

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4505, June 19, 1965 ]**

**AN ACT GRANTING RAJAH BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS AND STATIONS FOR TELEVISION IN THE PHILIPPINES, AS WELL AS RADIO STATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC COMMUNICATIONS OF ALL TYPES AND SERVICES.**

*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 Act Numbered Three thousand eight hundred forty-six, as amended, the Rajah Broadcasting Network, Incorporated, is hereby granted a franchise, which shall continue in force for a period of twenty-five years from the approval of this Act, to construct, maintain and operate, for commercial purposes and in the public interest, radio broadcasting stations and stations for television in the Philippines, as well as radio stations for international and domestic communications of all types and services: *Provided*, That this franchise shall be void unless the construction of at least one radio broadcasting station or one television station or one radio station for international and domestic communications be begun within two years from the date of approval of this Act, and be completed within four years from said date: *Provided, further*, That the grantee shall provide adequate public service time to enable the Government through the said radio broadcasting stations, stations for television and radio stations for international and domestic communications, to reach the population on important public issues; shall assist in the functions of public information and education; shall conform to the ethics of honest enterprise; and shall not use its stations for the broadcasting and/or telecasting of obscene or indecent language, speech, act or scene, or for the dissemination of deliberately false information or willful misrepresentation, or to the detriment of the public health, or to incite, encourage, or assist in subversive or treasonable acts.

SEC. 2. The grantee's radio broadcasting stations shall not be put in actual operation until the Secretary of Public Works and Communications shall have allotted to the grantee the frequency and wave lengths to be used under this franchise and issued to the grantee a license for such use.

SEC. 3. Acceptance of this franchise shall be given in writing by the grantee within six months after the approval of this Act. When so accepted, the grantee shall be empowered to exercise the privileges granted thereby.

SEC. 4. A special right is reserved to the President of the Philippines in time of war, rebellion, public peril, emergency, calamity, disaster or disturbance of peace and order, to cause the closing of said stations or to authorize the temporary use of said stations during the period when they shall be operated.