AN ACT GRANTING THE GALAXY LINES, INC. A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE PRIVATE FIXED POINT-TO-POINT, PRIVATE COASTAL, LAND-BASED AND LAND MOBILE RADIO STATIONS FO...

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5443, September 09, 1968

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

SECTION 1. The Galaxy Lines, Inc. is hereby grafted a franchise to establish, maintain and operate private fixed point-to-point, private coastal, land-based and land mobile radio stations in Manila as well as in all such places within the Philippines where it operates its business and/or the interest of its trade and business activities justify, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications, for the transmission and reception of wireless messages on radiotelegraph or radiotelephone to and from said stations, each station to be provided with a radio transmitting and a radio receiving apparatus.

SEC. 2. This franchise shall continue to be in force for a period of twenty-five years and is granted upon the express condition that the same shall be void unless the instruction or installation of at least one station be begun within two years from the date of approval of this Act to be completed within four years from said date. The President of the Philippines shall have the power authority to permit the location of said private fixed point-to-point, private coastal, land-based and land mobile radio stations on any land 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 seem to the grantee the right to establish, maintain and operate private fixed point-to-point, private coastal, land-based a nd land mobile radio stations at the places hereinabove stated for no other purpose than to promote, protect and subserve the trade and business interests of the grantee

SEC. 4. No fees shall be charged by the grantee as the radio stations that may be established by virtue of this Act shall engage in communications regarding the grantee's business only.

SEC. 5. The grantee shall so construct and operate its 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 radio stations on the frequency and/or frequencies that may be 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.

SEC. 8. This franchise shall be subject to amendment, alteration, or repeal by the Congress of the Philippine when the public interest so requires, and shall not interpreted as an exclusive grant of the privileges here provided.

SEC. 9. The grantee shall be subject to the corporation laws of the Philippines now existing or which may after be enacted.

SEC. 10. The grantee shall not lease, transfer, grant the usufruct of, sell or assign this franchise, or the rights or privileges acquired thereunder to any person, firm, company, corporation or other commercial or legal entity, nor merge with any other person, company, corporation organized for the same purpose without the prior approval of the Congress of the Philippines. Any corporation to which this franchise may be sold, transferred, or assigned, shall be subject to the corporation laws of the Philippines now existing or hereafter enacted, and any person, firm, company, corporation or other commercial or legal entity to which this franchise is sold, transferred, or assigned shall be subject to all conditions, terms, restrictions and limitations of this franchise as fully and completely and to the same extent as if the franchise had been originally granted to the said person, firm, company, corporation or other commercial or legal entity.

SEC. 11. Whenever in this Act the term "grantee" is used, it shall be held and understood to mean and represent the Galaxy Lines, inc., its representatives, successors or assigns.

SEC. 12. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted without Executive approval, September 9, 1968.

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