

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 245

Amending and Strengthening Executive Order No. 234 regarding Energy Usage

WHEREAS Executive Order No. 234, issued in 2005, mandated energy reductions in the Palau National Government, and created an Energy Audit Team to monitor the reductions; and

WHEREAS, the Palau National Government must continue to strive to meet the 10% energy reduction goals laid out in Executive Order No. 234; and

WHEREAS, the Government's energy bill continues to place an unacceptably high burden on the people of the Republic; and

WHEREAS, with fuel costs continuing to rise, the National Government must take steps to reduce energy usage across all government operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President, pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the Republic of Palau, it is hereby ordered:

I. Part I. of Executive Order No. 234 is amended to read:

I. Mandated Energy and Vehicle Fuel Reduction

All Ministries shall reduce their monthly energy usage by 10% from the average monthly usage over the last two years. Further, all Ministries shall reduce their fuel usage by 10% from the average monthly usage over the last two years.

II. Part III **[sic]** of Executive Order No. 234 is amended to read:

II. Purchasing Guidelines/Surplus Property Disposal

No local funds shall be spent on automobiles or boats unless specifically approved by the Office of the President. Further, the Palau National Government shall purchase only automobiles that get 25 miles per Gallon in city driving. Those purchasing automobiles shall research the availability of alternative energy vehicles, such as electric or hybrid cars, as well as the feasibility of using motorbikes or bicycles instead.

In support of the effort to reduce government waste and privatize services where possible, each Minister shall survey his Ministry's needs for cars, boats and equipment, and shall work with the Division of Property and Supply to sell those items that are not essential to the operation of the Ministry.

None of these provisions shall affect the purchase of automobiles or boats using grant funds, if the grantor agency approves of such purchase. Further, nothing herein shall override the rules for purchases or disposals set up by grantor agencies, when grant funds are utilized.

III. Part IV of Executive Order No . 234 is amended to read:

IV. Strict Enforcement of Ban on Private Use of Government Vehicles

All employees are reminded of the prohibition against the use of Government Vehicles after regular working hours. This prohibition applies to all government employees, except the President, Ministers, and those whose regular duties require such use (policemen, ambulance drivers, etc.). The ban on after-hours use of Government Vehicles shall be enforced as follows:

1. Ministers shall designate a parking area for each government vehicle under his their control, and ensure that every government vehicle is parked there during non working hours .
2. Any employee using a government vehicle after hours must have the permission of the Minister. Ministers shall use the attached form to give permission for employees to use government vehicles after hours.
3. The Minister of Justice shall strictly enforce this prohibition, and the police are urged to stop all government vehicles after hours to check for authorization. Automobiles being used in violation of this Order may be confiscated and unauthorized users are subject to discipline. The first offense shall be a warning, the second suspension, and the third will be grounds for termination.

IV. A new Part V is added to Executive Order No. 234, as follows:

V. Relocation to Ngerulmud

The maintaining of offices in both Koror and Ngerulmud is a needless waste of energy. Accordingly, by January 30, 2008, all Ministers and Directors shall re-locate their offices to the Capitol Building in Ngerulmud and shall vacate their Koror offices. No Minister or Director may maintain a Koror Office after January 30, 2008.

Executive Order No. 234 is renumbered accordingly, and all unaffected portions of Executive Order No. 234 remain in full force and effect.

So Ordered this 2nd day of January, 2008.

/s/

Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
President of the Republic of Palau

GOVERNMENT VEHICLE AUTHORIZATION FORM

To be used in accordance with Executive Order No. 245

<p>Name of User</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Government Vehicle License No.</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Purpose of Use</p>
<p>Authorized Time of Use</p> <p>Date: ___/___/___</p> <p>Time: From ___ To: ___</p>	<p>Authorizing Official</p> <p>_____</p>

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