

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4551, June 19, 1965]

AN ACT GRANTING MARCOS J. VILLAVERDE, JR. AND WINFRED E. VILLAVERDE A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE PUBLIC RADIOTELEPHONE AND RADIOTELEGRAPH COASTAL STATIONS, AND PUBLIC FIXED AND PUBLIC BASED AND LAND-MOBILE STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE RECEPTION AND TRANSMISSION OF RADIOTELEPHONE AND RADIOTELEGRAPH FOR DOMESTIC COMMUNICATIONS AND PROVINCIAL TELEPHONE SYSTEMS IN CERTAIN PROVINCES.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby granted to Marcos J. Villaverde, Jr. and Winfred E. Villaverde, residing at Tagcawayan, Quezon and Mauban, Quezon, Philippines respectively, their heirs, successors, and assigns, and hereunder referred to as the grantees, a franchise to construct, install, maintain and operate radio stations in the Philippines and at such places as the said grantees may select, and provincial telephone system in the Provinces of Quezon, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Catanduanes, Marinduque, Oriental and Occidental Mindoro, and the Bicol Region, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications or any licensing authority, commercial radiotelephone and/or radiotelegraph communication stations and provincial telephone system, with corresponding relay stations in the interisland, maritime, aeronautical and international public services, and stations in the broadcasting, radiophoto, radioteletype, paging system, advertisement, facsimile and such other types and kinds of emissions within the Philippines and/or international areas, to provide radio communication services and equipment to private firms and companies and corporations within their respective internal framework, and/or to communicate from within with grantees' station or stations.

SEC. 2. 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 take over and operate the said stations or to authorize the temporary use and operation thereof by any department of the Government upon due compensation to the grantees for the use of said stations during the period when they shall be operated.

SEC. 3. The President of the Philippines shall have the power and authority to permit the construction of said stations or any of them on any land of the public domain upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe.

SEC. 4. This franchise shall continue for a period of fifty years from the date the first of said stations shall be placed in operation, and is granted upon the express condition that same shall be void unless the construction of one or two stations be begun within two years from the date of approval of this Act.