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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 2-17-50

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LOCATION: BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

NEW SOUTH COMMUNICATIONS, INC., (AL 7-7-60; EFF: 8-1-60)

x RADIO ASSOCIATES, INC. (AL 7-11-50 EFF: 8-1-50)

Name of licensee x JAMES H. MC KEE, ODES E. ROBINSON and G. E. HOLMES, A Partnership d/b as RADIO ASSOCIATES.

Mc Clellan Road, 0.25mi. W. of Tucker Road near, Biloxi, MS (redescribe 5-16-80)

x 5.7 miles N.NE of Biloxi City Hall, Nr. Biloxi, Miss. (BP 3-18-76)

x 0.5 mi. S. of Hwy. 90, 2.5 mi. SE of Ocean Springs, Biloxi, Mississippi (Redescription)

Transmitter location x 2500' S. of U.S. Highway 90, 3.5 mi. airline from entrance to Memorial Bridge over Back Bay, the East edge of Biloxi, Miss. (CP 7-14-48)

39533 x Trade Winds Hotel, 863 E. Beach Blvd. Biloxi, Miss. (BEC 12-14-60 Lic. 4-17-50)

See card 2 for studio. x 2500' S. of U.S. Highway 90, 3.5 mi. airline from entrance to Memorial Bridge over Back Bay, the East edge of Biloxi, Miss. (Ltr. 8-22-55)

xBroadwater Beach Hotel, West Beach, Biloxi, Miss. (BML 10-20-50)

x 2500' S. of U.S. Hwy. 90, 3.5 mi. airline from entrance to Memorial Bridge over Back Bay, the East edge of Biloxi, Miss. (CP 3-30-50) (Lic. 4-17-50)

Quint Building, Corner W. Howard &amp; Lameuse, Biloxi, Miss. (MP 2-28-50)

Main studio location x To be determined, Biloxi, Mississippi (CP 7-14-48)



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BP-5801	6-20-47	570	1 kw	Daytime	
Ltr. 7-22-47. C.P. for new station granted subject to filing MP for T site and antenna.					
BP-5801	7-14-48	570	1kw	Daytime	9-14 3-14-49
MP-3069	Mod. CP (5801) for approval of antenna, T and studio site.				
MP-4446	2-16-49	570	1kw	Daytime	9-14 9-14-49
	Mod. CP (5801 as mod) for ext. of completion date.				
BMP-4736	8-19-49	Mod. CP (5801 as mod) for ext. of completion date.			9-14 3-14-50
MP-4987	2-10-50	Mod. CP (5801 as mod) for ext. of completion date.			9-14 5-15-50
<del>MP-4987</del>	<del>2-10-50</del>	<del>570</del>	<del>1kw</del>	<del>Daytime</del>	<del>9-14 5-15-50</del>
	<del>Mod. CP (5801 as mod) for ext. of completion date.</del>				
BMP-4993	2-28-50	570	1kw	Daytime	9-14 5-15-50
	Mod. CP (5801 as mod) to change type of T and specify studio location.				
MP-5051	3-30-50	570	1kw	Daytime	9-14 5-15-50
	Mod. of CP (5801 as mod) to change studio location. (CONCL. CLAUSE)				
L-1015	4-17-50	570	1kw	Daytime	5-17 5-1-52
	Lic. to cover CP (5801 as mod) for new station. (CONCL. CLAUSE)				
BAI-1029	7-21-50	Vol. AL from J. McKee, G.E. Robinson and G.E. Holmes A Part. d/b as Radio Associates to Radio Associates, Inc.			
LEF: 8-1-50					
BML-1454	10-20-50	570	1kw	Daytime	10-20 5-1-52
	Mod. lic. to change studio location				
BR-2442	4-23-52	570	1kw	Daytime	5-1 6-1-52
BR-2442	5-21-52	570	1kw	Daytime	6-1 6-1-52
Telegram	3-25-54	Granted request for waiver of 3.30(a) to permit location of studio outside city limits			
BR-2442	5-11-55	570kc	1kw	Day	6-1 6-1-58
BR-2442	5-14-58	570kc	1kw	Day	6-1 6-1-61
BR-2442					







