

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3113, June 17, 1961]

AN ACT GRANTING THE NORTHERN LINES, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE PRIVATE FIXED POINT-TO-POINT, PRIVATE COASTAL AND LAND-BASED RADIO STATIONS AND RADIO MOBILE UNITS FOR THE RECEPTION AND TRANSMISSION OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby granted and conceded to the Northern Lines, Inc., its successors or assigns, a franchise to construct, install, maintain and operate in the Philippines, at such places as the grantee may select, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications under whose jurisdiction the Radio Control Division is functioning, or any competent authority who is or shall be authorized now or in the future, such private fixed point-to-point, private coastal and private land-based radio stations and radio mobile units for the reception and transmission of wireless messages on radio telegraphy or radio telephony in the Philippines and with offshore vessels of the grantee wherever located in Philippine waters, each station to be provided with a radio transmitting apparatus and a radio receiving apparatus.

SEC. 2. The President of the Philippines shall have the power and authority to permit the location of said private fixed point-to-point and private coastal radio stations or any of them on the public domain upon such terms as he may prescribe.

SEC. 3. This grant and concession shall continue for a period of fifty years from the date said stations shall be placed in operation and is made upon the express condition that the same shall be void unless the construction of said stations shall be begun within two years from the date of approval of this Act and be completed within four years from said date.

SEC. 4. The grantee shall not engage in domestic business of telecommunications in the Philippines without further special assent of the Congress of the Philippines, it being understood that the purpose of this franchise is to secure to the grantee the right to construct, install, establish and operate private fixed point-to-point and private coastal and private land based radio stations and radio mobile units in places within the Philippines as the interest of the corporation and of its trade and business may justify.

SEC. 5. A special right is hereby reserved to the President of the Philippines in time of war, insurrection, public peril, calamity or disaster to cause the closing of the