



UNITED STATES  
CIVILIAN BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS

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March 29, 2011

CBCA 2277-TRAV

In the Matter of LINDSAY HUM

Lindsay Hum, Corona, CA, Claimant.

Kimberly Kruzel, Deputy Comptroller, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, United States Department of the Navy, Corona, CA, appearing for Department of the Navy.

**STERN**, Board Judge.

Claimant, a civilian employee with the Department of the Navy, locked herself out of her rental automobile while on official travel on December 5, 2010. Claimant seeks reimbursement of the \$55 charge she was billed by the rental car agency to retrieve the keys from inside the vehicle.

Discussion

The Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) governs reimbursement for all employees on official government travel. The FTR permits the agency to pay only those expenses essential to the transaction of official business. 41 CFR 301-2.2 (2010). We have previously held that the costs associated with entry into a locked vehicle are not essential to the transaction of official business under the FTR. *Billy M. Battles*, CBCA 1568-TRAV, 09-2 BCA ¶ 34,215.

Decision

The claim is denied.

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JAMES L. STERN  
Board Judge