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SENATE

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 631

Submitted by the Committee on Public Services on FEB - 4 2019.

Re: House Bill no. 8265

Recommending the approval of HBN 8265 with amendments.

Sponsor: Senator Grace Poe

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Public Services to which was referred House Bill No. 8265 introduced by Representatives Enverga, Alvarez (F.) and Maceda, entitled:

"AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BEACON COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8063, ENTITLED AN ACT GRANTING THE BEACON COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES"

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached H.B. No. 8265 be approved with the following amendments:

1. On page 5, line 21, delete the phrase "whether as a whole or in part, and whether";

2. On the same page, lines 24 to 26, after the word "Philippines" insert a period (.) and delete the colon (:), and phrase "Provided, That such transfer, sale or issuance is in accordance with any applicable constitutional limitation: Provided, finally, That" and in lieu thereof insert new sentences which shall read as follows: "**CONGRESS SHALL BE INFORMED OF ANY SALE, LEASE, TRANSFER, GRANT OF USUFRUCT, OR ASSIGNMENT OF FRANCHISE OR THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ACQUIRED THEREUNDER, OR OF THE MERGER OR TRANSFER OF THE CONTROLLING INTEREST OF THE GRANTEE, WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE SAID TRANSACTION. FAILURE TO REPORT TO CONGRESS SUCH CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP SHALL RENDER THE FRANCHISE IPSO FACTO REVOKED.**"; also on line 26 capitalize letter "a" in the word "any";

3. On page 6, line 28, before the word "Any", insert the phrase "**EXCEPT FOR TAXES AND CUSTOMS DUTIES,**".

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8265

BY REPRESENTATIVES ENVERGA, ALVAREZ (F) AND MACEDA,
PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 871

AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BEACON COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8063, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE BEACON COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES"

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

1 SECTION 1. *Nature and Scope of Franchise.* - Subject to the
2 provisions of the Constitution and applicable laws, rules and
3 regulations, the franchise granted under Republic Act No. 8063 to
4 Beacon Communications Systems, Inc., hereunder referred to as the
5 grantee, its successors or assignees, to construct, install, establish,
6 maintain, and operate in the public interest and for commercial
7 purposes, radio broadcasting stations, through microwave, satellite
8 or whatever means, as well as the use of any new technology in
9 radio systems, with the corresponding technological auxiliaries and

1 facilities, special broadcast and other program and distribution
2 services and relay stations in the Philippines, is hereby renewed for
3 another twenty-five (25) years from the effectivity of this Act.

4 SEC. 2. *Manner of Operation of Stations or Facilities.* - The
5 stations or facilities of the grantee shall be constructed and
6 operated in a manner as will, at most, result only in the minimum
7 interference on the wavelengths or frequencies of existing stations
8 or other stations which may be established by law, without in any
9 way diminishing its own privilege to use its assigned wavelengths
10 or frequencies and the quality of transmission or reception thereon
11 as should maximize rendition of the grantee's services and/or the
12 availability thereof.

13 SEC. 3. *Prior Approval of the National Telecommunications*
14 *Commission.* - The grantee shall secure from the National
15 Telecommunications Commission (NTC) the appropriate permits
16 and licenses for the construction and operation of its stations or
17 facilities and shall not use any frequency in the radio spectrum
18 without authorization from the NTC.

19 SEC. 4. *Responsibility to the Public.* - The grantee shall
20 provide, free of charge, adequate public service time which is
21 reasonable and sufficient to enable the government, through the
22 broadcasting stations or facilities of the grantee, to reach the
23 pertinent population/s or portions thereof on important public issues
24 and relay important public announcements and warnings
25 concerning public emergencies and calamities, as necessity,
26 urgency, or law may require; provide at all times sound and
27 balanced programming; promote public participation; assist in the
28 functions of public information and education; conform to the ethics
29 of honest enterprise; promote audience sensibility and