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CARD #1

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD COMMERCIAL TV B/C

First C.O. 4-12-55 (started 4-24-55)

Date first licensed 9-9-64 (OFFICIAL #556)



Call letters KFDM-TV

(Station Loc: Beaumont, Texas)

STATION ID: Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX

BELO BROADCASTING CORPORATION (ML 6-6-73)

X BEAUMONT TELEVISION CORPORATION (BAPCT-313 2-14-62 EFF: 2-28-62)

Name of licensee X BEAUMONT BROADCASTING CORPORATION

U.S. Highway 90, Approx. 2.3 miles ENE of Vidor, Texas (BPCT-3107, 1-30-63)

Transmitter location X U.S. Highway 90, approx. 2 miles East of Vidor, Texas

2955 INTERSTATE 10 EAST (BLCT-454 9-9-64)

X 2955 Freeway West, Beaumont, Texas (EFF. 1-29-61 LTR. 1-31-61)

Main studio location 1420 Calder Street, Beaumont, Texas

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPCT-762	8-4-54	Ch. #6, 82-88 MCS.	V-100 kw A- 50 kw	U	10-4-54 4-4-55
Construction permit for new Commercial TV B.C. Station.					
ABOVE ACTION STAYED (ORDER 12-3-54) PENDING DISPOSITION BY THE COMMISSION OF PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION AND REHEARING.					
BPCT-762	1-27-55	Ch. #6 82-88 MCS	V-100 kw A- 50 kw	U	3-27-55 9-27-55
Memorandum Opinion & Order(1-27-55) Denying Petition for Rehearing & Reconsideration filed by the Enterprise Co., insofar as it requests reconsideration and setting aside Commission's Decision of 8-4-54 or a reopening of the proceedings for further hearing; Motion to Vacate Stay, filed by KFDM-TV, DISMISSED as Moot; Petition to Dismiss or Deny application of KFDM-TV, filed by Enterprise on 12-22-54, by Enterprise , Motion to Dismiss filed by KFDM-TV, same date and Motion to Strike, filed 1-14-55 by KFDM-TV, Dismissed as not relevant to proceeding.					
WIRE 4-12-55 STA granted operate Comm. Basis Accordance CP pending filing of license application. Authorization expires 9-27-55 and is subject to the condition that the grant of authorization is without prejudice to any action which the COMM. may be required to take, if any, as a result of a final decision in the case of Enterprise Company v. FCC, No. 12577, now pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Wire Comm. when regular operation begins.					
BPCT-3419	4-22-55	same	same	same	3-27-55
and CP BPCT-762	as appl to	extend completion dt.			3-27-56
WIRE 4-22-55 STA granted operate Comm. basis accord. CP BPCT 3419 pending filing of lic. appl. Auth. expires 3-27-56 is subject to the condition that the grant of this auth. is without prejudice to any action which the Comm. may be required to take, if any, as a result of a final decision in the case of Enterprise Co. v. FCC, No. 12577, now pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.					

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters KFDM-TV

Name of licensee BEAUMONT TELEVISION CORPORATION

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
WIRE	3-23-56	AUTHORITY GRANTED OPERATE KFDM-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORDANCE 3.629 RULES AND MPCT-3751. GRANT SUBJECT SAME CONDITION 9-23-55 wire			
BAPCT-3113	2-14-62	Voluntary assignment of CP to Beaumont Television Corporation. EFF: 2-28-62			
BPCT-3107	1-30-63	CH #6	V-100 kw	U	3-30-63
AH: 960'	MSL: 1049'	82-88	A- 50 kw	9-30-63	
Construction Permit to make changes in antenna system. AH					
WIRE	7-1-63	PENDING COMPLETION CONSTRUCTION & FILING LIC. APPL. AUTH. GR. OPERATE KFDM-TV TEMP. PER. END. 9-3-63			
ACCORD. STEPS 1 THRU 3 YOUR LETTER & CP BPCT-3107. ADVISE					
WIRE	9-6-63	PENDING RECEIPT WRITTEN REQUEST & FILING LIC. APPL. EXTENSION AUTH. GR. OPERATE KFDM-TV TEMP. PER. END. 9-30-63			
ACCORDANCE CP BPCT-3107					
WIRE	9-27-63	EXTENSION AUTHORITY GR. OPERATE KFDM-TV TEMP. PER. END. 11-1-63			
ACCORD. COMMISSION WIRE 9-6-63 AND BMPCT-5899					
BMPCT-5899	10-1-63	same	same	same	3-30-63
Mod. CP (BMPCT-5899) to extend completion date. 10-31-63					
WIRE	10-18-63	RE TENDERED LIC. APPL. AUTH. GR. OPERATE KFDM-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SECTION 3.629 RULES & CP BMPCT-5899.			
BLCT-454	9-9-64	CH. #6	V-100kw	U	9-9-64
AH: 960'	MSL: 1049'	82-88Mc	A-50kw	8-1-65	
License to cover CP (BPCT-762 as mod.) and PCT-3107 as mod.					
BRCT-556	7-2-65	SAME	SAME	SAME	8-1-65
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BMLCT-398	1-12-66	Same	Same	Same	1-12-66
A-20 kw 8-1-68					
Mod. of lic. to reduce Aural ERP					
BRCT-556	7-22-68	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L)			8-1-71
BTC-5853	5-7-69	VOL. T/C			
WIRE	11-23-70	PENDING FIL. LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER TEMP. PER. END. 12-23-70			
accord BPCT-4384.					
BPCT-4384	11-19-70	CP install precise frequency control drive unit			
1-19-71					
5-19-72					

