

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7578, May 27, 1992]

AN ACT GRANTING THE IBAAN ELECTRIC AND ENGINEERING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN AN ELECTRIC LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IBAAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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 the provisions of laws, orders or issuances not inconsistent herewith, the Ibaan Electric and Engineering Corporation, hereunder referred to as the grantee, its successors or assigns, is hereby granted a franchise to construct, operate and maintain an electric light, heat and power system for the purpose of generating and/or distributing electric light, heat and power system for sale in the Municipality of Ibaan, Province of Batangas, for a period of twenty-five (25) years from the date of effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 2. The grantee shall have the right and privilege to install, lay and maintain on all streets, public thoroughfares, bridges and public places within the territory covered by this franchise, poles, wires, transformers, capacitors, overhead protective devices, pole line hardware and other equipment necessary for the safe distribution of electric current to the public. The grantee shall have the corresponding duty to restore to their original condition the public place or places so affected by such installation and/or construction.

SEC. 3. At such time that the National Power Corporation shall have established its line in the areas adjacent to or over the territory covered by this franchise, it shall make available its power and heat only after negotiations with and through or with the authority and consent of the grantee which shall be the exclusive distributor of whatever power the aforesaid corporation may make available to adjacent areas or within the territory covered by this franchise.

SEC. 4. The grantee shall undertake the electrification of all unenergized barangays in the Municipality of Ibaan, Province of Batangas, within the radius of five kilometers (5 km.) from its existing lines within five (5) years and the remaining unenergized barangays in the said municipality within fifteen (15) years from the effectivity of this Act.

Should there be applications for connections within an unenergized barangay from more than one hundred (100) households, the grantee is obligated to accelerate the electrification and to provide electric service within a year of application.

SEC. 5. The rates for the sale of electricity, heat and power by the grantee to its consumers shall be subject to the regulations of the Energy Regulatory Board.