

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 546

CREATING THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND A MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

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A. Ministry of Public Works

B. Ministry of Transportation and Communications

Sec. 9. Organization of the Ministry.- The Ministry shall be composed of the Ministry proper made up of the immediate Office of the Ministry, an Administrative Service, a Financial and Management Service and a Planning Service; four (4) bureaus, namely, Bureau of Land Transportation, Bureau of Telecommunications, and Bureau of Posts; and a National Telecommunications Commission.

Sec. 14. National Telecommunications Commission.- The Board of Communications created under article II, Chapter I, Part X of the Integrated Reorganization Plan, as amended, and the Telecommunications Control Bureau created under Article IX, Chapter I, Part X of the same Plan, as amended, are integrated into a single entity to be known as the **National Telecommunications Commission** and hereinafter referred to as the Commission.

Sec. 15. Functions of the Commission.- The Commission shall exercise the following functions:

- a. Issue Certificate of Public Convenience for the operation of communication utilities and services, radio communications systems, wire or wireless telephone or telegraph systems, radio and television broadcasting system and other similar public utilities;
- b. Establish, prescribe and regulate areas of operation of particular operators of public service communications; and determine and prescribe charges or rates pertinent to the operation of such public utility facilities and services except in cases where charges or rates are established by international bodies or associations of which the Philippines is a participating member or by bodies recognized by the Philippine Government as the proper arbiter of such charges or rates;
- c. Grant permits for the use of frequencies for wireless telephone and telegraph systems and radio communication systems including amateur radio stations and radio and television broadcasting systems;
- d. Sub-allocate series of frequencies of bands allocated by the International Telecommunications Union to the specific services;
- e. Establish and prescribe rules, regulations standards, specifications in all cases related to the issued Certificate of Public Convenience and administer and enforce the same;

- f. Coordinate and cooperate with government agencies and other entities concerned with any aspect involving communications with a view to continuously improve the communications service in the country;
- g. Promulgate such rules and regulations, as public safety and interest may require, to encourage a larger and more effective use of communications, radio and television broadcasting facilities, and to maintain effective competition among private entities in these activities whenever the Commission finds it reasonable feasible;
- h. Supervise and inspect the operation of radio stations and telecommunications facilities;
- i. Undertake the examinations of the radio operators;
- j. Undertake, whenever necessary, the registration of radio transmitters and transceivers; and
- k. Perform such other functions as may be prescribe by law.

Sec. 16. Organization of the Commission- The Commission shall be composed of a Commissioner and two Deputy Commissioner, preferable one of whom shall be a lawyer and another an economist. The Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners shall be of unquestioned integrity proven competence, and recognized as experts in their fields, related, as much as possible, to communications.