

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8153, September 23, 1995]

AN ACT GRANTING THE REX ELECTRONICS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC RADIOTELEPHONE AND RADIOTELEGRAPH STATIONS FOR THE RECEPTION AND TRANSMISSION OF RADIOTELEPHONE AND RADIOTELEGRAPH COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES

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

SECTION 1. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution and applicable laws, rules and regulations, there is hereby granted to the Rex Electronics Communications Systems, Inc., hereafter referred to as the "grantee", its successors and assigns, a franchise to construct, maintain and operate public radiotelephone and radiotelegraph stations for the reception and transmission of radiotelephone and radiotelegraph communications within the Philippines: *Provided*, that in no case shall the grantee engage in local exchange operation or provision of international gateway facility, international or national transmission service, domestic record services, radio paging, private mobile trunked radio, cellular telephony, cable television or broadcasting.

SEC. 2. A special right is reserved to the President of the Philippines in times of war, rebellion, public peril, calamity, emergency, disaster or disturbance of peace and order to take over and operate the said stations or to authorize the temporary use and operation thereof by any department of the government upon due compensation to the grantee for the use of said stations during the period when they shall be so operated.

SEC. 3. The President of the Philippines shall have the power and authority to permit the construction of said stations or any of them on any land of the public domain upon such terms and conditions as the President may prescribe.

SEC. 4. This franchise shall be for a period of twenty-five (25) years from the date of the effectivity of this Act, unless sooner revoked or cancelled. In the event the grantee fails to operate continuously for two (2) years, this franchise shall be deemed ipso facto revoked.

SEC. 5. The grantee, its heirs, successors and assigns shall so construct and operate its radio stations as not to interfere with the operation of other radio stations maintained and operated in the Philippines.

SEC. 6. No private property shall be taken for any purpose by the grantee of this franchise, its heirs, successors and assigns, without proper condemnation