

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4480, June 19, 1965]

AN ACT GRANTING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN THE PHILIPPINES A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE NONCOMMERCIAL BASE AND LAND MOBILE STATIONS AND FIXED POINT-TO-POINT RADIOTELEPHONE STATIONS WHICH SHALL PROVIDE EFFICIENT AND SATISFACTORY BROADCAST OPERATIONS IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

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 as well as Act Numbered Three thousand eight hundred forty-six, entitled "An Act providing for the regulation of radio stations and radio communications in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes"; Act Numbered Three thousand nine hundred ninety-seven, known as the Radio Broadcasting Law; Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred forty-six, known as the Public Service Act, and their amendments, and other applicable laws not inconsistent with this Act, the National Council of Churches in the Philippines is hereby granted a franchise to construct, Maintain and operate for non-commercial, religious, educational and cultural purposes and in the public interest, radio broadcasting and television stations in the Philippines except Manila and suburbs with such corresponding base and land mobile stations and fixed point-to-point radiotelephone stations as shall provide efficient and satisfactory broadcast operations of these stations.

SEC. 2. This franchise shall continue for a period of twenty-five years from the date the said stations shall be put into operation, and is likewise granted upon the express condition that the same shall be void unless construction of at least one station be begun within one year from the date of approval of this Act and be completed within two years from said date.

SEC. 3. This franchise is made upon the express condition that the grantee shall provide adequate public service time to enable the Government, through its stations, to reach the population on important issues, shall assist in the function of public information and education, shall conform to the ethics of honest enterprise, and shall not use its station for the dissemination of deliberately false information or wilfull misrepresentation, or to the detriment of the public health and/or to incite, encourage or assist in subversive or treasonable acts.

SEC. 4. The grantee's radio broadcasting and television stations shall not be put into actual operation until the Secretary of Public Works and Communications shall have allotted to the grantee the frequencies and wave lengths to be used under this