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For purposes of the taxation of fringe benefits under section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code, section $1.61-21(\mathrm{~g})$ of the Income Tax Regulations provides a rule for valuing noncommercial flights on employer-provided aircraft. Section $1.61-21(\mathrm{~g})(5)$ provides an aircraft valuation formula to determine the value of such flights. The value of a flight is determined under the base aircraft valuation formula (also known as the Standard Industry Fare Level formula or SIFL) by multiplying the SIFL cents-per-mile rates applicable for the period during which the flight was taken by the appropriate aircraft multiple provided in section $1.61-21(\mathrm{~g})(7)$ and then adding the applicable terminal charge. The SIFL cents-per-mile rates in the formula and the terminal charge are calculated by the Department of Transportation and are reviewed semi-annually.

The following chart sets forth the terminal charges and SIFL mileage rates:

| Period During Which | Terminal | SIFL Mileage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| the Flight Is Taken | Charge | Rates |
| $1 / 1 / 04-6 / 30 / 04$ | $\$ 34.45$ | Up to 500 miles |
|  |  | $\$ .1884$ per mile |
|  | $501-1500$ miles |  |
|  | $=\$ .1437$ per mile |  |
|  | Over 1500 miles |  |
|  | $=\$ .1381$ per mile |  |

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