



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

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 072, Series of 2019
(Provisional Increase of Minimum Fare for PUJs
Operating in Central Visayas/Region VII)

WHEREAS, on 19 April 2019, the Board received a letter dated 10 April 2019 from 1-United Transport Koalisyon (1-UTAK) asking for a Two pesos (P2.00) Provisional Increase in the minimum Fare for PUJs operating in Central Visayas/Region VII;

WHEREAS, among the reasons for the request of Provisional Increase, as cited by 1-UTAK are: 1. constant increase in diesel price in the market, noting that the price of diesel in February 2016 when the minimum fare was pegged at Php6.50 ranges only at Php20 to Php21 compared to the price of diesel on 2 April 2019, which ranges from Php43.26 to Php47.29 as per DOE Visayas Pump Price Monitoring; and 2. the minimum fare in Central Visayas which is pegged at Php6.50 for the first five (5) kilometers is one of the lowest minimum fares in the Philippines after the Board had increased PUJ fares in other regions particularly in NCR, Region III, IV and Western Visayas;

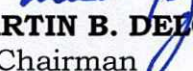
WHEREAS, 1-UTAK has also cited Sec. 16(c) of the Public Service Law, stating xx...xx..that the Commission may, in its discretion, approve rates proposed by public services provisionally and without necessity of any hearing..xx..xx;

WHEREAS, perusal of the records in this office, the Board is cognizant of the fact that PUJs operating in Region VII/Central Visayas have not been granted fare increase since 2016 despite drastic increase in the diesel pump;

WHEREAS, given the unstable price of diesel in the market which is often escalating, associated by an increase of spare parts and other operating costs, the Board is not insensitive to consider the welfare of these operators and drivers, and as much as possible maintains the balance between their rights and with that of the commuting public ;

NOW THEREFORE, after due deliberation and consideration, and pursuant to one of the powers and functions of the Board under E.O. No. 202 to determine, prescribe and approve and periodically review and adjust reasonable fares, rates and other related charges relative to the operation of public land transportation services provided by motor vehicles, the Board hereby resolves, as it is hereby resolve, to **ORDER** a **PROVISIONAL INCREASE** of PUJ minimum fare in **Central Visayas/Region VII** from **Six pesos & Fifty Centavos (P6.50) to Eight pesos (P8.00)**, without increase in the succeeding kilometers, effective immediately. Let copies of this Board Resolution be posted in at least two (2) conspicuous places within the concerned RFRO.

APPROVED AND SIGNED by the undersigned Chairman and Board Members, this 24th day of April 2019 at Quezon City, Philippine


ATTY. MARTIN B. DELGRA III
Chairman



ON LEAVE


ENGR. RONALDO F. CORPUS
Board Member/O.I.C-Executive Director

GEN. ANTONIO N. GARDIOLA, JR. (Ret.)
Board Member