

[LTFRB, May 17, 2008]

**PETITIONS/APPLICATIONS FOR FARE INCREASE AND/OR
ADJUSTMENTS**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Petitions/Applications for Fare Increase
and/or Adjustments,

Federation of Jeepney Operators and
Drivers Association in the Philippines
(FEJODAP), et. al.

Case No. 2007-1798

Pagkakaisa ng mga Samahan ng
Tsuper at Operators Nationwide
(PISTON)

Case No. 2007-2102

Provincial Bus Operators Association of
the Philippines (PBOAP) and Southern
Luzon Bus Operators Association
(SOLUBOA)

Case No. 2007-1941

INTEGRATED METRO BUS OPERATORS
ASSOCIATION, INC. (IMBOA), et. al. Case No. 2007-3235

And

Petition for Fare Reduction,

SANTRANS, Severino Santos, Luzon
Bus, Inc., et. al.

Case No. 2008-0369

Petitioners.

CONSOLIDATED ORDER

For the Board's judicious resolution are the following:

1. Petition for Fare Hike with Prayer for Provisional Increase of Fare for Public Utility Jitney Services in Metro Manila, Regions HI and IV and inter-regional routes nationwide filed by FEJODAP Et, Al. docketed under Case No. 2007-1798 on October 11, 2007 praying for an increase in the amount one peso and fifty centavos (PhP1.50) for the first four (4) kilometers and additional fifty centavos (PhP.50) for every succeeding kilometer, thus resulting in a proposed fare rate of Nine Pesos (PhP9.00) for the first four kilometers and One Peso and Seventy Five Centavos (PhP1.75) for every succeeding kilometer.

FEJODAP, et. al.'s petition was set for hearing on November 9, 2007. Petitioners, through their counsels appeared and presented proof of compliance with the jurisdictional requirements. The public was represented by the Office of the Solicitor General. Antonio

Baltazar and Commuters and Consumers Advocates of the Philippines interposed their respective opposition to the Petition.

The petition was, however, held in abeyance due to the roll back of oil price that implemented at that time. Also, a transport summit was convened to find solution order to mitigate the continuous increase of oil prices in the world market and other problems encountered by the land transport sector.

An Urgent Motion to Revive Petition for Fare Hike with Urgent Prayer for Provision Increase of Fare was filed by petitioners on March 25, 2008.

2. Petition for Fare Hike for Public Utility Jitney Services in Metro Manila, Regions III and IV and inter-regional routes nationwide filed by PAGKAKAISA NG MGA SAMAHAN NG TSUPER AT OPERATORS NATIONWIDE (PJSTON), and docketed under Case No. 2007-2102 on October 26, 2007 praying for an increase r the amount of One Peso (PhP 1.00) for the first four (4) kilometers and additional Twenty Five centavos (PhP.25) for the succeeding kilometer, thus resulting in a proposed fare rate of Eight Pesos and Fifty Centavos (PhP8.50) for the first four kilometers and One Peso and Fifty Centavos (PhP1.50) for every succeeding kilometer.

The PISTON'S Petition was set for hearing on November 22, 2007. Petitioner, through its representative Juanito Ranjo and counsel appeared and presented compliance with the jurisdictional requirements. The public was represented by the Office of the Solicitor General. Antonio Baltazar interposed his opposition to the Petition.

As in the case of FEJODAP, PISTON'S petition was also held in abeyance for the same reasons.

3. Joint Application of the Provincial Bus Operators Association of the Philippines (PBOAP) and Southern Luzon Bus Operators Association (SOLUBOA) for the Adjustment of Fare for PUB Ordinary Service was filed on October 17, 2007, and docketed under Case No. 2007-1941, praying for an increase in the amount of One Peso and Fifty Centavos (PhP1.50) for the first five (5) kilometers and additional Twenty Centavos (PhP.20) for every succeeding kilometer, thus resulting in a proposed fare rate of Ten pesos (PhP 10.00) for the first five (5) kilometers and One Peso and Fifty. Centavos (PhP1.50) for every succeeding kilometer

The Joint Application was set for hearing on November 16, 2007. Applicants, through their respective counsel, appeared and presented proof of compliance with the jurisdictional requirements. The public was represented by the Office of the Solicitor General. Antonio Baltazar interposed his opposition to the Joint application.

Joint Motion to Withdraw Application was filed by PBOAP and SOLUBOA on February 6, 2008.

However, on April 16, 2008, PBOAP and SOLUBOA filed another Joint Application for the Adjustment of Fare for PUB Ordinary Service praying for an increase in the amount of Three Pesos and Fifty Centavos (PhP3.50) for the first five (5) kilometers and additions Thirty Centavos (PhP0.30) for every succeeding kilometer, thus resulting in a proposed fare rate of Twelve Pesos (PhP12.00) for the first five (5) kilometers and one Peso and Sixty Centavos (PhP1.60) for every succeeding kilometer. The Second Joint Application was set for hearing on May 6, 2008.

4. Consolidated Petition for Fare Rate Revision with Prayer for Provisional Increase 4 Pendete Lite was filed on October 16, 2007 by INTEGRATED METRO BUS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION, INC. (IMBOA) et. al. for PUB Ordinary/Regular Service within Metro Manila and docketed under Case No. 2007-1859, praying for an increase in the amount Two Pesos and Fifty Centavos (PhP2.50) for the first four (4) kilometers and additional Thirty Five centavos (PhP0.35) for every succeeding kilometer, thus resulting in a proposed fare rate of Ten Pesos and Fifty Centavos (PhP10.50) for the first four (4) kilometers and two pesos and Ten Centavos (PhP2.10) for every succeeding kilometer

The Consolidated Petition was set for hearing on November 15, 2007, and petitioner through counsel presented proof of compliance with the jurisdictional requirements. The public was represented by the Office of the Solicitor General. Antonio Baltazar interposed his opposition to the Consolidated Petition.

An Amended Petition was filed by the petitioners on November 16, 2007 praying for an increase in the amount of Two Pesos and Fifty Centavos (PhP2.5Q) for the first five (5) kilometers and additional Thirty Five centavos (PhP0.35) for every succeeding kilometer, thus resulting in a proposed fare rate of Ten Pesos and Fifty Centavos (PhP10.50) for the first five (5) kilometers and Two Pesos and Ten Centavos (PhP2.10) for every succeeding kilometer. An Urgent Ex-Parte Motion to withdraw Petition to Fare Revision was also filed by SANTRANS, SEVERINO SANTOS, LUZON BUS, INC., ef. at. on February 20, 2008.

5. Petition for Fare Rate Revision was filed by INTEGRATED METRO BUS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION, INC. (IMBOA) Et Al. for PUB Air-Conditioned Service within Metro Manila docketed under Case No. 2007-3235 on December 18, 2007 praying for an increase in the amount of Four Pesos (PhP4.00) for the first four (4) kilometers or in the alternative in the amount of Seven Pesos and Fifty Centavos (PhP7.50) for the first five (5) kilometers, thus resulting in a proposed fare rate of Fourteen Pesos (PhP14.00) for the first four (4) kilometers or in the alternative in the amount of Seventeen Pesos and Fifty Centavos (PhP17.50) for the first five (5) kilometers. Noticeably, there was no prayer for increase of fare rate for the succeeding kilometer

An Urgent *Ex Parte* Motion to Resolve was filed on March 26, 2008.