

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6562, September 30, 1972]

**AN ACT GRANTING PEDRO BENEDITO A FRANCHISE TO
CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN AN ICE PLANT IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF BANGUED, PROVINCE OF ABRA.**

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

SECTION 1. Subject to the terms and conditions established in this Act and in Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred forty-six, as amended, and to the provisions of the Constitution, there is granted to Pedro Benedito, for a period of twenty-five years from the approval of this Act, the right, privilege and authority to construct, operate and maintain an ice plant in the Municipality of Bangued, Province of Abra, for the purpose of manufacturing ice for distribution and sale and to collect a schedule of prices and rates therefor which schedule shall at all times be subject to regulation by the Public Service Commission or its legal successor.

SEC. 2. The grantee shall manufacture and supply ice up to the limit of the capacity of his plant, said limit to be determined by the Public Service Commission, and sell the same at rates to be determined by the said Commission.

SEC. 3. All the apparatus and appurtenances to be used by the grantee shall be modern, safe and first class in every respect, and the grantee shall change or alter any of his apparatus and appurtenances at his expense whenever the Public Service Commission shall determine that public interest reasonably requires it.

SEC. 4. If the grantee shall not commence the operation of the ice plant within two years from the approval of this Act, unless prevented by an act of God or *force majeure*, martial law, riot, civil commotion, usurpation by a military power or any other cause beyond the grantee's control, this franchise shall become null and void.

SEC. 5. This franchise is granted with the understanding and upon the condition that it shall be subject to amendment, alteration, or repeal by the Congress, of the Philippines when the public interest so requires.

SEC. 6. The books, records and accounts of the grantee shall always be open to the inspection of the Auditor General or his authorized representatives, and it shall be the duty of the grantee to submit to the Auditor General quarterly reports in duplicate showing the gross receipts for the quarter past.

SEC. 7. In consideration of franchise and the rights hereby granted, the grantee shall pay a franchise tax equal to five *per centum* of the gross earnings under this franchise, three *per centum* of which shall accrue to the National Government and two *per centum* to the municipality where the franchise is being operated.