



UNITED STATES
CIVILIAN BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS

October 25, 2017

CBCA 5564-TRAV

In the Matter of MARCUS R. JACKSON

Marcus R. Jackson, Falls Church, VA, Claimant.

Wayne X. HarRell, Business Specialist, Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations,
Department of State, Arlington, VA, appearing for Department of State.

RUSSELL, Board Judge.

Claimant, Marcus R. Jackson, is an employee of the Department of State (agency). Pursuant to Board Rule 407 (48 CFR 6104.407 (2016)), he has requested that this Board reconsider its opinion issued on May 31, 2017, on his claim. Mr. Jackson's claim is based on his objection to the agency's request for his personal credit card statement to ascertain the correct exchange rate for travel expenses incurred by Mr. Jackson during a work-related trip to Guatemala City.¹ The agency explained that, with the correct exchange rate from the statement, it would be able to accurately determine Mr. Jackson's reimbursement for his travel expenses. In support of its position, the agency noted that it had "many cases where [it] has collected overpayments due to erroneous exchange rates used and . . . ha[d] also identified instances where . . . travelers [were] due additional amounts." The Board, in its previous opinion, concluded that the agency's position requiring Mr. Jackson's credit card statement to ensure accurate proof of costs comports with applicable travel regulations and was, thus, reasonable.

¹ Notably, the agency provided that all non-related expenses could be redacted from the statement.

In his request for reconsideration, Mr. Jackson continues to insist that he is not required to submit a copy of his personal credit card statement to support his claim for reimbursement. The Board has already rejected Mr. Jackson's argument. Mr. Jackson's request for reconsideration does not show that the agency was precluded from, or acted outside of its discretion when, requesting his credit card statement to ensure accurate reimbursement of his travel expenses.

Mr. Jackson provides certain email messages which he avers support reconsideration. The messages do not persuade us that our previous determination was incorrect. Pertinent parts consist of his repeated insistence to agency personnel that he is not required to submit his personal credit card statement to support travel reimbursement. One of the submitted email messages actually seems to verify that the agency system used to determine daily foreign exchange rates may not accurately reflect the rate that was applied to Mr. Jackson's travel expenses. The message explains that the rate that Mr. Jackson was charged, as reflected on his personal credit card statement, could be lower, the same, or higher than the rates in the agency's system. Accordingly, the email does not appear to undermine, but supports, the agency's request for Mr. Jackson's credit card statement to ensure calculation of an accurate reimbursement amount. Critically, the email messages do not evidence that the agency is barred from seeking the requested statement.

For the foregoing reasons, claimant has not presented adequate grounds for reconsideration.

Decision

Claimant's request for reconsideration is denied.

BEVERLY M. RUSSELL
Board Judge