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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Day	Period From To
BAL-3916 EFF:	7-7-60 8-1-60	Voluntary assignment of license to New South Communications, Inc.			
BRC-1743	12-14-60	570	1kw	Day	12-14-60 6-1-61
	Mod. of license to change Studio loc. and operate transmitter by Remote Control from Trade Winds Hotel, 863 East Beach Blvd., Biloxi, Miss.				
BR-2442	6-1-61	Renewal of license			6-1 6-1-64
BP-15019	8-31-61	570kc	1kw	Day	10-31 4-30-62
	CP to install a new type trans. (GATES RC-1J).				
BL-9259 (1)	7-20-62	Lic. to cover CP (BP-15,019) which auth. instl. of new trans.			
BL-4867 (2)	3-27-63	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.			
BZ-4994 (3)	7-23-63	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.			
BS-2442 (4)	9-30-63	Mod. of license to redescribe geographic coordinates. (Memo)			
BR-2442	5-26-64	570kc	1kw	Day	6-1 6-1-67
BTC-4626 EFF: 8-25-64	8-25-64	Voluntary acquisition of negative control of licensee corp. by each, Frank E. Holladay & Joseph W. Carson, thru sale of stock by H.E. Sanders & M.F. Kahlmus to the Licensee corporation.			
BS-6026 (1)	7-12-66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power.			
BR-2442	7-5-67	570kc	1kw	Day (RC)	7-5 6-1-70
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
Ltr.	4-24-69	Studio: Edgewater Gulf Hotel, West Beach, Hwy. 90, Biloxi, Miss.			
BZ-7337(1)	11-20-69	Direct Meas.			
BR-2442(1)	9-11-70	Renewal of License			6-1-73
BZ-7673(2)	11-17-70	Direct Meas.			
BS-2442(2)	4-20-71	ML redescribe ML			



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Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BTC-6580	6-16-71	Acq. of positive TC			EFF: 6-30-71
BR-2442(S)	6-12-72				
Ltr. received 6-4-73 stating that a CCA, AN-1000D transmitter is installed and operating.					
BR-2442	9-26-73	RENEWAL			6-1-76
BL-13,787(L)	3-26-75	Lic. to use former main trans. for auxiliary trans.			6-1-76
BP-19,610	3-18-76	570khz. 1kw 5kw DA-2 Unl. CP to add nighttime oper. chg. hours of oper. chg. ant. trans. loc., & type trans.			3-18-77
BR-2442(S)	10-21-76	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.)			6-1-79
BRC 3879(1)	2-3-77	ML to operate by RC			
BRC-3879(1)	2-3-77	MP(BP-19,610) to operate by RC			
BMP 14,514 (L)	5-16-80	570khz	1kw	DA-2 U	5-16-81
Mod. of CP (BP-19,610 to redescribe tl and mke chgs type transmitter etc.					
COMTEL	11-14-80	AU & TERMS COMTEL 8-18-80 EXT. THRU 1-30-81.			



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Name JAMES H. McKEE, ODES E. ROBINSON, and G.E. HOLMES,  
a partnership d/b as RADIO ASSOCIATES  
(PO c/o Odes E. Robinson, P.O. Box 451, Charleston, West Virginia)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-5801	2-1-47	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 570kc Power: 1kw Hours of operation: Daytime only Trans. location: To be determined-Biloxi, Mississippi Studio location: Same	GRANTED	6-20-47
Rec'd	2-6-47		subject filing MP for T	
Filed	2-6-47		site and antenna. Ltr. 7-22-47.	
			Issued with MP 3069	



