

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities; Correction

This notice corrects a notice (FR Doc. 04-20802) published on page 55632 of the issue for Wednesday, September 15, 2004.

Under the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland heading, the entry for Park National Corporation, Newark, Ohio, is revised to read as follows:

1. *Park National Corporation*, Newark, Ohio; to acquire First Federal Bancorp, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire First Federal Savings Bank of Eastern Ohio, both of Zanesville, Ohio, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y. After the acquisition and subsequent bank merger, First Federal Savings Bank will convert to a national bank and Park National Corporation will operate the bank, pursuant to section 3 of the Bank Holding Company Act.

Comments on this application must be received by October 12, 2004.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 1, 2004.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Maximum Per Diem Rates for the Continental United States (CONUS)

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Correction to Per Diem Bulletin 05-1, Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 continental United States (CONUS) per diem rates.

SUMMARY: An analysis of lodging data reveals that the FY 2005 maximum per diem rates for locations within the continental United States (CONUS) should be updated to provide for the reimbursement of Federal employees' expenses covered by per diem. Per Diem Bulletin 05-1 increases/decreases the maximum lodging amounts in existing per diem localities, increases the standard CONUS lodging amount from \$55 to \$60 (which results in the deletion of several existing per diem localities), and adds new per diem localities due to requests by Federal agencies. The per diems prescribed in Bulletin 05-1 were

posted at <http://www.gsa.gov/perdiem> on August 31, 2004. Several corrections have been made to the per diems as they appeared in that bulletin on that date.

DATES: This notice is effective October 1, 2004, and applies for travel performed on or after October 1, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For clarification of content, contact Adlore Chaudier, Office of Governmentwide Policy, Travel Management Policy, at (202) 501-3859. Please cite notice of correction to Per Diem Bulletin 05-1.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

A notice appeared in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 53071) on August 31, 2004, announcing Per Diem Bulletin 05-1. Several per diem rates and location designations prescribed in that document have been corrected and include these destinations: Atlanta, GA; Boston/Cambridge, MA; Bridgeport/Danbury, CT; Cambridge/St. Michaels, MD; Columbia, MD; Denver and Jefferson County, CO; Fort Worth/Arlington, TX; Frederick County, MD; Grapevine, TX; Gulf Shores, AL; Gwinnett County, GA; Kalamazoo/Battle Creek, MI (Kalamazoo and Calhoun Counties); Key West, FL; Manhattan, Brooklyn, The Bronx, Queens, Staten Island, NY; Middlesex County, MA; Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN; Nashville, TN; Orlando, FL; Philadelphia, PA; Reno/Sparks, NV; St. Louis, MO; Traverse City, MI; Washington, D.C. The corrected rates are posted at <http://www.gsa.gov/perdiem>.

B. Change in standard procedure

GSA issues/publishes the CONUS per diem rates, formerly published in Appendix A to 41 CFR chapter 301, solely on the internet at <http://www.gsa.gov/perdiem>. This process, implemented in 2003, ensures more timely increases or decreases in per diem rates established by GSA for Federal employees on official travel within CONUS. Notices published periodically in the **Federal Register**, such as this one, now constitute the only notification of revisions in CONUS per diem rates to agencies.

Dated: October 1, 2004.

Becky Rhodes,

Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Transportation and Personal Property.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[GSA Bulletin FTR 05-2]

Waivers to Federal Travel Regulation for TDY and PCS in Presidentially Declared Individual Assistance Disaster Areas in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy (MTT), GSA.

ACTION: Notice of a bulletin.

SUMMARY: Due to the scope of destruction caused by the recent natural disasters in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi, agencies should consider delaying all non-essential TDY and PCS to the affected locations for a period of 90 days. This is especially important with PCS travel because the 120-day maximum for TQSE cannot be extended due to statutory restrictions. For travel which cannot be delayed, GSA adjusted several key allowances, as noted in the bulletin following this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bulletin is effective October 1, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jim Harte, Office of Governmentwide Policy, Travel Management Policy Division (MTT), General Services Administration, Washington, DC 20405; e-mail, jim.harte@gsa.gov, or telephone (202) 501-0483.

Dated: October 1, 2004.

G. MARTIN WAGNER,

Associate Administrator, Office of Governmentwide Policy.

October 1, 2004.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[GSA Bulletin FTR 05-2]

TO: Heads of Federal Agencies

SUBJECT: Reimbursement for actual subsistence expenses, and waivers of certain provisions of the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) (41 CFR 301 and 302) for temporary duty (TDY) or permanent change of station (PCS) travel of employees to Presidentially declared individual assistance disaster areas of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi

1. *Purpose.* This bulletin informs agencies of the temporarily authorized use of actual subsistence expenses for official travel (both TDY and PCS) to the subject locations as a result of Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne, as well as Tropical Storm Bonnie, because it is expected that

finding temporary lodging facilities may be difficult, and distances involved may be great.

The provisions in this bulletin are effective from the date of the Presidential declaration of a county as an individual assistance disaster area and apply only upon that designation for the subject states. The provisions of the bulletin expire as stated in paragraph 5.

2. *Background.* Due to the scope of destruction caused by these natural disasters, agencies should consider delaying all non-essential TDY and PCS to the affected locations for a period of 90 days. This is especially important with PCS travel because the 120-day maximum for TQSE cannot be extended due to statutory restrictions. If such TDY and PCS travel cannot be delayed due to mission requirements or personal hardships, then the following applies:

3. *For PCS travel that cannot be delayed due to mission requirements or personal hardships the following applies:* For temporary quarters subsistence expense (TQSE), the FTR provisions requiring that temporary quarters be in reasonable proximity to the new official station are hereby waived for the areas listed in paragraph 4. The maximum limit of 120 days that TQSE may be authorized remains in effect.

Additionally, the provisions of FTR 302-6.102 limiting per diem reimbursement to the standard CONUS rate for TQSE are hereby waived to allow the reimbursement of subsistence expenses at the locality per diem rate under the provisions of FTR 301-11.101 or an actual expense reimbursement allowance under FTR 301-11.300-306, at the discretion of the agency, for the areas specified in paragraph 4. The provisions of FTR 302-6.200-203 providing for fixed amount reimbursement option for TQSE remain in effect. In addition, for house hunting trips (HHT), the provisions of FTR 302-5.13 that restrict reimbursement of subsistence expenses to the lodgings-plus method are hereby waived. Thus, actual expense allowances under FTR 301-11.300-306 may be authorized, at the discretion of the agency, for those areas listed in paragraph 4. The provisions of FTR 302-5.13 providing for fixed amount reimbursement option for HHT remain in effect. In all cases, the provisions of 41 CFR 301-11.303 limiting actual expenses not to exceed 300 percent (rounded to the next higher dollar) of the applicable maximum per diem rate remains in effect.

4. *Maximum rates.* As a result of Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne, and Tropical Storm Bonnie, the

provisions of FTR 301-11.300 and 301-11.70.200(f) requiring an agency determination that reimbursement under the actual expense method is appropriate are hereby waived for the locations specified below. Thus, agencies may approve actual subsistence expense reimbursement, not to exceed 300 percent of the applicable per diem rate, without further justification, for the following affected counties and parishes:

Florida (effective August 11, 2004):

The counties of Brevard, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Levy, Manatee, Monroe, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Polk, St. Johns, Sarasota, Seminole, and Volusia.

Florida (effective September 3, 2004):

The counties of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Levy, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Nassau, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sumter, Union and Volusia Counties.

Alabama effective September 13, 2004:

The counties of Baldwin, Butler, Clarke, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Escambia, Geneva, Mobile, Monroe, and Washington.

Florida (effective September 13, 2004):

The counties of Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Taylor, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington.

Louisiana (effective September 13, 2004):

The parishes of Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Tammany, and Terrebonne.

Mississippi (effective September 13, 2004):

The counties of George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Perry, Stone, and Wayne.

5. *Expiration date.* This bulletin expires on December 31, 2004, unless sooner rescinded by this office.

6. *For further information contact.* Ms. Peggy Deprospero, Director, Travel Management Policy, at (202) 501-2826.

By delegation of the Administrator, General Services Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Nursing Home Care Planning Technical Expert Panel Meeting

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety (CQIPs) will convene a technical expert panel (TEP) to discuss nursing home care planning and quality improvement research options for advancing this process in order to maximize quality of nursing home care. The authority for this meeting is derived from 42 U.S.C. 299b-1 and 299 which respectively authorize AHRQ to provide scientific and technical support to improve health care quality and to promote improvements in health system practices by synthesizing and disseminating available scientific information to providers and policymakers and by conducting and supporting research on methods and strategies for improving quality.

DATES: This meeting will take place on October 12, 2004 from 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m. and October 13 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and a 30 minute public comment period is scheduled starting at 3 p.m. on the first day and 2:30 p.m. on the second day of the meeting.

Due to security measures and space constraints, it will be necessary for you to pre-register to attend the meeting. For pre-registration information please contact the meeting contractor, Karen Sofer at (301) 231-7537, ext. 260, by 11 a.m. on Monday, October 11. You will need to bring a picture ID with you. Please note that persons attempting to attend without prior registration will not be admitted to the meeting.

ADDRESSES: Please note that individuals interested in attending the meeting without prior registration will not be admitted to the meeting. The meeting will be at the AHRQ Conference Center, Watts Branch Conference Room, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, MD 20850. Please also be advised that seating is very limited and food will be available for panelists and Agency staff. A report of the meeting will be made available to the public after the meeting.

For driving and public transportation directions, please visit <http://www.ahrq.gov/aout/map.htm>. There is a shuttle from the Shady Grove Metro