

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3263, June 17, 1961]

**AN ACT GRANTING ESTRELLA Y. TAN A FRANCHISE TO
CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN AN ICE PLANT IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF LAOANG, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, AND TO SELL
ICE THEREIN.**

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 Estrella Y. Tan, herein referred to as the grantee, a franchise to construct, operate and maintain an ice plant in the Municipality of Laoang, Province of Samar, for the purpose of manufacturing and distributing ice therein and to charge and collect a schedule of prices for the ice so sold which schedule of prices shall at all times be subject to regulation by the Public Service Commission.

Said grantee shall manufacture and supply ice up to the limit of the capacity of her plant.

SEC. 2. If the grantee does not commence the manufacture and distribution of ice in the Municipality of Laoang within one year from the approval of this Act, this franchise shall be null and void, unless she was prevented from doing so by an act of God, *force majeure* or any other cause beyond the grantee's control.

SEC. 3. This franchise is granted subject to the provisions of Commonwealth Act Numbered one hundred forty-six, as amended, only with respect to the fixing of rates, and with the understanding and upon, the condition that it shall be subject to amendment, alteration or repeal by the Congress of the Philippines when public interest so requires.

SEC. 4. The books, records and accounts of the grantee shall be open to the inspection of the municipal treasurer or his authorized representative, and it shall be the duty of the grantee to submit to the said treasurer quarterly report in duplicate showing the gross receipts for the preceding quarter, one of which shall be forwarded by the said treasurer to the Auditor General, who shall keep the same file.

SEC. 5. The grantee, with the approval of the Congress of the Philippines first had, may sell, lease, grant, convey, assign, give in usufruct, or transfer this franchise and all property and rights acquired thereunder to any qualified individual, association or corporation competent to operate the business hereby authorized.

SEC. 6. In the event of any competing individual, association or corporation