

**[ LTFRB CONSOLIDATED DECISION, June 16, 2011 ]**

**PETITION FOR TAXI FARE INCREASE IN THE CORDILLERA  
ADMINISTRATIVE REGION**

JOCELYN PANAYO represented by  
Melanio Panayo

LTFRB Case No. 2005-BENG-CAR-  
371

2002-BC-388; 2002-BC-573

JOCELYN MARRERO represented  
by Rommel Marrero Sr.

LTFRB Case No. 2004-BAG-CAR-  
428

RAQUEL BUSTAMANTE

LTFRB Case No. 2002-BC-203;  
2002-BC-204

CRISPINA MERLINA GRAJO  
represented by Venusto D.  
Dacpano

LTFRB Case No. 98-BC-204

EMMANUEL G. CARANTES

LTFRB Case No. 2004-BAG-CAR-  
404

**Petitioners,**

CONNIE TONGAWAN

LTFRB Case No. 2003-CAR-1133

REYNALDO S. GAYO

LTFRB Case No. 2001-01-3178

SHIRLEY EVANGELISTA

LTFRB Case No. 99-01-2402

Case No.

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**For: petition for Taxi  
Fare**

**Increase in the  
Cordillera**

**Administrative Region**

GEORGE BAY-ED  
LTFRB Case No. 2001-01-609

ELPIDIOLITILIT  
LTFRB Case No. 97-01-1396

**Intervenors,**

JANE B. MABALOT  
LTFRB Case No. 98-BC-630

**Oppositor.**

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**CONSOLIDATED DECISION**

Before the Board is a petition for a fare increase of public utility taxi service in the Cordillera Administrative Service filed by the above-petitioners on January 7, 2011, they are asking for an increase of fare as follows:

<u>CURRENT RATE</u>	<u>PROPOSED RATE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
Flag Down - P25.00 for the 1 <sup>st</sup> 400 meters	45.00 for the 1 <sup>st</sup> 400 meters	Php15.00
Additional - 1.50/succeeding <u>200 meters</u>	2.00/succeeding <u>150 meters</u>	Php.50 & less 50m
Waiting time - 1.50/1 min. and 30 sec.	2.00/1 min. and 30 sec.	Php.50

In their petition, Petitioners alleged that the last increase of taxi fare in the Cordillera Administrative Region was in 2004 and that at present, the price of gasoline and diesel has increased abnormally not to mention the increase of prices of spare parts, maintenance and other operational costs. Petitioners further argued that the drastic increase in fuel prices has greatly reduced the income being earned by the operators and drivers of taxi services in the Cordillera which is barely enough to make ends meet for their families. Further they alleged that the price of fuel in the Cordillera is costlier and fuel consumption is higher considering the terrain in the region thus warranting an increase. They presented some statistical data allegedly supporting their claims and prayed that an immediate relief be granted to them. Accordingly, an urgent relief is necessary for them to be able to continue quality transport service to the public in the midst of the unabated increase in fuel prices.

Hearing for the petition for taxi fare increase was set on February 7, 2011 after due