GRANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 565-200

Subject: LIFTING THE MORATORIUM RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF PETITIONS/APPLICATIONS FOR NEW AIR-CONDITIONED TAXI SERVICES (BRAND-NEW SEDAN ONLY) WITHIN REGION III

The LTFRB Regional Director for Region III recommended the lifting of moratorium on the acceptance of petitions/applications for new Air-conditioned Taxi Services (Brand-new Sedan only) within Region III on a developmental operations basis. The recommendation is anchored, among others, on the following premises:

a) Region III (Pampanga, Tarlac, Zambales, Bataan, Nueva Ecija, and Aurora) is one of the biggest regions in the country in terms of area and population. Its key urban centers are situated in the following: City of San Fernando, Pampanga, Angeles City, Pampanga, and Olongapo City, Zambales.

b) In the said cities and nearby localities, there has been a significant increase of population and economic activities, including the opening/expansion of major malls and presence of tourist zones. However, it was observed that there is no single tax in the operation in the said areas despite the demand and need for the service.

c) Verification of LTFRB records reveals that there is only one existing and valid tax franchise with the use of one sedan unit authorized within the region.

d) With the growth and development of Region III, the existing and available modes of transport (Mini-Bus, PUJ, and Tricycles) are not adequate to serve an upgraded level and quality of service. As such, this is the opportune time to introduce a Taxi Service as an alternative mode of transport on a developmental operations basis to adapt to the demand and need of the current passengers and riding public.
In view of the foregoing and consistent with the government’s Public Utility Modernization Program vis-à-vis the objective to provide the riding public with options relative to an improved level of service, safety, fares, and convenience, this Board hereby declares the Opening and Acceptance of New Applications for the Issuance of CPC to Operate a Taxi Service (brand-new sedan only) within Region III as a Developmental Project. As such, LTFRB Regional Office III is allowed to accept New Applications to operate a Taxi Service limited to the following allocation of number of units per base of operation:

1.) San Fernando City, Pampanga to Any Point in Region III – Fifteen (15) units

2.) Angeles City, Pampanga to Any Point in Region III – Fifteen (15) units

3.) Olongapo City, Zambales to Any Point in Region III – Fifteen (15) units

Every Application must be for a minimum of two (2) but not exceeding five (5) brand-new, white, four-door sedan units that are ready for operation. For this purpose, a brand-new unit means a unit manufactured in the current or preceding year when the Application is filed. Units shall also be equipped with receipt-issuing meters as prescribed by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR).

Accordingly, within ten (10) days from the effectivity hereof, the implementing Guidelines shall be issued, through a Regional Memorandum Circular, by the LTFRB Regional Office III, copy furnished the Board. The said Implementing Guidelines must be in conformity with the existing laws, rules, regulations and policies of the Board.

This Memorandum Circular supersedes any and all issuances inconsistent herewith, and takes effect immediately following the filing of three (3) copies hereof with the UP Law Center, pursuant to Presidential Memorandum Circular No. 11, dated 09 October 1992.

SO ORDERED.

Cuezon City, Philippines.  

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