leave if the employee is separating from Federal service or moving to a position to which annual leave cannot be transferred.

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§630.206 Minimum charge.

- (a) Unless an agency establishes a minimum charge of less than one hour, or establishes a different minimum charge through negotiations, the minimum charge for leave is one hour, and additional charges are in multiples thereof. If an employee is unavoidably or necessarily absent for less than one hour, or tardy, the agency, for adequate reason, may excuse him without charge to leave.
- (b) When an employee is charged with leave for an unauthorized absence or tardiness, the agency may not require him to perform work for any part of the leave period charged against his account.

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§ 630.207 Travel time.

The travel time granted an employee under section 6303(d) of title 5, United States Code, is inclusive of the time necessarily occupied in traveling to and from his post of duty and (a) the United States, or (b) his place of residence, which is outside the area of employment, in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or the territories or possessions of the United States. The employee shall designate his place of residence in his request for leave under section 6303(d) of title 5, United States Code.

§630.208 Reduction in leave credits.

(a) When the number of hours in a nonpay status in a full-time employee's leave year equals the number of basepay hours in a pay period, the agency shall reduce his credits for leave by an amount equal to the amount of leave the employee earns during the pay period. When the employee's number of hours of nonpay status does not require a reduction of leave credits, the agency shall drop those hours at the end of the employ-

ee's leave year. For the purpose of determining the reduction of leave credits under this paragraph when an employee has one or more breaks in service during a leave year, the agency shall include all hours in a nonpay status (other than nonpay status during a fractional pay period when no leave accures) for each period of service during the leave year in which annual leave accrued.

- (b) An employee who is in a nonpay status for his entire leave year does not earn leave.
- (c) When a reduction in leave credits results in a debit to an employee's annual leave account at the end of a leave year, the agency shall:
- (1) Carry the debit forward as a charge against the annual leave to be earned by the employee in the next leave year; or
- (2) Require the employee to refund the amount paid him for the period covering the excess leave that resulted in the debit.
- (d) A period covered by an employee's refund for unearned advanced leave is deemed not a nonpay status under this section.

§630.209 Refund for unearned leave.

- (a) When an employee who is indebted for unearned leave is separated, the agency shall:
- (1) Require him to refund the amount paid him for the period covering the leave for which he is indebted; or
- (2) Deduct that amount from any pay due him.

An employee who enters active military service with a right of restoration is deemed not separated for the purpose of this paragraph.

- (b) This section does not apply when an employee:
- (1) Dies;
- (2) Retires for disability; or
- (3) Resigns or is separated because of disability which prevents him from returning to duty or continuing in the service, and which is the basis of the separation as determined by his agency on medical evidence acceptable to it.

§630.210 Uncommon tours of duty.

(a) An agency may require that an employee with an uncommon tour of duty accrue and use leave on the basis