Form BC 126
June 1954

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COMM. TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters KFDM-TV

Station location BEAUMONT, TEXAS

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To.
WIRE OPER. ON	12-18-70	RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR.			
BLCT-2049	1-22-71	(BPCT-4384) for chgs.			8-1-71
BLCT-2049	Superseded & mailed 3-4-71 to correct ant. supporting structure.				
EBSA	5-15-72				
BTC-7073	5-23-73	Vol. TC			
EMICT-762	6-6-73	ML to chg. name.			
Wire sent; not issued; to be issued with Renewal.					
BRCT-556 &	5-13-74	Ch-6	V-100kW	Unl.	5-13-74
BMICT-762		82-88	A-20kW		8-1-74
AH:960' MS:1049'		Renewal & chg. of name.			
BRCT-556	9-10-74	Renewal of license (S)			
BRCT-556	7-21-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-80
BRCTV-398 (1)	5-31-78	Mod. of lic. for remote control			
BRCT- 800401KN	7-31-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE(S)			8-1-83

Card #1

COMM TV B/C

FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call

KFDM-TV

Letters

---NEW---

Name BEAUMONT BROADCASTING CORPORATION

X (P. O. 1420 Calder Avenue, Beaumont, Texas)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
1-29-61	P. O. 2955 Freeway West, or P. O. Box 5566, Beaumont, Texas	Construction permit for new Comm. TV B/C Station.	SEE CARD	2 for action
BPCT-762	8-3-51	Frequency: Ch. No. 6, 82-88 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 100 KW; Aur. 50 KW Hours of Operation: Unlimited Time. S-L: 1420 Calder Avenue, Beaumont, Texas T-L: 2 miles south-southwest of Orangefield, Texas		
Recd & Filed	8-16-51	(Vis. & Aur. RCA TT-20BL) Filed by Harold G. Cowgill, Atty.	SUPPLEMENTAL DECISION OF APRIL 16, 1958. DOCKET # 10287. GRANT AFFIRMED. PURSUANT TO 1-29-59 Remand by US Court of appeals; COMM. REOPENED record & designated for further hearing, Beaumont Ch#6 Proceeding in Dockets 12086 & 12087 BY MEMO OPINION & ORDER ADOPTED 4-29-59 (Appl. NOT called for by docket section)	
SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL DECISION adopted 11-2-60 In Dockets 10286 and 10287: GRANT, HEREIN BEFORE MADE, OF CP FOR ANEW STATION ON CH#6, IS AFFIRMED;				

A. Earl Cullum, Jr., Dallas, Texas (Engr.)

Card # 2

FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM TV B/C

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call KFDL-TV
Letters ~~NEW~~Name **BEAUMONT BROADCASTING CORPORATION**
(P.O. 1420 Calder Avenue, Beaumont, Texas)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-762 Amended Recd & Filed	6-27-52 6-30-52	(PURSUANT TO SIXTH REPORT AND ORDER 4-11-52) FREQ: Ch # 6, 82-88 Mcs. ERP: Vis 100 kw, Aur 50 kw Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: 1420 Calder Avenue, Beaumont, Texas T-L: U.S. Highway # 90, approx. 2 miles East of Vidor, Texas (Vis & Aur RCA-TT-10AL) (500+) Filed by George S. Smith Atty.	GRANTED Order Docket #10287 ----- ABOVE ACTION STAYED (ORDER 12-3-54) PENDING DISPOSITION BY THE Comm. of petition for recon- sideration and rehearing	8-4-54
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	10-14-52 10-21-52 11-6-52	Amended re changes capitalization and stock ownership	SEE ACTION 1-27-55 on buff card: CP REISSUED 1-27-55	
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	10-28-52 10-30-52 11-6-52	Amended to change antenna height above average terrain from 500' to 537' and make other equipment changes	District 12-29-55/Ct. of Appeals remanded case to Comm. for further proceedings. ----- 7-20-56 Memo. Opinion & Order, returning to Processing & des. for Hearing. SEE: CAT I action 4-16-58*	

