

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8165, September 23, 1995]

**AN ACT GRANTING THE AZ COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INC.,
A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND
MAINTAIN PUBLIC RADIOTELEPHONE AND RADIOTELEGRAPH
COASTAL STATIONS AND PUBLIC FIXED AND PUBLIC BASED
AND LAND-MOBILE 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. *Nature and Scope of Franchise.* - Subject to the provisions of the Constitution and applicable laws, rules and regulations, there is hereby granted to the AZ Communications Network, Inc., hereunder referred to as the grantee, its successors or assigns, a franchise to construct, establish, install, operate and maintain, for commercial purposes and in the public interest, radiotelegraph and/or radiotelephone communication stations, with corresponding relay stations in the inter island, maritime, aeronautical and international public services, both national and/ or international, to provide radio communication services and equipment to private firms, companies and corporations within their respective internal frame, and/or to communicate from within the grantee's station or stations.

SEC. 2. *Manner of Operation of Stations or Facilities.* - The stations or facilities of the grantee shall be constructed and operated in a manner as will at most result only in the minimum interference on the wavelengths or frequencies of the existing stations or other stations which may be established in accordance with law, without in any way diminishing its own right to use its selected wavelengths or frequencies and the quality of transmission or reception thereon as should maximize rendition of the grantee's services and/or the availability thereof.

SEC. 3. *Prior Approval of the National Telecommunications Commission.* - The grantee shall secure from the National Telecommunications Commission the appropriate permits and licenses for its stations and shall not use any frequency in the radio spectrum without having been authorized by the Commission. The Commission, however, shall not unreasonably withhold or delay the grant of any such authority.

SEC. 4. *Responsibility to the Public.* - The grantee shall conform to the ethics of honest enterprise and shall not use its stations for obscene or indecent transmission or for dissemination of deliberately false information or willful misrepresentation, or assist in subversive or treasonable acts.

SEC. 5. *Rates for Services.* - The charges and rates for services, excluding the sale