amount. The PPM was to meet the orders of the wing commander (WG/CC) for the relocation of his base housing. The government would have had to incur the expense had it been contracted. He was led through the entire process by his personal property shipping office (PPSO). The denial of his request stated he incurred no costs for the move. However, he incurred fuel, trailer and other costs. His wife and son also lost a week of wages to complete the move and his family endured physical and mental stress in moving his complete household goods (HHG) in four days. He completed a PPM just nine months prior for his permanent change of station (PCS) assignment.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a chief master sergeant (E-9) in the Air Force.

Special Order dated 7 Jun 21 shows the applicant was reassigned on PCS orders to his current base of assignment with a report not later than date (RNLTDD) 31 Jul 21.

The military personnel data system (MilPDS) shows the applicant was reassigned to the command chief position on the same installation with duty effective date of 22 Feb 22.

In a memorandum dated 22 Feb 22, the installation housing manager noted the applicant leased a privatized housing family unit effective 7 Mar 22.

In a memorandum dated 4 Mar 22, the base PPSO chief informed the finance office that the applicant was authorized the use of the constructed weight in accordance with AFI 24-602v4, *Personal Property Moving and Storage*, paragraph 8.6.1.2.

On 20 May 22, the applicant emailed AF/A1PA regarding the Joint Travel Regulation (JTR) interpretation and payment of a PPM monetary allowance. He stated he was ordered to move from his base housing resident to the command chief position's designated housing. Due to timing and availability issues (no movers), he completed a PPM. The PPSO pre-approved the PPM based on the constructed weight for his earlier PCS to the base; however, the finance office denied his request.

In an email dated 11 Jul 22, AF/A4LR noted a telecon was conducted with the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC), AF/A1PA, SAF/FM and AF/AFLR. The PDTATAC was adamant that the JTR prohibited payment of a monetary incentive. Per JTR, paragraph 051502-C5, payment of a monetary incentive is prohibited when a member receives approval to use constructed weights. The JTR clearly states if weight tickets are not provided only expenses, not an incentive, may be reimbursed. The applicant was informed he could appeal to the Department of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) or the AFBCMR.

In a memorandum dated 11 Oct 22, the base PPSO chief stated the applicant was issued a memorandum for record (MFR) to support payment. The JTR, paragraph 051502-D requires the weight of the HHG move to be determined by two methods, certified weight tickets or approval to use a constructed weight of seven pounds per cubic foot through the Secretarial Process contained in AFI 24-602. On these grounds, he issued an approval based on the previous shipment for his PCS to the base as the constructed weight.

On 28 Oct 22, the applicant submitted his appeal to DOHA and on 8 Nov 22, he submitted an AFBCMR application.

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/LHO recommends granting the request. The finance office committed an injustice when they failed to reimburse the applicant an incentive as outlined in the JTR and AFI 24-602v4, paragraph 8.6.1. The local traffic management office (TMO) properly counseled the applicant on his local move entitlements and PPM.

The applicant was authorized a government funded move to relocate to government quarters by the base housing office. JTR, paragraph 051903-A, states a service member authorized to relocate from government quarters, privatized housing, or government controlled quarters by an appropriate authority may be eligible for a short distance HHG move. Due to the short distance move from and to quarters on base, it was not feasible for the applicant to drive off base to scale; therefore, the local TMO followed proper procedure to authorize the use of constructed weights.

The PDTATAC, Defense Travel Management Office (DTMO) and SAF/FM's interpretation of JTR, paragraph 051502-D determined constructed weights are not authorized for reimbursement of incentive payments when there are no certified weight tickets, which led to not allow the use of the constructed weights. However, the PDTATAC has proposed a Military Advisory Panel (MAP) item to clarify that an incentive be paid using constructive weights. The applicant was caught in the middle. He was properly briefed and was authorized an incentive.

The complete advisory opinion, with attachments, is at Exhibit C.

## **APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 12 Dec 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. The Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of PPA HQ/LHO and finds a preponderance of the evidence substantiates the applicant's contentions. 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 is authorized the use of constructed weights for the purpose of receiving an incentive reimbursement for his personally procured movement (PPM) for his relocation from and to base quarters in accordance with JTR, paragraph 051502-C and 051502-D.

## **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-2022-03000 in Executive Session on 16 Feb 23:

, 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 8 Nov 22.  
Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.  
Exhibit C: Advisory opinion, PPA HQ/LHO, w/atchs, dated 5 Dec 22.  
Exhibit D: Notification of advisory, SAF/MRBC to applicant, dated 12 Dec 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.