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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: UTD/CTD for MAP 36-12(I)/CAP 36 -12(I) -- No Utilities for
Purchased TDY Lodging

1. **SYNOPSIS:** Terminates utilities reimbursement on a purchased TDY lodging for civilian employees effective 14 October 2011 and uniformed services effective 10 January 2012.
2. The attached revision is forwarded for information purposes only. No coordination or comments are required.
3. This revision was initiated by GSA legal ruling on FTR Amendment 2011-05.
4. These changes are scheduled to appear in JFTR change 303, and JTR change 557, dated 1 March 2012.
5. Revisions in this information item are *effective 10 January 2012 for the Uniformed Services and 14 October 2011 for civilian employees.*

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Attachment:

Rev 1

Uniformed E-Mail Distribution:

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Civilian E-Mail Distribution:

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JFTR REVISIONS

U4137:

U4137 ALLOWABLE EXPENSES WHEN A RESIDENCE IS PURCHASED AND USED FOR TDY LODGING

**Effective with an order issued on/after 1 January 2012, mortgage interest and property taxes associated with the purchase of any dwelling (to include a recreational vehicle) purchased at a TDY location may not be claimed as substantiation for payment of per diem while TDY. *Effective 10 January 2012 utilities on a dwelling purchased on/after 1 January 2012 (including a recreational vehicle) may not be reimbursed. Example: Order issued 29 December 2011 and dwelling purchased 2 January 2012 = no lodging payments for purchase costs. Personnel who were issued orders before 1 January 2012 and had already purchased a dwelling at the TDY location before 1 January 2012 may continue to claim lodging costs related to the purchased dwelling until the expiration of the current TDY order including any extensions to that order limited to the following:*

A. Purchased Residence. For those eligible (see above), allowable expenses are prorated based on the number of days in the month, rather than by the actual number of days the member occupied the residence ([57 Comp. Gen. 147 \(1977\)](#)), and include the monthly:

1. Mortgage interest;
2. Property tax; and
3. Utility costs actually incurred (does not include any installation and hook-up charges), e.g., electricity, natural gas, water, fuel oil, sewer charges, not to include entertainment utilities (e.g. cable, TV, telephone).

B. Limitation. *In no case may the total lodging per diem payable exceed the applicable TDY maximum locality lodging ceiling unless an AEA (Ch 4, Part C) is authorized/approved. Par. U4141 does not apply when the residence is purchased.*

NOTE: *A member who purchased and occupied a residence at the TDY location may not be reimbursed for any cost associated with rental, purchase or shipment of furniture.*

JTR REVISIONS

C4555-E:

Effective 14 October 2011

**E. Residence Is Purchased and Used for TDY Lodging. An employee may not be reimbursed any lodging expenses for a purchased/personally owned residence*

NOTE: An employee who purchases and occupies a residence at the TDY location may not be reimbursed for any cost associated with the rental, purchase or shipment of furniture.

JFTR/JTR REVISIONS

APP O, par. T4040-A6h::

*b. Allowable Expenses When a Residence is Purchased and Used for TDY Lodging:

*Civilian Federal Employees – IAW FTR 301-11.12(b) dated 14 October 2011, reimbursement for any lodging expense under this paragraph is not allowed. Also see JTR, pars. C4555-D and C4555-E.

*Uniformed Service Members – reimbursement for mortgage interest and property taxes under this paragraph is not allowed under orders issued on/after 1 January 2012. **Effective 10 January 2012 utilities on a dwelling purchased on/after 1 January 201 (including a recreational vehicle) may not be reimbursed.* For Uniformed Service Members under orders that were issued before 1 January 2012 who purchased a dwelling before 1 January 2012, reimbursement may be claimed until the order expires to include all extensions to the existing order, limited to the following conditions:

Allowable expenses are the monthly:

(1) Mortgage interest;

(2) Property tax; and

*(3) Utility costs actually incurred (does not include any installation and hook-up charges), e.g., electricity, natural gas, water, fuel oil, sewer charges, not to include entertainment utilities (e.g., cable, TV, telephone).

prorated based on the number of days in the month rather than by the actual number of days the traveler occupied the residence. ([57 Comp. Gen. 147 \(1977\)](#)). *In no case may the total lodging per diem payable exceed the applicable maximum locality per diem rate for the area unless an AEA (JFTR, Ch 4, Part C) is authorized/approved. The provisions of JFTR, par. U4141 do not apply when the residence is purchased.*

NOTE: *A traveler who purchases or rents and occupies a residence at the TDY location may not be reimbursed for the cost of: 1. shipment of furniture from previous residence, or 2. purchase of furniture needed for unfurnished temporary duty lodgings, even if shipment/purchase was less expensive than rental would have been. [GSBCA 16699-TRAV, 17 August 2005](#).*