

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9320, August 08, 2004]

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8597, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE TRENTO TELEPHONE SYSTEM, INCORPORATED A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE LOCAL EXCHANGE NETWORK IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TRENTO, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR"

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 8597 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. *Nature and Scope of Franchise.* — Subject to the provisions of the Constitution and applicable laws, rules and regulations, there is hereby granted to the Trento Telephone System, Incorporated, hereunder referred to as the grantee, its successors or assigns, a franchise to construct, establish, install, maintain and operate for commercial purposes and in the public interest, local exchange network, including public calling stations or pay telephone stations or wireless local loop and for such purpose provide basic telephone service or other means related to the foregoing now known to science or which in the future may be developed in the municipalities of Trento, Bunawan, Sta. Josefa, Rosario, Veruela and Loreto, all in the Province of Agusan del Sur, for public domestic telecommunications."

SEC. 2. The title of Republic Act No. 8597 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"An Act Granting the Trento Telephone System, Incorporated a Franchise to Construct, Establish, Install, Maintain and Operate Local Exchange Network in the Municipalities of Trento, Bunawan, Sta. Josefa, Rosario, Veruela and Loreto, All in the Province of Agusan del Sur".

SEC. 3. *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication, upon the initiative of the grantee, in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,

(Sgd.) JOSE DE VENECIA JR.
Speaker of the House of Representatives

(Sgd.) FRANKLIN M. DRILON
President of the Senate

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on May 26, 2003 and June 10, 2004,