



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Department of Transportation
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

RESOLUTION NO. 158 Series of 2019

(Re: Opening Of Public Utility Vehicle (PUV) Routes For The Paranaque Integrated Terminal Exchange (PITX) And Augmentation Of Existing PUVs Serving The Terminal – Application of MetroExpress Connect, Inc.)

WHEREAS, on 23 January 2019, the Board issued Memorandum Circular No. 2019-005 with subject “Opening Of Public Utility Vehicle (PUV) Routes For The Paranaque Integrated Terminal Exchange (PITX) And Augmentation Of Existing PUVs Serving The Terminal”.

WHEREAS, on 26 February 2019 the Pre-Qualification Committee issued a Notice of Conditional Selection regarding the application of MetroExpress Connect, Inc. for the route PITX - TANZA.

WHEREAS, in the said Notice, upon the selection of MetroExpress Connect, Inc. on the above-mentioned route, the applicant was given the condition to submit its proof of garage and terminal for the maximum number of thirty-eight (38) Class 2 PUJ units within ninety (90) days.

WHEREAS, on 12 April 2019, MetroExpress Connect, Inc. submitted its revised schematic diagram of the parking depot and terminal layout for the route of PITX - TANZA with the overall size of 3,100 sqm with designated parking slots for 38 units of Class 2 PUJs.

WHEREAS, the Committee found no Certification or Letter of Support from PITX allowing MetroExpress Connect, Inc. to use the same as its terminal.

WHEREAS, on 3 May 2019, the Pre-Qualification Committee issued Resolution No. 88 series of 019 wherein the Committee resolved:

“NOW THEREFORE, this Pre-Qualification Committee resolves to recommend the Board to **NULLIFY AND RENDER VOID AB INITIO** the issued Notice of Conditional Selection dated 26 February 2019 issued to MetroExpress Connect, Inc. for the route PITX - TANZA to operate Class 2 PUJ service for failure to submit a proof of garage and terminal as required under Memorandum Circular No. 2019-005 including the Certification or Letter of Support to use PITX. This is however without prejudice on its part to re-apply or submit application in case the subject route is subsequently re-opened.”

WHEREAS, on 29 May 2019, MetroExpress Connect, Inc. filed a letter for reconsideration of recommendation dated 27 May 2019 regarding the issued Resolution above-mentioned wherein MetroExpress Connect stated:

"i. MCI was under the impression that such proof as needed was for Garage and Terminal, which was complied by MCI and that the latter focused thereon as can be seen in its 12 April 2019 compliance;

ii. MCI was again under the impression that since the Memorandum Circular (MC) was for the Opening of PUV for PITX, MCI deemed it unnecessary to secure a letter of support from PITX since it's the very line opened by the said MC and that it was mandated by our regulatory agencies to use such integrated terminal (PITX);"

WHEREAS, a Certification from MWM Terminals signed by its General Manager - Mariano Antonio Arroyo, Jr. with Reference No. CERTOPTNS-2019-42 dated 16 May 2019 has been issued to MetroExpress Connect, Inc., supporting MetroExpress Connect, Inc. its intent to apply for the route PITX - TANZA and has provided slots in the loading and unloading bays of PITX.

NOW THEREFORE, premises considered, appearing that the filed letter for reconsideration of recommendation and attached Certification from MWM Terminals, Inc. is meritorious, the Committee resolves to **LIFT AND SET-ASIDE** the issued Resolution No. 88 series of 2019 and further recommend to the Board to **RE-AWARD** the PITX - TANZA route in favor of **METROEXPRESS CONNECT, INC..**

APPROVED AND SIGNED by the undersigned Chairman and Members of the Main Qualification Committee, this 3rd day of JULY 2019 at Quezon City, Philippines.


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