

**[LTFRB MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2005-029,
September 02, 2005]**

**VOLUNTARY AMNESTY PROGRAM FOR EXTENSION OF ROUTE OF
PUBLIC UTILITY BUS SERVICE**

The Board issued Memorandum Circular 2005-015 allowing the voluntary conversion of Tourist Service Bus units to Regular Air-conditioned Public Utility Bus (PUB) Service on 12 May 2005 and Memorandum Circular 2005-025 allowing the voluntary conversion Shuttle Bus Service to Regular Air-conditioned PUB Service on 03 August 2005. The issuance of the said Circular emanated from the study conducted by the DOTC-LTFRB Technical Working Group that a number of tourist and shuttle buses were deployed and operated to service regular PUB Air-conditioned Service routes.

On several instances, letters have been received by the Board from provincial bus operators whose bus units are not authorized to enter Metropolitan cities requesting this Board to conduct a route survey so as they be allowed to extend their route up to the Metropolitan cities.

Corollary thereto, a route survey was conducted by the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC). The route survey showed that a great number of bus units operated by the operators mentioned in the preceding paragraph are entering Metropolitan cities; thus, they are operating out-of-line, which is in violation of the terms and conditions of their issued Certificates of Public Convenience (CPC).

In the interest of providing service to the riding public and legitimizing the operations of the above provincial bus operators with proper Route Measured Capacity (RMC), and pursuant to Department Order No. 2005-010 setting forth the Policy Guidelines on the Exercise of Authority and Functions by this Board and empowering it to issue Memorandum Circulars governing the powers and functions provided for in Section 5 of EO 202, the Board hereby issues the Voluntary Amnesty Program for Extension of Route of Public Utility Bus Service, subject to the following terms and conditions hereinafter provided:

1. Only CPC holders with provincial bus operations are qualified to avail of the Voluntary Amnesty Program.
2. RMC allocation shall only be issued and approved by the Office of the Chairperson forwarded to the regional Directors. The Regional Directors shall, in turn, accept the application and allocate the corresponding RMC including all the requirements prescribed by the Board to the applicants.
3. The qualified operators are given until 15 November 2005 from effectivity of this Circular to file their application for the Voluntary Amnesty Program for Extension of Route of PUB Service.