

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 808, June 21, 1952]

AN ACT GRANTING TO "THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA AND CHINA TELEGRAPH COMPANY LIMITED" AND ITS PERMITTED ASSIGNS, A FRANCHISE TO LAND, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE AT MANILA IN THE PHILIPPINES A SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH CABLE CONNECTING MANILA WITH HONGKONG AND PRESCRIBING THE CONDITIONS OF THE SAME.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby granted to "The Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Co. Ltd." its successors and assigns, hereinafter referred to as the "Grantee", a franchise to land, construct, maintain and operate at Manila, Philippines, at such places as the said Grantee may select, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications, a submarine cable connecting with Hongkong, together with a cable house and station for the transmission and reception of submarine telegraph cable messages for the following purposes:

The sending of telegraph messages by submarine cable from Manila to points exterior to the Philippines, and the receiving at Manila of telegraph messages from such exterior points by submarine cable.

SEC. 2. Subject to the limitations and procedure prescribed by law, the Grantee is authorized to acquire by way of lease only such property as may be actually necessary for the establishment and efficient maintenance and operation of its cable and station, and, with the prior approval of the President of the Republic of the Philippines, to construct and maintain its Works and service over and across streets and foreshore lands of the Philippines.

SEC. 3. A special right is reserved to the Government of the Philippines, in time of war, insurrection, or domestic trouble, to take over and operate the said cable and station upon the order and direction of the President of the Philippines, the Philippine Government paying to the Grantee the net proceeds of the operation of said cable and station during the period when they shall be so operated by the said Government.

SEC. 4. The rates to be charged by the Grantee for telegraph messages transmitting the aforesaid cable shall be reasonable and shall be established in conformity with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention (Atlantic City 1947) and of the Telegraph Regulations (Cairo 1938) and any subsequent revisions thereof.

SEC. 5. The business of the Grantee shall be conducted in conformity with the provisions of the aforesaid International Telecommunication Convention and