[DBM BUDGET CIRCULAR NO. 4-B, February 02, 1996]

AMENDING BUDGET CIRCULAR NO. 4 DATED JUNE 28, 1991 RELATIVE TO THE GRANT OF PERSONNEL ECONOMIC RELIEF ALLOWANCE TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT

Purpose

This Circular is issued to amend Budget Circular No. 4, dated June 28, 1991, in accordance with Section 43 of Republic Act (RA) 8174 or the FY 1996 General Appropriations Act.

Amendments

1. Section 43 of RA 8174 provides that "Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (PERA) in the amount of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) per month shall be granted to all appointive national and local government employees occupying itemized plantilla positions with Salary Grade 23 or below, or Salary Grade 24 without representation and/or transportation allowance..."

In view thereof, the following provision is hereby added as Item 2.3 to the said Circular.

- "2.3 All appointive employees of the government occupying itemized plantilla positions at Salary Grade 24 without transportation and representation allowances; and all casual and contractual employees of equivalent Salary Grade who have rendered at least twelve (12) months of continuous or uninterrupted service as of January 1, 1996 or thereafter."
- 2. Items 3.2 and 3.3 on *Exceptions* of the same Circular are hereby amended to read as follows:
 - "3.2 Employees occupying positions allocated to Salary Grade 25 or higher, whether or not they are receiving transportation and representation allowances.
 - 3.3 Employees occupying positions allocated to Salary Grade 24 or lower but are entitled to and/or receiving transportation and representation allowances whether on commutable or reimbursable basis, provided that, if the amount is less than P500, they shall receive the difference.

Sources of Funds

The amount needed to implement this Circular shall be charged against the following funds: