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REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE

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June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-17-55

Call letters K T H E

Station Location: Thermopolis, Wyoming

BIG HORN BASIN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (AL-7-16-58 EFF: 7-17-58)

Name of licensee X THERMOPOLIS BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter location 320 N. Railroad St., Thermopolis, Wyoming (CP 4-19-55) Lic. 8-17-55

82443

Main studio location 320 N. Railroad St., Thermopolis, Wyoming (CP 4-19-55) Lic. 8-17-55

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From- To- |
|--|----------------|---|---------------|--------------|---------------------|
| BP-9294 C.P. for Wyoming | 4-19-55 | 1240 | 250w | U | 6-19 12-19-55 |
| a new Standard Broadcast Station at Thermopolis, | | | | | |
| BL-5789 Lic. to station | 8-17-55 | 1240 | 250w | U | 8-17 10-1-56 |
| cover CP(9294) for a new standard broadcast | | | | | |
| TELEGRAM | 9-28-56 | Action on renewal deferred 9-26-56 and continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal application. | | | |
| BR-3152 | 12-5-56 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE | | | 12-5 10-1-59 |
| WIRE adopted by Commission 11-20-57 re operation of station by other than licensee | | | | | |
| WIRE received from station re KTHE closed DATED 11-26-57 | | | | | |
| BAL-2975 | 7-16-58 | Voluntary assignment of license to: | | | |
| EFF | 7-17-58 | Big Horn Basin Broadcasting Company, Inc. | | | |
| | 9-30-59 | Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration. | | | |
| BR-3152 | 7-7-60 | 1240kc | 250w | U | 7-7 10-1-62 |
| BP-12850 | 2-23-61 | 1240kc | 250w-1kw LS | U | 4-23 10-23-61 |
| CP to increase daytime power and install a new transmitter. (COND'L) | | | | | |
| BL-8533 (1) | 9-1-61 | Lic. to cover cp (BP-12850) which auth. increase daytime power and install new transmitter. | | | |
| LTR. | 1-25-62 | Authority to Sign-Off at 7:00PM except for special events to 4-20-62 | | | |
| Wire | 5-11-62 | Ext. auth. sign-off 7:00pm, except for special events through 10-1-62 | | | |
| Wire | 9-27-62 | Ext. auth. sign-off 7pm thru 12-31-62. | | | |
| BR-3152 | 9-6-62 | 1240kc | 250w. 1kw. LS | U | 10-1 10-1-65 |
| Wire | 2-7-63 | Ext. auth. sign-off 7pm thru 5-1-63. | | | |
| Wire | 5-14-63 | Ext. auth. sign-off 7pm thru 8-1-63. | | | |
| Wire | 8-16-63 | Ext. auth. sign-off 7pm thru 11-15-63. | | | |
| Wire | 12-18-63 | Ext. auth. sign-off 7pm thru 1-31-64 | | | |

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location _____

Name of licensee _____

Transmitter location _____

Main studio location _____

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From.. To. |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------|----------------------|
| BR-3152 | 9-30-65 | Renewal of License | | | 10-1 10-1-68 |
| Wire | 7-16-68 | Auth. for 7pm sign-off thru | | | 10-16-68. |
| BR-3152 | | Direct Meas. | | | |
| BZ-6986(L) | 12-16-68 | Renewal of License & NDEA | | | 10-1-71 |
| WIRE | Auth. granted 7:00 PM sign-off due to personnel problems through May 20, 1969. | | | | |
| Contel | 2-6-70 | Auth. sign off 7:00 pm thru | | | 5-6-70 |
| BML-2327(L) | 8-28-70 | Mod. of | Lic. to | change Specified Hours | |
| | | Monday | Sunday | 6:00am to 7:00pm. | |
| BR-3152(L) | 10-15-71 | RENEWAL & NDEA | | | 10-1-74 |
| BTC-6815 | 5-23-72 | Vol. TC | EFF: | 6-1-72 | |
| EBSA | 5-25-72 | | | | |
| BR-3152(L) | 9-26-74 | RENEWAL | | | 10-1-77 |
| BTC-8110 | 10/29/76 | Vol TO | EFF: | 12/1/76 | |
| BR-3152(S) | 1-6-78 | RENEWAL | | | 10-1-80 |
| BML800709AD | 8-27-80 | ML to | chg. SH | | |
| BR800530WC | | | | | |
| (S) | 9-22-80 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE | | | 10-1-83 |

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters **xNew**

Name THERMOPOLIS BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
PO 228 Klink Bldg., Thermopolis, Wyoming

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|----------|----------|---|------------------|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BP-9294 | 5-6-54 | Construction permit for a new standard broad- | Docket No. 11127 | |
| Rec'd | 5-12-54 | cast station to be operated on: | GRANTED | 4-19-55 |
| Filed | 5-12-54 | Frequency: 1240kc 1050kc 1240kc | Without Hearing | |
| | | Power: 250w | | |
| | | Hours of Operation: Unlimited Daytime Unlimited | | |
| | | Trans. Location: 320 N. Railroad St. | | |
| | | Thermopolis, Wyoming | | |
| | | Studio Location: 320 N. Railroad St. | | |
| | | Thermopolis, Wyoming | | |
| | | Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty. | | |
| | | Fred O. Grimwood & Co., Inc., Engrs. | | |
| AMENDED | 9-20-54 | AMENDED to change frequency to 1050kc , and | | |
| Rec'd | 9-24-54 | change hours of operation to Daytime . | | |
| Filed | 10-6-54 | | | |
| AMENDED | 10-24-54 | AMENDED to change frequency to 1240kc and | | |
| Rec'd | 10-27-54 | change hours of operation to Unlimited. | | |
| Filed | 10-27-54 | | | |

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Thermopolis, Wyoming

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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BL-5789 Rec'd Filed | 6-27-55 6-29-55 6-29-55 | License to cover construction permit (BP-9294) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. | GRANTED | 8-17-55 |
| BR-3152 Rec'd Filed | 6-27-56 7-3-56 7-3-56 | Renewal of license | GRANTED | 12-5-56 |
| BAL-2830 Rec'd Filed | 10-15-57 10-21-57 10-21-57 | Voluntary assignment of license to W. S. Black tr/as Independent Record. | DISMISSED | 2-26-58 Re: Request of applicant |
| BAL-2975 Rec'd Filed | 2-28-58 3-11-58 3-11-58 | Voluntary assignment of license to Big Horn Basin Broadcasting Company, Inc. Vincent A. Pepper, A ₊ ty. | GRANTED EFF: | 7-16-58 7-17-58 |
| PETITION TO REVOKE LICENSE OR DESIGNATE APPLICATION FOR HEARING filed 4-23-58 by McKenna for Mildred V. Ernst KRTR | | | KT | |
| OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO REVOKE LICENSE OR DESIGNATE APPL. FOR HRG. filed 5-8-58 by Pepper for KTHE | | | | |
| REPLY TO OPPOSITION filed 5-19-58 by McKenna for KRTR | | | | |

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AUG. 1955 #3

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name BIG HORN BASIN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BP-12,850 Rec'd Filed | 2-10-59 2-18-59 2-18-59 | Construction permit to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw and install a new transmitter (Gates BC-1T) Atty:- Smith & Pepper Engr.- Ralph J. Bitzer, St. Louis, Mo. | GRANTED Cond'l re accept interf. imposed by exist. Class IV stat. If auth. incr. powr to 1kw. Sub. ant. resist. meas. in accord. with Sec. 3.54 of Comm. Rules. | 2-23-61 |
| BR-3152 Rec'd & Filed | 7-7-59 9-4-59 | Renewal of license Smith & Pepper, Attys. | GRANTED | 7-7-60 |
| BL-8533 R. & F. | 5-9-61 5-11-61 | License to cover C. P. (BP-12,850) which auth. increase daytime power and the installation of a new transmitter. | GRANTED | 9-1-61 |
| BR-3152 Rec'd Filed | 7-3-62 7-6-62 7-6-62 | Renewal of license | GRANTED | 9-6-62 |

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name BIG HORN BASIN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
THERMOPOLIS, WYOMING

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BML- Rec'd | 12-10-62 12-26-62 | Modification of License to change hours of operation from Unlimited to Specified Hours: Mon. - Sat.: 6:00am-7:00pm Sun. 9:00am - 7:00pm Atty. Smith & Pepper Request for waiver of Sec. 1.354 filed 2-1-63 | Ret'd Contingent clause | 9-26-63 |
| BR-3152 R & F | 7/17/65 7/22/65 | Renewal of license | GRANTED | 9-30-65 |
| BR-3152 R & F #440396 \$75 PRESS: AUG 23 1968 (see over) | 6-24-68 7-1-68 7-1-68 | Renewal of License AMENDED 9-19-68 re: Section IV-A resubmitted re signature Ltr. 10-18-68 from Dept. of Labor re Wages AMENDED 11-21-69 re: commercial practices | GRANTED (Issued with BZ-6986) 12 | 12-16-68 |

BRP-3152 - all 3 copies of IV-A sent back, along with blank pages 6 to be signed, and the whole section resubmitted as an amendment.

AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1240kc

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THERMOPOLIS, Wyoming

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BZ-6986 Rec'd RESUB:R & F DM OCT 3 1 1968 | 9/19/68 9/5/68 9/24/68 10/4/68 | Direct Meas. Engr: Vir James, Denver, Colorado | RETURNED: Sect:-I- GRANTED (Issued with BR-3152) | -9/9/68-no 12-16-68 |
| BML-2327 Rec'd Filed #623243 \$30 #626618 \$20 ACC. 060 AUG 28 1970 3-26-71 Annual filing fee \$8.66 paid 10-5-70. Owes \$8.50. #634578. | 7-30-70 8-4-70 8-25-70 8-4-70 8-25-70 | Mod. of lic. to change hours of operation from Unlimited to Specified Hours: Mon. - Sun. 6:00am - 7:00pm. | GRANTED | 8-28-70 |

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1240kc

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Name **BIG HORN BASIN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.**
THERMOPOLIS, WYOMING

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|---|-----------------------------|---|---------|---|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BR-3152 R & F PN Press JUL 21 1971 | 6-24-71 7-2-71 7-2-71 | Renewal of License AMENDED 8-10-71 re: employment policy AMENDED 9-29-71 re: programming; commercial policy | GRANTED | 10-15-71 |
| ----- | | | | |
| BTC-6815 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 #044132 CODE 047 MAR 16 1972 Pub. notice filed 3-28-72 | 2-14-72 2-23-72 | Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Hugh R. Graham, Emma Rea Graham, and Kenneth L. Graham to James Allen Ostby Atty - Smith & Pepper | GRANTED | 5-23-72 Req. grant fee \$12200. Grant Fee Paid: 048, 6-8-72, W 080580 EFF: 6-1-72 |
| ----- | | | | |
| BR-3152 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JUL 2 1974 | 6-25-74 6-27-74 " | RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 8-28-74 re: programming | GRANTED | 9-26-74 |

F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

RE: BTC-6815 - Ltr from atty 5-19-72 correcting Sec.I
Par. 12 re B/C int

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Thermopolis, Wyoming

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BTC-8110 R & F FEE PD: \$200 #599198 CODE 047 AUG 22 1976 | 7-20-76 7-30-76 | Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from James A. Ostby to Bruce R. Long (SEE OVER) Atty for transferee - E.T. Smith | GRANTED EFF: FEE REQ: | 10/29/76 12/1/76 |
| PN filed BR-3152 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JUL 7 1977 | 9/14/76 5-25-77 6-1-77 " | RENEWAL OF LICENSE E.T. Smith, Atty. | GRANTED | 1-6-78 |
| BR800530WC PRESS | | RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Eugene T. Smith | GRANTED | 9-22-80 |

RE: BTC-8110 - Atty was ¹⁰⁻²²⁻⁷⁶ called 8-20-76 - Table II incomplete
re dates; Past Prog. rec.

AMENDED 10-22-76 - re Table II; financial & prog. data

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING
1240KHz.

Call Letters: K T H E

Name: BIG HORN BASIN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Station Location: THERMOPOLIS, WYOMING

| File No. | Date | Description | Action and Date |
|---------------------------|-------------|--|-----------------|
| BML 800709AD PRESS (0) | AUG 21 1980 | <i>ML</i> EP to change Specified Hours of Operation to: Monday through Saturday: 6:00am to 8:00pm & Sunday: 8:00am to 7:00pm. Atty. Eugene T. Smith | |

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. 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 – 3" by 5" filing cards – 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). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only one set is known to exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

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.