*See Action 11-2-60

*& action 4-29-59

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

BEAUMONT TELEVISION CORPORATION

Call
Letters KEDM-TVName ☒ BEAUMONT BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Beaumont, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-3419 Recd.&filed Ext.# 2	9-12-55 9-16-55	Modification of CP (BPCT-762, as mod.) which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 9-27-55 to _____. Filed by S M Chase, Atty.	GRANTED	9-22-55
BMPCT-3751 Recd & Filed Ext. #3	2-1-56 2-1-56	Modification of CP (BPCT-762, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 3-27-56 to 6-30-56. Filed by Seymour M. Chase, Atty.	GRANTED COMM. ACTION	3-14-56
BIGT-454 RECD & FILED	3-14-56 3-21-56	License to cover CP (BPCT-762 as mod.) which auth. a new Comm. TV B/c Station. Filed by Seymour M. Chase, Atty.	GRANTED	9-9-64
Amended R & F AMENDED R & F ✓	2-25-61 2-27-61 3-9-62 3-16-62	Amended to change studio location to 2955 Freeway West, Beaumont, Texas Amended to change name to Beaumont Television Corporation		
BAPCT-313 Recd.&Filed	10-27-61 10-27-61	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Beaumont Television Corporation Smith, Hennessey & McDonald-atty	GRANTED EFF: 2-28-62	2-14-62

FORM BC-121

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters KFDM-TVName BEAUMONT TELEVISION CORPORATION
Beaumont, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-3107 R & F	9-21-62 9-26-62	Construction permit to make changes in antenna system; redescribe transmitter location as U.S. Highway 90, approx. 2.3 miles East, Northeast of Vidor, Texas (minor change in geo. coordinates); and change antenna height above average terrain to 962 feet. Harold G. Cowgill-atty A. Earl Cullum Jr.- engr.	GRANTED	1-30-63
BPCT-5899 Recd. & Filed	9-12-63 9-17-63	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3107, which authorized changes in existing station) to extend completion date from 9-30-63 to 10-31-63. Howard J. Schellenberg, Jr. Atty.	GRANTED	10-1-63
BLCT-454 Cont'd from Card 3 AMENDED Rec. & filed	10-11-63 10-15-63	Amended to cover facilities authorized in BPCT-3107.	GRANTED	9-9-64

CARD #5

FORM BC-121

AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters KFDM-TVName BEAUMONT TELEVISION CORPORATIONCH. 6 BEAUMONT, TEXAS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-556	4-21-65	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-2-65
Rec'd & Filed	4-30-65	Robb, Porter, Kistler & Parkinson, Atty.		
BMLCT-393	12-15-65	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from	GRANTED	1-12-66
R & F	12-17-65	50 kw to 20 kw.		
		Robb, Porter, Kistler & Parkinson, Atty.		
BTC-5553	1-19-68	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee	RECEIVED	AUG 21 1968
Rec'd	1-19-68	corporation from Stockholders of Beaumont		
Filed	1-26-68	Broadcasting Corporation to The Enterprise	Pursuant to request of	transferor & transferee
(Form 314)	FEB 9 1968	Company.		
SEE OTHER SIDE		Marcus Cohn, Atty. (Paul Dobin)		
		AMENDED 4-19-68 re legal.		
BRCT-556	4-23-68	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	426022 \$150.	5-3-68
Rec'd & Filed	5-3-68	ROBB, PORTER, KISTLER & PARKINSON (Philip J.		
P.N		Hennessey III) Atty.	GRANTED	7-22-68
Press	MAY 15 1968			

NTC-5553

Memorandum of the Dept. of Justice in Opposition to the Application for Transfer
Filed 5-8-68

RESPONSE BY THE ENTERPRISE COMPANY TO MEMORANDUM OF THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE filed 6-7-68
by Marcus Cohn for The Enterprise Company.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV.

Call
Letters KFDM-TV

Name BEAUMONT TELEVISION CORPORATION
CH-6 Beaumont, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-5853 R & F Press PN Rec'd #485636 \$270. \$120.00 returned (Form 315)	1-27-69 1-27-69 FEB 13 1969 2-10-69 1-27-69 2-4-69	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Beaumont Broadcasting Corporation to A. H. Belo Corporation. William C. Koplovitz, Atty. TRANSFEREE Philip J. Hennessey, III Atty. TRANSFEROR AMENDED 2-14-69 re legal. TRANSFEREE'S PORTION.	GRANTED EFF: 6-16-69 Memo. Opinion & Order #30961 adopted.	5-7-69
Atty.'s ltr.	4-15-69	Re "information pertinent to extensive media diversification existing in the Dallas (Dallas-Fort Worth) market."		

ENGR. DATA FILED BPCT-4384 R & F #629200 \$50 AC: 062 PRESS:	7-8-70 8-28-70 9-8-70 9-8-70 SEP 1 1970	CP to install a Precision Frequency Control Drive Unit. Atty.: F. H. Walton, Jr. (Dempsey and Koplovitz) Amended 11-9-70 re financial data.	GRANTED	11-19-70

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call
Letters KFDM-TV

Name BEAUMONT TELEVISION CORPORATION
CH-6 BEAUMONT, TEXAS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-2049 R & F 649619 \$50 PRESS: AC: 069	12-8-70 12-11-70 12-11-70 JAN 7 1971	Lic. to cover (BPCT-4384) for chgs. Atty.: F. H. Walton, Jr. (Dempsey and Koplovitz)	GRANTED	1-22-71
BRCT-556 Rec. & filed PNRecd PRESS	4-29--71 5-3-71 5-3-71 MAY 11 1971	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Frederick H. Walton, Jr. (Dempsey & Koplovitz) Amended 6-3-71 re other broadcast interests. Amended 12-28-71 re Para. 12(A), Sec. IV-B Amended 3-1-72 re Sec. VI. Amended 4-26-72 re programming. Amended 1-12-73 re programming Amended 3-12-73 re other business interest Amended 5-21-73 re suites against A.H. Belo Amended 5-29-73 re ownership and court cases Re change name of applicant to Belo Broadcasting Corporation.	GRANTED COMMISSION ACTION (Issued with BMLCT-762)	5-13-74
AMENDMENT R & F PRESS:	6-8-73 6-11-73 JUN 18 1973			

PETITION TO DENY filed 7-1-71 by James Maxwell for Civic Telecasting Corp.

See WFAA-TV for further petitions

SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION FOR WAIVER filed 10-27-72 by James T. Maxwell for Civic Telecasting Corporation

Order adopted 5-23-73, released 5-24-73, FCC 73-543 97157 granting Civic Telecasting Corporation's application for review (filed 11-1-71).

SUPPLEMENT TO MOTION REQUESTING MODIFICATION OF ORDER OF MAY 23, 1973 filed 6-13-73 by Dempsey & Koplovitz on behalf of Belo Broadcasting Corporation.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 9-11-74, released 9-16-74 FCC 74-975 24034: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the petition for reconsideration filed herein by Civic Telecasting Corporation, IS DENIED.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 9-11-74, released 9-16-74 FCC 74-976 24035: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the petition for reconsideration filed herein by Wadeco, Inc., IS DENIED.

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters KFDM-TV

Name **BELO BROADCASTING CORPORATION**
XBEAUMONT TELEVISION CORPORATION
CH 6 BEAUMONT, TEXAS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-556 R & F PRESS:	6-19-73	Renewal of License cont'd/	GRANTED	5-13-74
	6-22-73	Amended to change name to Belo Broadcasting Corporation; balance sheet and chg. in officers.		
		Amended 8-8-73 re programming & community needs data.		
		Amended 9-13-73 re legal		
		Amended 1-29-74 re legal		
		Amended 2-19-74 re legal		
		Amended 4-5-74 re equal employment.		
		Amended 4-18-74 re equal employment.		

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING COMM. TV

BELO BROADCASTING CORPORATION
X BEAUMONT TELEVISION CORPORATION

Call
Letters **KFDM-TV**

Name
CH-6 **BEAUMONT, TEXAS**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-7073 R & F 150253 \$250 AC-055 PRESS: Form 316	1-30-73	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from A. H. Belo Corporation (parent corporation of licensee) to James M. Moroney, Jr., Joseph M. Dealey and Myron F. Shapiro, Voting Trustees. Atty: William J. Dempsey (Dempsey & Koplovitz) Amended 4-13-73 re legal	GRANTED EFF:	5-23-73
	2-1-73 2-1-73 FEB 16 1973			5-24-73
BMLCT-762 R & F PRESS:	5-24-73	Modification of license to change the corporate name to BELO BROADCASTING CORPORATION Atty: Frederick H. Walton, Jr.	GRANTED Wire sent; not issued; to be issued with Renewal	6-6-73
	5-29-73 JUN 7 1973			
BRCT-556 R&F PRESS PN RECD	3-23-77	RENEWAL OF LIENSE Atty.: Fred Walton Jr. (Dempsey & Koplovitz)	GRANTED	7-21-77
	4-1-77 APR 15 1977 4-1-77			

BTC-7073

Ltr. 3-5-73 from Welch & Morgan behalf WADECO, Inc., as informal objection.

Informal Objections filed 5-23-73 by Gordon D. Jackson. - 1 copy filed; to P. Monahan 5-23-73.

Motion Requesting Modification of Order of May 23, 1973 filed 6-5-73 by Dempsey & Koplovitz on behalf of Belo Broadcasting Corporation

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 6-20-73 by Norman E. Jorgensen on behalf of Gordon Dealey Jackson, Gilbert Stuart Jackson and Henry Allen Jackson.

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 6-25-73 by James T. Maxwell, President of Civic Telecasting Corporation

OPPOSITION TO REQUEST FOR STATY filed 5-31-73 by William Dempsey on behalf of A.H. Belo Corp.

OPPOSITIN TO JACKSON PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 7-6-73 by William Dempsey on behalf of A. H. BELO CORP.

ERRATUM TO OPPOSITION TO JACKSON PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION Filed 7-10-73 by William Dempsey on behalf of A.H. Belo Corp

OPPOSITION TO CIVIC PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 7-10-73 by William Bempsey on behalf of A.H. Belo Corp.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO CIVIC PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 7-19-73 by James Maxwell on behalf of Civic Telecasting Corp.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 7-12-73 by Norman E. Jorgensen on behalf of Gordon D., Gilbert S. and Henry A. Jackson.

402(b) appeal filed 10-11-74 by Civic Telecasting Corporation (Case No. 74-1952)

Name BELO BROADCASTING CORPORATION

CH-6 Beaumont, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-556 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	5-14-74 5-15-74 5-28-74 MAY 29 1974	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Frederick H. Walton, Jr. (Dempsey & Koplovitz) Annual Report Filed Amended 7-18-74 re equal employment.	GRANTED (Not issued) GRANT RESCINDED GRANTED	7-31-74 8-15-74 9-10-74
BRCTV-398 R&F PRESS	3-28-78 3-30-78 APR 14 1978	Request for auth. to oper. by remote control from 2955 Interstate 10 East, Beaumont, Texas. Atty.: Frederick H. Walton, Jr.	GRANTED	5-31-78
BRCT- 800401KN R & F PN REC'D	3-24-80 4-1-80 4-1-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: FREDERICK H. WALTON {DEMPSEY AND KOPLOVITZ}	GRANTED	7-31-80
Ltr. rec'd.	10-30-80	Request Waiver of Section 73.1201(b)(2) of the Rules to identify Station as Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX. Atty.: Frederick H. Walton, Jr. (Dempsey and Koplovitz) F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D.C.	GRANTED	11-21-80

LETTER 10-30-80 by Frederick H. Walton, Jr. for Belo Broadcasting Corporation (KFDM-TV) requesting, pursuant to Section 73.1201(b)(2), for written authorization to allow Station KFDM-TV to add Port Arthur to its official on-air station identification.

COMM TV
APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: KFDM-TV

Name: BELO BROADCASTING CORPORATION

CH-6

Station Location: BEAUMONT, TEXAS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BTCCT-810429KJ (Form 316) SEE WFAA(FM) & KZEW(FM)		Vol. TC of Lic. Corp from James M. Moroney, Jr. Joseph M. Dealey and Myron F. Shapiro, Voting Trustees to A. H. Belo Corporation	
BTCCT-810717KF (Form 315) (See WFAA-FM)		Vol. TC of licensee corp. from James M. Moroney, Jr., Joseph M. Dealey, and Myron F. Shapiro, Voting Trustees to A. H. Belo Corporation.	

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 radio 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.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. 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 television station history.

