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BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

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Call Letters K F M R

Station Location Stockton, California

Name Robert D. Carson, Susan V. Carson and Clarence L. Elfman dba CARSON COMMUNICATIONS

Transmitter Location .58 mi. W. of Hwy. 99 on Hammer LN., Stockton, Ca. (MPH791004AG 11/26/79) X11 San Joaquin Street, Stockton, California (BPH-9386)

Main studio location 555 Benjamin Holt Drive, Stockton, Ca. (MPH791004AG 11/26/79) SAME AS TRANS. SITE (BPH-9386)

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPH-9386, BNPH791004AG HAAT: 285' (L)	11/26/79	100.1mhz ERP: 3kw (H&V) RC MP (BPH-9386) to chg. TL, SL and RC. TPO: 2.3kw	11/26/80
BMPH791004AG (1)	9/24/79	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED	& EBSA ISS.
CONTEL	1-7-80	On next license type: "Automatic transmission system authorized	
BLH-791221AJ HAAT: 285 ft(H&V) (L)	3-28-80	100.1mhz, ERP: 3.0kW., (H&V) TPO: 2.30kW., License to cover (BPH-9386, as mod.) for a new station.	12-1-80

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call K F M R
Letters NEW-FM

Name Robert D. Carson, Susan V. Carson and Clarence L. Elman, d/b as Carson Communications
Stockton, California (PO 1145 Willora Road, Stockton, California 95207)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-9386	2-21-75	CP for New FM on: 100.1mhz #261	Designated for Hearing OCT 1 1976 Min. 20926	7-19-79 (Not issued-Holding for mod. to be gr'd.)
R & F	2-28-75	ERP: 1.5KW(H&V) HAAT: 214.4' (4KVA) -		
#397541 \$100	3-3-75	Trans: Sparta 602A; Ant: Jampro-JEP-3, -1-- -sect.-(H)-3-sect-(V)-		
Code 013				
Press	MAR 25 1975	TL-SL: 11 San Joaquin St., Stockton, California		
P. N. Rec'd	1-5-76	37° 57' 11" - 121° 17' 11" (MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE WITH BPH-9330 & BPH-9415)		
AMENDED	4-1-75	Atty: David Meyers (Smith & Pepper)		
Press	JUL 11 1975	Engr: Frank A. Thatcher, (San Francisco, Calif.)		
AMENDED	7-28-75	Chg. ant. (Jampro JCP-3, 3 sects.(H&V); and chg. ERP: 3KW(H&V).		
Press	AUG 1 1975	Engr. Data: Make chg. ant. system (incr. hght.); and chg. HAAT: 238.9' (H&V).		
Letter dated	9-30-75	David Meyers, Esq. firm of Fowler & Meyers now represents station		
AMENDED	12-15-75	Sections II, III & IV-A		

Form BC-121
September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call K F M R
Letters Unassigned

Name Robert D. Carson, Susan V. Carson and Clarence L. Elfman d/b as Carson Communications
Stockton, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-9386 (Con't. From Card #1)	1-20-76	Section IV-A (Survey & Programming)		
AMENDED	6-7-76	Financial Data.		
AMENDED R&F	9-16-76	Table I, Sec. II, equipment supply ltr., Sec. IV-A programming		
AMENDED (ORDER)	3-22-77	FINANCIAL		
BMPH-791004 AG		MP (BPH-9386) to chg. TL to .58 mi. W of Hwy. 99 on Hammer Ln., Stockton, Ca.; chg. SL to 555 Benjamin Holt Dr., Stockton, Ca. & oper. by RC from 10 West Locust St., Lodi, California. ERP: 3kW, HAAT: 283.32' (38-01-21 121-16-03)	GRANTED	11/26/79
PRESS:	OCT 28 1979			

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: KPFR

Name: CARSON COMMUNICATIONS

Station Location: STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BLH-791221AJ PTA PRESS	1/7/80 MAR 19 1980	License to cover (BPH-9386, as mod.) for a new station. Atty: Robert J. Buenzle	GRANTED 3-28-80
BRH800801G2 PRESS	SEP 22 1980	Renewal of License Atty.: Robert J. Buenzle AMENDED 1-22-81 re: EEO	GRANTED 10-29-81 JAB:LL

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

