



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

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 225 SERIES OF 2020
(Re: RESUMPTION OF OPERATIONS OF CITY BUS APPLICANTS
UNDER PUVMP WITH NOTICE OF SELECTION)

WHEREAS, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) was created by virtue of Executive Order No. 202 dated June 19, 1987 as administrative agency with quasi-judicial powers, and is the existing franchising and regulatory body for land transportation today;

WHEREAS, the Department Order No. 2017-011 dated June 19, 2017, Re: OMNIBUS FRANCHISING GUIDELINES ON THE PLANNING AND IDENTIFICATION OF PUBLIC ROAD TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AND FRANCHISE ISSUANCE was issued by the Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), which enshrined the Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP), a flagship program of the government that envisions a restructured, modern, well-managed and environmentally sustainable transport sector where drivers and operators have stable, sufficient and dignified livelihoods while commuters get to their destinations quickly, safely and comfortably;

WHEREAS, pursuant thereto, the Board in consultation with DOTr has issued Circulars and Resolutions opening routes and services for issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience, subject to the selection/pre-qualifying process being implemented;

WHEREAS, the implementation of the PUVMP has improved existing public land transportation service, such as the opening of provincial PUB routes with modernized buses, introduction of Point to Point Service, and the upgrade of traditional PUJ Service and UV Express Service to Class 2 PUJ or Electric PUJ Service and Class 3, respectively;

WHEREAS, the implementation of PUVMP was momentarily halted due to the public health crisis caused by COVID19 disease we are confronting, which resulted adverse economic impact to our country;

WHEREAS, there are some applicants who were already issued Notice of Selection (NOS) to apply for franchise on a particular type of service on their selected route/s of operations.

WHEREAS, said applicants were allowed to operate by virtue of interim special permit or provisional authority prior to COVID-19, whose operations were suspended as a consequence of implementation of government quarantine protocols to prevent the spread.

NOW THEREFORE, acknowledging the necessity for public land transportation services with the resumption of economic activities, and the needed financial viability of public land transportation operators which complied with the PUVMP, this Board hereby resolves the resumption of operations to those PUB applicants under PUVMP with issued Notice of Selection with OFG compliant units, previously operating under Provisional Authority or Special Permit prior to COVID-19 to file the applications for Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) with prayer to issue Provisional Authority using OFG compliant units until **March 31, 2020** pursuant to pertinent provisions of Memorandum Circular 2019-013 provided that:

1. The route of operations awarded to the applicant should not overlap with the existing route currently being operated by PUBs and Modernized PUVs.
2. Applicant shall abide by the result of the on-going Route Rationalization Study of the Board.

In the imposition of the above, the applicants/operators shall comply with the rules and regulations of the Board, the provisions of the Public Service Law (C.A. 146), as amended, and also the requirements for public transport services.

SO ORDERED. 29 DEC 2020

Adopted and Approved through teleconference
this 28 DEC 2020, Quezon City, Philippines


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Chairman


ENGR. RONALDO E. CORPUS
Board Member


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