

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4545, June 19, 1965]

AN ACT GRANTING RURAL ELECTRIFICATION CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE ISLAND OF MINDANAO.

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 of 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 Rural Electrification Corporation is hereby granted a franchise to establish, maintain and operate radio broadcasting and television stations in the Island of Mindanao.

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

SEC. 3. This franchise is likewise 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; assist in the function of public information and education; conform to the ethics of honest enterprise; and not use its stations for the dissemination of deliberately false information or willful misrepresentation, or to the detriment of the public health and morals, or incite, encourage or assist in subversive or treasonable acts.

SEC. 4. The grantee's radio broadcasting and television stations shall not be put in 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 franchise and issued to the grantee license for such use.

SEC. 5. The radio broadcasting and television stations of the grantee shall be so constructed and operated and the wave lengths so selected as to avoid interference with existing radio and television stations and to permit the expansion of the grantee's service.

SEC. 6. A special right is reserved to the President of the Philippines in time of war, rebellion, public peril, calamity, disaster or disturbance of peace or order, to cause