



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

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 026
Series of 2021

WHEREAS On June 19, 2017, Department Order No. 2017-011, Re: OMNIBUS FRANCHISING GUIDELINES ON THE PLANNING AND IDENTIFICATION OF PUBLIC ROAD TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AND FRANCHISE ISSUANCE was issued by the Secretary of Department, or the Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP), a flagship program of the government which 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 has issued circulars and resolutions opening routes and services for issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience, re-fleeting of units and the industry consolidation;

WHEREAS, the implementation of modernization program 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 conventional PUJ Service and UV Express Service to Class 2 PUJ or Electric PUJ Service and Class 3, respectively;

WHEREAS, the public health crisis brought about by COVID19 disease, which resulted adverse economic impact in our country constrained the Board to partially suspend the implementation of the PUVMP;

WHEREAS, when the government through the IATF-EID, implemented a calibrated and gradual resumption of public land transportation services, the Board issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020-019, Re: GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATIONS OF PUBs DURING THE PERIOD OF GCQ IN METRO MANILA, wherein special permits to operate on the modified routes were issued were correspondingly issued

WHEREAS, from the time the Enhance Community Quarantine was downgraded to General Community Quarantine (GCQ) and Modified CGQ for some parts of our country, the Board has resumed the implementation of PUVMP, and as such, grantees of PUB Services have filed the necessary applications/petitions to comply with the industry consolidation, and have been commencing substitution and re-fleeting of units to comply with the specifications and standards of modernized PUB units;

WHEREAS, issues and concerns were raised by the consolidated entities/ consortia, banks part of the PUVMP relative to the Orders of Special Permit issued by this Board to consolidated entities/consortia which affected the release of funds for acquisition of brand new units due to the uncertainty of the continuity of operations of PUB units under special permit, which prompted the Board to revisit and review policies and guidelines relative to the implementation of PUVMP;

WHEREAS, the Board deemed it necessary to address the said concerns, and ensure the continuing pursuit of completion of PUVMP for the benefit of the public pursuant to our duty to regulate and supervise franchises, and continue the modernization of PUV units and maintain their current route of operations, subject to final results of the DOTr Route Rationalization Plan and LPTRP;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby RESOLVES, as it is hereby RESOLVED to amend the Orders of Special Permit issued by this Board pursuant to MC 2020-019, by amending the latter part of the Order, particularly the effectivity period, which shall now read as follows:

“This Special Permit shall be valid and effective starting on (date specified thereat) until the entire duration of the General Community Quarantine, or final results of the of the DOTr Route Rationalization Plan for PUB Services in Metro Manila, or as may be allowed by the Board”

APPROVED AND SIGNED by the undersigned Chairman and Board Member, this 4th day of March 2021, Quezon City, Philippines

ATTY. MARTIN B. DELGRA III
Chairman

P.COL. JOEL C. PERNITO
Board Member

Attested by:

ATTY. ARMAND B. DIOSO
Executive Director