MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

NO. 06-02-81

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES TO PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM DATED 14 FEBRUARY 1981 FOR THE AUTHORIZATION AND OPERATION OF RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS/SYSTEM.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 546, series of 1979, and in compliance with the order and directive of the President in his Memorandum dated 14 February 1981, the following implementing guidelines are hereby issued for the authorization and operation of radio and television broadcasting stations/systems in the country:

- 1. No radio or television (TV) broadcasting stations/systems shall be operated and maintained without first securing a legislative franchise as required by the provisions of the Radio Control Law, Act No. 3846, as amended, and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), except non-commercial stations that are wholly devoted for training purposes.
- 2. Currently licensed and operated radio and TV broadcast stations which are heretofore not covered by legislative franchises may continue to operate as such up to June 30, 1983, provided that they apply for a Provisional Authority therefor by filling a formal petition with the NTC within sixty (60) days from the date of issuance of this Circular. After June 30, 1983, they will not be allowed to continue operating without a legislative franchise and a Certificate of Public Convenience.
- 3. The service rates being currently charged by said radio and TV broadcast stations/systems are deregulated.
- 4. No radio or television broadcasting stations/systems shall be allowed to import equipment necessary for its operation without first securing authorization.
- 5. All radio and television broadcasting stations/systems now operating in the country shall pay annually to the NTC supervision and regulation fees, in accordance with Commonwealth Act No. 146, as amended, and for this purpose they shall submit to the NTC their respective annual financial reports on or before March 01 of each year following the calendar year of their operations.
- 6. Any radio or television broadcasting stations/systems not complying with any of the requirements within the specified period provided in Item 2 hereof shall automatically cease operation and shall only be allowed to resume its operation by the NTC after satisfying the said requirements. Non observance hereof by any station shall be a cause for the suspension or cancellation of its license and/or the withdrawal of its assigned frequency, without prejudice to further appropriate action in accordance with the provisions of the Radio Control Law, Act No. 3846, as amended.

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This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately and its supersedes or amends any existing circular, order or instruction or part thereof which is inconsistent.

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