[LTFRB MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2011-005, May 25, 2011]

ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NEW CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE TO FILL UP THE VACANT SLOTS IN THE ROUTE MEASURED CAPACITY (RMC) CAUSED BY THE NON-EXTENSION OF EXPIRED CPCS, CANCELLED CPCS AND/OR DROPPED UNITS (WITHOUT SUBSTITUTION)

WHEREAS, the continuing moratorium on the acceptance of applications for the issuances of Certificates of Public Convenience and the advent of Memorandum Circular

No. 2001-034, which prohibits the acceptance of applications for extension of validity of expired Certificates of Public Convenience have caused tremendous and disturbing decline in the number of authorized public utility vehicles plying our regular and established routes which further boost the proliferation of "colorum" operations to the detriment of the riding public;

WHEREAS, experience tells us that many of these previously authorized/franchised units still continue their operations, albeit illegally. Worst, some even evade registration and conversion to private (green plate), just to make it appear that their units are still authorized with their retention and non-surrender of old yellow plates;

WHEREAS, due to the cessation of operation of many previously authorized units as shown by the records of the Board and its Regional Offices, demand for an efficient and convenient public transport immensely escalated;

WHEREAS, without being insensitive to the plight of the operators who may have been economically displaced and taking into consideration the welfare and convenience of the riding public, the Board proposes to accept applications for the issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience to fill up the resulting void in the RMC;

WHEREAS, the Board sees no breach, impairment and violation of existing Route Measured Capacity (RMC) as this initiative endeavours only to address the vacuum;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested by law and in order to address the reduction and diminution in the number of authorized units plying established routes, the Board hereby orders the acceptance of new applications for the issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience (CPC) for slots vacated by the non-extension of expired CPCs, cancellation and dropping of units in the CPC, and taking into consideration that the Route Measured Capacity (RMC) on these routes have already been previously determined but subject to the following guidelines/procedure: