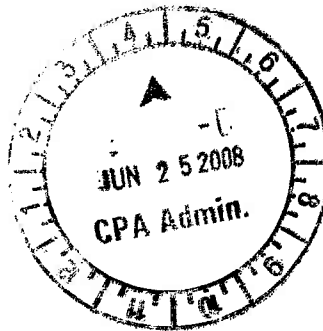




COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Benigno R. Fitial
Governor



Timothy P. Villagomez
Lieutenant Governor

MEMORANDUM

To : Lee Cabrera
Acting Executive Director
Commonwealth Ports Authority

Date: JUN 23 2008

From : Governor

Subject: Governor's Directive No. CPA 08-004
Regarding Uniformity of Per Diem Rates for the Commonwealth
Ports Authority with the Central Government
Ref: Executive Order No. 08-03

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Ports Authority has implemented three directives relating to its compliance with the 1998 Airport Revenue Bond Indenture Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Ports Authority has implemented austerity measures designed to reduce expenditures and curtail costs in order to meet its Debt Service Coverage Ratio of 1.25; and

WHEREAS, 1 CMC § 8247(b) directs that travel and per diem rates for Board Members shall be at the "rates and guidelines established for executive branch employees"; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2006 the Authority published Proposed Amendments to the Personnel Rules & Regulations of the Commonwealth Ports Authority establishing different and/or higher per diem rates for Authority employees citing that "current rates are no longer realistic and that rates conforming to those established by the Federal Aviation Administration more equitably cover costs incurred by employees of the

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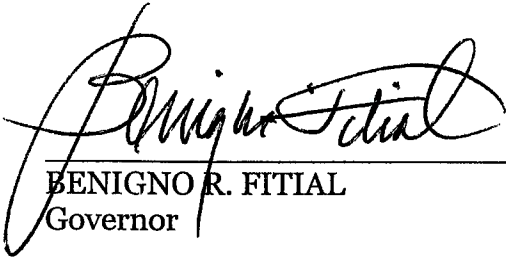
Commonwealth Ports Authority during off-island travel"; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, despite having published such notice of intent to adopt amendments, never did adopt the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, it is the Administration's policy determination that the legislative intent and spirit of the statutory rates for per diem compel uniformity and consistency between and among government agencies inclusive of the Authority.

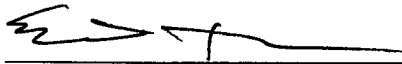
THEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the need for uniformity within the Authority as to per diem rates, and fiscal prudence within the Authority and the Executive Branch, the following Directive issues to the Authority:

1. The proposed amendments to the per diem rates are hereby rescinded;
2. The Authority shall implement the rates for per diem and travel for employees of the Executive Branch immediately;
3. There shall be no exception in per diem rates for any Authority employees regardless of whether the person is a Board Member or Management position and/or whether the travel is funded by federal (fully or partially-reimbursable) or funds of the Authority.



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DATE