

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5959, June 21, 1969 ]**

**AN ACT GRANTING LOURDES P. SANDIEGO A FRANCHISE TO  
CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN ICE PLANTS AND COLD  
STORAGE IN THE CITY OF IRIGA AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
BALATAN, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AND TO SELL ICE AND  
SUPPLY COLD STORAGE THEREIN.**

*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 hereby granted to Lourdes P. Sandiego, for a period of twenty-five years from the approval of this Act, the right, privilege and authority to construct, operate and maintain ice plants and cold storage in the City of Iriga and in the Municipality of Balatan, Province of Camarines Sur, for the purpose of manufacturing ice for distribution and sale, and for supplying cold storage in the whole Province of Camarines Sur and to charge and collect a schedule of prices and rates therefor which schedule of prices 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 her plants as determined by the Public Service Commission.

SEC. 3. The apparatus and appurtenances to be used by the grantee shall be modern, safe and first class in every respect. Whenever the Public Service Commission shall determine that public interest reasonably requires it, the grantee shall change or alter any of the apparatus and appurtenances at grantee's expense, and should the demand for ice at anytime increase beyond the capacity of the plants of the grantee to supply the same, said capacity of the plants shall be increased by the grantee to meet such demand and in accordance with the decision of the Public Service Commission or its legal successor.

SEC. 4. If the grantee shall not commence the contraction of her ice plants and cold storage 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.