

[ Act No. 2888, February 24, 1920 ]

**AN ACT GRANTING TO THE COMMERCIAL PACIFIC CABLE COMPANY A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE IN AND BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BACON AND SORSOGON OF THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON, AN UNDERGROUND CABLE SECTION FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF INTELLIGENCE BY MEANS OF ELECTRICITY.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Legislature assembled and by the authority of the same:*

SECTION 1. There is hereby granted and conceded to the Commercial Pacific Cable Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York in the United States of America, its successors or assigns, the right and privilege of constructing, maintaining and operating in and between the municipalities of Bacon and Sorsogon, Province of Sorsogon, an underground section for its cable which at present passes through the San Bernardino Straits.

SEC. 2. This grant and concession shall be for a period of fifty years and is made upon the express condition that the same shall be void unless the construction of said underground section is begun within one year from the date of the approval of this Act and is completed and in operation within two years from said date.

SEC. 3. The said company shall not engage in the domestic business of transmitting messages between the municipalities aforesaid.

SEC. 4. Under and by virtue hereof a right of way through the public lands of the Philippine Government between the said municipalities of Bacon and Sorsogon is hereby granted, and for the purpose of laying and maintaining said underground cable section, it shall be lawful for the grantee, its successors or assigns, under such regulations and orders as may be prescribed by Insular, provincial, city, or municipal authorities, to make excavations and lay conduits in any of the public places, lands, roads, highways, streets, lanes, alleys, avenues, bridges, or sidewalks in or between the said municipalities of Bacon and Sorsogon: *Provided, however,* That any public place, road, highway, street, lane, alley, avenue, bridge, or sidewalk disturbed, altered, or changed by reason of the laying underground of wires or other conductors shall wherever disturbed, altered, or changed, be repaired and replaced in a good, substantial, and workmanlike manner by said grantee, its successors or assigns, to the satisfaction of the Insular, provincial, city, or municipal authorities, as the case may be. Should the grantee, its successors or assigns, after reasonable written notice from said authorities, fail, refuse, or neglect to repair and replace in a good, substantial and workmanlike manner to the satisfaction of said Insular, provincial, city, or municipal authorities any part of a public place, road, highway, street, lane, alley, avenue, bridge, or sidewalk altered, changed, or disturbed by said grantee, its successors or assigns, then the Insular, provincial, city, or municipal authorities, as the case may be, shall have the right to have the same property repaired and placed in good order and condition at the cost and expense of the grantee, its successors or assigns.

SEC. 5. The grantee herein is hereby granted the right to expropriate such real