



UNITED STATES  
CIVILIAN BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS

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October 31, 2016

CBCA 5487-RELO

In the Matter of GEORGE B. KALE II

George B. Kale II, Magnolia, DE, Claimant.

Thomas S. Spahr, Director, Travel Functional Area, Enterprise Solutions and Standards, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Indianapolis, IN, appearing for Department of the Air Force.

**WALTERS**, Board Judge.

Claimant, George B. Kale II, a civilian employee of the Department of the Air Force, was denied a claim for the costs of renting an automobile for a thirteen-week period while awaiting delivery of his privately owned vehicle (POV) shipped from Alaska to Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, in connection with a permanent change of station (PCS) relocation. The delay in claimant's POV delivery came about as a result of an administrative error (missing transportation account code) on the shipping orders. Although Mr. Kale was reimbursed for all other relocation-related expenses in connection with the PCS move, the Air Force denied him reimbursement for the automobile costs he incurred.

Notwithstanding the circumstances which placed claimant in the position of being without a car, the travel regulations do not authorize reimbursement of such costs. Indeed, Joint Travel Regulations (JTR) paragraph 5730 (which governs relocation claims of civilian employees of military departments such as claimant) states: "There is no authority for rental car reimbursement while awaiting POV arrival." There is no evidence that the rental vehicle was authorized or used for official business. Rather, it appears that the rented automobile was required to meet claimant's local travel needs while he waited for delivery of his POV. Under such circumstances, this Board and our predecessor board in considering these

matters, the General Services Board of Contract Appeals (GSBCA), have been compelled to deny reimbursement. *Marsha K. Harrington-Evans*, CBCA 1003, 08-2 BCA ¶ 33,876, at 167,673; *Patrick O. Walsh*, GSBCA 16243-RELO, 04-1 BCA ¶ 32,520, at 160,867-68 (2003). The Air Force thus was correct in refusing reimbursement to claimant here.

The claim is denied.

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RICHARD C. WALTERS  
Board Judge