

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 127, September 19, 1955 ]**

**TRANSFERRING TO THE NATIONAL WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY ALL THE RECORDS, PROPERTIES, MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, APPROPRIATIONS, ASSETS, CHOSES IN ACTION, CONTRACTS, LIABILITIES, OBLIGATIONS, MORTGAGE BONDS, AND ALL INDEBTEDNESS OF THE FORMER METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT, THE WATERWORKS SECTION AND THE WELLS AND DRILLS SECTION OF THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE NATIONAL MARKET AND WATERWORKS BOARD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS (INSOFAR AS THEY PERTAIN TO ITS WATERWORKS FUNCTIONS), AND ALL OTHER WATERWORK PROJECTS UNDER THE ICA-PHILCUSA AND THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN THE PROVINCES, CITIES, MUNICIPALITIES, AND MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 133 consolidates and centralizes all waterworks, sewerage, and drainage systems in the Philippines under the control, direction, and general supervision of the National Waterworks and Sewerage Authority;

WHEREAS, section 1 of the above-mentioned Act provides that the National Waterworks and Sewerage Authority shall own and/or have jurisdiction, supervision, and control over all territory embraced by the former Metropolitan Water District as well as areas now served by existing government-owned waterworks, sewerage, and drainage systems within the boundaries of cities, municipalities, and municipal districts in the Philippines, including those served by the Waterworks and Wells and Drills Sections of the Bureau of Public Works;

WHEREAS, section 9 of the Act provides that the National Waterworks and Sewerage Authority shall own and control all the water and sewer distributing systems in the City of Manila and the nearby municipalities comprised by the defunct Metropolitan Water District, as well as the water and sewer distribution systems in all the other cities, municipalities and municipal districts in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 1 and 2(g) of the aforesaid Act, the jurisdiction of the National Waterworks and Sewerage Authority shall extend to the construction, maintenance, operation, and control of non-self-supporting and/or non-revenue producing water systems and sanitary works, whether undertaken at its expense or through subsidy of the National Government, including the control and administration of all storm drains, artesian wells and springs now in actual operation in the provinces, cities, municipalities and municipal districts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order: