

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4605, June 19, 1965 ]**

**AN ACT GRANTING AQCE INCORPORATED A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN AN ICE PLANT AND COLD STORAGE IN THE CITY OF SAN PABLO, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, AND TO SELL ICE AND SUPPLY COLD STORAGE WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TIAONG, CANDELARIA, AND SARIAYA, PROVINCE OF QUEZON.**

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

SECTION 1. Subject to the conditions imposed by this Act, there is hereby granted to, AQCE Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as the grantee, a franchise to construct, operate and maintain an ice plant and cold storage in the City of San Pablo, Province of Laguna, for the purpose of manufacturing and distributing ice and supplying cold storage within the City of San Pablo and the entire Province of Laguna, and municipalities of Tiaong, Candelaria, and Sariaya, Province of Quezon and to charge and collect a schedule of prices and rates for the ice and cold storage so furnished, which schedule of prices and rates shall at all times be subject to regulation by the Public Service Commission.

SEC. 2. The grantee is hereby authorized to manufacture and supply fifteen tons of ice a day.

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 any time increase beyond the capacity of the plant of the grantee to supply the same, said capacity of the plant 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. The franchise shall continue for a period of twenty-five years from the date said plant and cold storage is placed in operation and/or commences the manufacture and distribution of ice in the City of San Pablo, the entire Province of Laguna; and the municipalities of Tiaong, Candelaria, and Sariaya, Province of Quezon, subject to the express condition that the franchise shall be null and void unless the construction of said plant and cold storage be begun within five years from the date of the approval of this Act and completed within six years from said date, except when prevented by an act of God, or *force majeure*, martial law, riot, civil commotion, usurpation by military power or any cause beyond the grantee's control.

SEC. 5. The books, records and accounts of the ice plant and cold storage business