

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8699, July 09, 1998]

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8079, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE FIRST UNITED BROADCASTING CORPORATION (FUBC) A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS ANYWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 8079 is hereby amended to read as follows

"SECTION 1. *Nature and Scope of Franchise.* - Subject to the provisions of the Constitution and applicable laws, rules and regulations, there is hereby granted to the First United Broadcasting Corporation (FUBC), its successors or assigns and hereunder referred to as the grantee, its successors or assigns, a franchise to construct, install, operate and maintain for commercial purposes and in the public interest, radio, television and satellite broadcasting stations throughout the Philippines, including multi-channel microwave transmission, repeater stations, translators, satellite transmission, and direct to home user satellite broadcast system, cable or community antennae television system (CATV), multi-point distribution system (MUDS), local multi-point distribution system (LMDS), interactive system of station, transmitting, receiving and switching stations, both for local and international services, lines, fiber optics, microwave, satellite, transmit and receive systems, control signals, audio and video systems, information service bureau, pay and pay per view television, video on demand and public information on demand services, multi-disc read only memory, memory network delivery, packet and frame relay and electronic mail services and other value added. services and all other technologies as are presently available through technical, advances or innovations in the future, as is, or are convenient to or essential to efficiently carry out the purposes of this franchise and to install radio communication facilities for the grantee's private use in its broadcast services, means of distribution including the use of all new technologies in broadcasting as are at present available or to be made available through technological advances or innovations in the future, with the corresponding technological auxiliaries and facilities, special broadcast and other broadcast distribution services, and to install radio communication facilities for the grantee's private use in its broadcast services."