

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1304, June 16, 1955 ]**

**AN ACT GRANTING THE MANILA ELECTRIC COMPANY A  
FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE PRIVATE  
FIXED POINT-TO-POINT AND LAND BASED RADIO STATIONS  
AND LAND MOBILE SERVICE 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 to the Manila Electric Company, its successors or assigns, a franchise to construct, maintain and operate in the Philippines, at such places as the Company may select, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications, private fixed point-to-point and land based radio stations and land mobile service for the reception and transmission of wireless messages on radiotelegraphy or radio telephony.

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 land based radio stations and land mobile service on lands of the public domain upon such terms as he may prescribe.

SEC. 3. 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, maintain and operate radio stations within the Philippines as the interest of the Company and of its business may justify.

SEC. 4. This franchise shall be for a period of twenty-five years from the date of its approval: *Provided*, That the holder of the franchise herein granted shall start the operation of said stations within one year from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 5. The grantee shall so construct and operate its radio stations as not to interfere with the operation of other radio stations maintained and operated in the Philippines.

SEC. 6. The grantee is authorized to operate its private radio stations on the frequency and/or frequencies assigned to it by the Secretary of Public Works and Communications.

SEC. 7. 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 grantee's radio stations or to authorize the temporary use or possession thereof by any department of the government, upon just compensation.