

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3219, June 17, 1961]

AN ACT GRANTING THE SUNRISE BROADCASTING NETWORK A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION STATIONS, FIXED POINT-TO-POINT RADIO STATIONS FOR THE RECEPTION AND TRANSMISSION OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, AND STATIONS FOR THE RECEPTION AND TRANSMISSION OF LONG DISTANCE MESSAGES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

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, the Sunrise Broadcasting Network is hereby granted a franchise to construct, maintain and operate, for commercial purposes and in the public interest, radio broadcasting and television stations fixed point-to-point radio stations for the reception and transmission of radio communications and stations for the reception and transmission of long distance messages in the Philippines: *Provided*, That this franchise shall be void unless the construction of at least one broadcasting station or one television station, or one fixed point-to-point radio station for the reception and transmission of radio communications or one station for the reception and transmission of long distance messages 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 and television stations, 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. Such provisions of Act Numbered Thirty-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' Thirty-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, as are applicable to radio broadcasting stations, shall be applied, as far as practicable, to the television stations referred to in Section one hereof.

SEC. 3. As a condition to the granting of this franchise the grantee shall execute a bond in favor of the Government of the Philippines, in the sum of fifty thousand pesos, in form and with sureties satisfactory to the Secretary of Public Works and Communications, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the grantee's