



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation  
**LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING & REGULATORY BOARD**  
East Avenue, Quezon City

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**BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 072 Series of 2018**

(RE: OPENING OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NEW CPC TO OPERATE UV EXPRESS SERVICE AND PUJ SERVICE IN NEW ROUTES IN THE ISLAND PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES)

**WHEREAS**, on 19 June 2017, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) issued Department Order No. 2017-011 (Re: Omnibus Guidelines on the Planning and Identification of Public Road Transportation Services and Franchise Issuance) adopting the rules and procedures for the issuance of franchises for public transport routes and services;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 5(a) of Executive Order No. 202, dated June 19, 1987, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) shall have the power "to prescribe and regulate routes of service, economically viable capacities and zones or areas of operation of public land transportation services provided by motorized vehicles, xxx";

**WHEREAS**, the DOTr has given the LTFRB authority to deliberate and take appropriate action on proposed additional routes pursuant to the Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP) and Memorandum Circular No. 2018-006;

**WHEREAS**, due to recent developments, a more dynamic economy has been triggered in the island province of Catanduanes brought about by the influx of tourists in the different parts of the island. The movement of people to and from the different municipalities to the capital town of Virac has likewise increased over the years;

**WHEREAS**, among the major concerns in the island is the lack of Public Utility Vehicles (PUVs) to cater to the needs of the commuting public. Due to the scarcity of PUVs to meet the demand of the riding public, the number of colorum Utility Vans operating in the area proliferated which is now even used to transport cargoes together with passengers;

**WHEREAS**, in order to address the situation in Catanduanes, the local officials coordinated with the DOTr and the LTFRB for the lifting of the moratorium in the issuance of new CPC and proposed new routes in the island;

**WHEREAS**, LTFRB Regional Franchising and Regulatory Office (RFRO) No. 5 conducted an evaluation of the proposed routes to determine the viability, required number of units and compliance with other requirements;

**NOW THEREFORE**, premises considered, this Board hereby LIFTS the moratorium in the acceptance of Applications for the Issuance of New CPC to Operate UV Express Service in the island of Catanduanes for the routes described below subject to the following conditions:



Route Name	Estimated Distance	No. of Units	Mode of Service
Pandan, Catanduanes - Virac, Catanduanes	90 km	25	UV Express
Bagamanoc, Catanduanes - Virac, Catanduanes	64 km	15	UV Express
Gigmoto, Catanduanes - Virac, Catanduanes	58.1 km	15	UV Express
Panganiban, Catanduanes - Virac, Catanduanes	62.9 km	12	UV Express
Viga, Catanduanes - Virac, Catanduanes	61 km	20	UV Express
Caramoran, Catanduanes - Virac, Catanduanes	53.7 km	25	UV Express
<b>Total No. of Units</b>		112 Units	

1. Applications for the Issuance of New CPC shall be accepted for processing by the LTFRB-RFRO 5 on the above-mentioned new/developmental routes.
2. All UV Express Service shall strictly operate on a point-to-point basis, with designated terminals at both end points.
3. The Board hereby authorizes the exemption of the routes listed below from the coverage of the Maximum Distance Policy under Department Order No. 2017-011 considering that there is an absence of alternative transport services or the existing services/supply cannot meet the passenger demand and the absence of transfer area between route ends of the following routes:
  - Pandan, Catanduanes - Virac, Catanduanes
  - Bagamanoc, Catanduanes - Virac, Catanduanes
  - Panganiban, Catanduanes - Virac, Catanduanes
  - Viga, Catanduanes - Virac, Catanduanes

The intra-provincial routes described above shall be subject to the results of the Local Public Transport Route Plan (LPTRP) of the Provincial Government of Catanduanes. All operators shall, upon filing of their Application, execute an undertaking stating that they will immediately comply with the approved DOTr route rationalization study and LPTRPs, as the case may be.

4. Applicants for new CPC on the above-stated new routes shall consolidate under the one route-one operator-one franchise scheme consistent with the Industry Consolidation Component under the PUVMP. Priority shall be accorded to cooperatives/corporations whose business offices are situated near/adjacent to the routes applied for.
5. Current Units not older than three (3) years old for UV Express routes shall be allowed under Provisional Authority (PA) pending the issuance of the CPC and

delivery of the OFG-compliant units. By June 30, 2020, only OFG-compliant units shall be authorized.

6. A Provisional Authority may be issued for a period of Forty Five (45) days upon the Acceptance of Application provided that a photocopy of the passenger insurance policy is submitted.

An additional amount of Two Hundred Sixty Pesos (Php 260.00) shall be paid by applicants if they pray for the issuance of PA in the Application or in a separate motion.

**APPROVED AND SIGNED** by the undersigned Chairman and Members of the Board, this 69 day of August 2018 at Quezon City, Philippines.

  
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Chairman

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