

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3006, June 19, 1960 ]**

**AN ACT GRANTING THE PHILIPPINE WIRELESS, INC., A  
FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE STATIONS  
FOR INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC COMMUNICATIONS.**

*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 and the provisions of Act Numbered Three thousand eight hundred and forty-six, entitled "An Act providing for the regulation of radio stations and radio communications in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes;" Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred forty-six, known as the Public Service Act, and their amendments, and other applicable laws, there is hereby granted to the Philippine Wireless, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "grantee," a franchise to establish, maintain and operate in the Philippines, at such places as the said grantee may select, circuits and/or stations for international and domestic communications with the authority to receive and transmit messages, impressions, pictures, music, entertainment, advertising and signals throughout the Philippines and between the Philippines and foreign countries, including ships at sea, airplanes and other conveniences, by means of electricity, electromagnetic waves or any other kind of energy, force, variations or impulses whether conveyed by wires, radiated through space or transmitted through any other medium, to supply facilities for such purposes and to charge and receive compensation therefor by tolls and charges.

SEC. 2. Subject to the limitations and procedure prescribed by law, the grantee is authorized to exercise the right of eminent domain, insofar as may be reasonably necessary to further the establishment and efficient maintenance and operation of its circuits and/or stations and connecting them to one another. The grantee is authorized to construct and maintain its works of public utility and service over and across public property of the Philippines, including streets, highways, squares and reservations, and other similar property of the Government of the Philippines and its branches.

SEC. 3. This franchise shall continue for a period of fifty years from the date the said circuits and/or stations shall be put in operation, and is made upon the express condition that the same shall be void unless at least one international circuit and/or station or one domestic circuit and/or station be begun within one year from the date of the approval of this Act and be completed within two years from said date.

SEC. 4. (a) This franchise shall not take effect nor shall any powers thereunder be exercised by the grantee until the Secretary of Public Works and Communications shall have allotted to the grantee the frequencies and wave lengths to be used thereunder and determined the stations to and from which each such frequencies and wave lengths may be used, and issued to the grantee a license for such use,

unless the grantee shall use existing channels, circuits and/or stations of communication duly licensed by the Philippine Government.

(b) The Secretary of Public Works and Communications on reasonable notice to the grantee, may at any time change, or cancel, or modify, in whole or in part, any or all the allotments of frequencies or wave lengths to be used. He may take such action (1) whenever in his judgment such frequencies and wave lengths have been used, or there is danger that they will be used by the grantee to impair electrical communication, or stifle competition, or to obtain a monopoly in electrical communication, or to secure unreasonable rates for such communication, or otherwise to violate the laws or public policy of the Philippine Republic; (2) whenever in his judgment the public interests of the Philippines require that such frequencies or wave lengths should be used for other purposes than those of the grantee, either by the Government of the Philippines or by other individuals or corporations licensed by it; and (3) whenever in his judgment for any reason the public interests of the Philippines so require.

(c) The Secretary of Public Works and Communications is authorized to appoint, employ or make use of such boards, commissions, or agents as in his discretion he may select, to investigate and determine the facts upon which he may act as aforesaid, and such boards, commissions and agents shall have the right by the compulsory process of *subpoena*, to summon witnesses, administer oaths and take evidence.

SEC. 5. (a) The stations of the grantee shall be so constructed and operated that a minimum of interference will result and the wave lengths selected with a view to avoiding interference with existing stations and to permit the expansion of the grantee's services.

(b) The operation of the circuits and/or stations of the grantee shall be in strict accordance with the provisions of the Philippine communication laws and regulations and of those of international communications laws, regulations and agreements to which the Republic of the Philippines is a signatory.

SEC. 6. A special right is hereby reserved to the President of the Philippines in time of war, rebellion, public peril or other national emergency and when public safety requires, to cause the closing of the grantee's circuits and/ or stations or to authorize the use or possession thereof by any department of the Government without compensation to the grantee for the use of said stations during the continuance of the national emergency.

SEC. 7. The operation and activities of the circuits and/or stations of the grantee shall contribute to the public welfare; shall conform to the ethics of honest enterprise; shall assist in the functions of public information and education; and shall not be used 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. 8. The right is hereby reserved to the Government of the Philippines, through the Public Service Commission or such other office as may be hereunto duly authorized, to fix the minimum and maximum rates to be charged by the grantee.