

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8104, July 09, 1995]

AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE RAJAH BROADCASTING NETWORK, INCORPORATED, TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS AND STATIONS FOR TELEVISION IN THE PHILIPPINES, UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FORTY-FIVE HUNDRED AND FIVE, TO ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT

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

SECTION 1. *Renewal of Franchise.* — The franchise of the Rajah Broadcasting Network, Incorporated, its successors or assigns, hereinafter referred to as the grantee, to construct, maintain and operate radio broadcasting stations and stations for television in the Philippines, granted under Republic Act Numbered Forty-five hundred and five, is hereby renewed to another twenty-five (25) years from the date of the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 2. *Manner of Operation of Stations or Facilities.* — The stations or facilities of the grantee shall be constructed and operated in a manner as will at most result only in the minimum interference on the wavelengths or frequencies of the existing stations or other stations which may be established in accordance with law of other telecommunications services grantees, without in any way diminishing its own right to use its selected wavelengths or frequencies and the quality of transmission or reception thereon as should maximize rendition of the grantee's services and/or the availability thereof.

SEC. 3. *Prior Approval of the National Telecommunications Commission.* — The grantee shall secure from the National Telecommunications Commission the appropriate permits and licenses for its stations and shall not use any frequency in the radio/television spectrum without having been authorized by the Commission. The Commission, however, shall not unreasonably withhold or delay the grant of any such authority.

SEC. 4. *Responsibility to the Public.* — The grantee shall provide reasonable public service time to enable the Government, through the said broadcasting stations, to reach the population on important public issues; provide at all times sound and balanced programming; promote public participation such as in community programming; assist in the functions of public information and education; conform to the ethics of honest enterprise; and not use its stations for the broadcasting of obscene and indecent language, speech, act or scene, or for the dissemination of deliberately false information or willful misrepresentation to the detriment of the public interest, or to incite, encourage, or assist in subversive or treasonable acts.