Transmitter-Raytheon RA-1000

Odes E. Robinson, Engr.  
Charleston, West Virginia



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Name

JAMES H. McKEE, ODES E. ROBINSON AND C.E. MCINNE, a partnership d/b as RADIO ASSOCIATES

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-3069	8-9-47	Mod. of C.P. (BP-5801, which authorized a new	GRANTED	7-14-48
Rec'd	8-12-47	standard broadcast station) for approval of		
Filed	8-12-47	antenna, transmitter and studio locations at <del>Broadwater Beach Hotel, on U.S. Hwy. 90,</del> West of Biloxi, Mississippi.		
AMENDED	5-28-48	AMENDED to make changes in antenna and change		
Recd.	6-4-48	transmitter location from Broadwater Beach		
Filed	6-4-48	Hotel on U.S. Hwy. 90, West of Biloxi, Miss., to 3.5 miles airline from entrance to bridge over back bay of Biloxi at east edge of Biloxi and 2500 ft. south of U.S. 90 (east of Biloxi, Miss.) and change studio location from Broad- water Beach Hotel on U.S. Hwy. 90, west of Biloxi, Miss., to "to be determined" Biloxi, Miss.		



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RADIO ASSOCIATES

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-4446 Rec'd Filed	2-3-49 3-4-49 3-4-49	Mod. of C. P. (BP-5801, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from: 3-14-49 to: 9-14-49. (Maurice R. Barnes, Atty.)	GRANTED	2-16-49
BMP-4736 Rec'd Filed	8-8-49 8-10-49 8-10-49	Mod. of C.P. (BP-5801, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from: 9-14-49 to: 3-14-50.  (Maurice R. Barnes, Atty.)	GRANTED	8-19-49
BMP-4987 Rec'd Filed	2-1-50 2-2-50 2-2-50	Mod. of C.P. (BP-5801, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from: 3-14-50 to: 5-15-50.  (Maurice R. Barnes, Atty.)	GRANTED	2-10-50



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 d/b as RADIO ASSOCIATES

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-4993 Rec'd Filed	2-6-50 2-7-50 2-7-50	Mod. of C.P. (BP-5801, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter (COLLINS 20-K) and specify studio location as Quint Bldg., Corner W. Howard & Lameuse, Biloxi, Mississippi.  (Maurice R. Barnes, Atty.)	GRANTED	2-28-50
BMP-5051 Rec'd Filed	3-21-50 3-23-50 3-23-50	Mod. of C.P. (BP-5801, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change studio location from: Quint Building, Corner W. Howard & Lameuse, Biloxi, Mississippi to: 2500' S. of U. S. Highway 90, 3.5 mile airline from entrance to Memorial Bridge over Back Bay, the East edge of Biloxi, Mississippi.  (Maurice R. Barnes, Atty.)	GRANTED re waiver of Sect. 3.30a to identify as Biloxi, Miss.	3-30-50



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RADIO ASSOCIATES, INC. (AL 7-21-50)

Name **x James H. McKee, Odes E. Robinson and G. E. Holmes, A Partnership d/b as RADIO ASSOCIATES.**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-1018 Rec'd Filed	3-28-50 3-31-50 3-31-50	License to cover C.P. (BP-5801, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED re waiver of Sect. 3.10a to identify as Biloxi, Miss.	4-17-50
BAL-1029 Rec'd Filed	5-25-50 5-26-50 5-26-50	Voluntary assignment of license from James H. McKee, Odes E. Robinson and G. E. Holmes, A Partnership d/b as Radio Associates <u>to</u> Radio Associates, Inc.  Maurice Barnes, Atty.	GRANTED  EFF: 8-1-50	7-21-50
BML-1454 Rec'd Filed	10-5-50 10-9-50 10-9-50	Modification of license to change main studio location from 2500' S. of U.S. Hwy. 90, 3.5 mi. airline from entrance to Memorial Bridge over Back Bay, the East edge of Biloxi, Mississippi to Broadwater Beach Hotel, West Beach, Biloxi, Mississippi.	GRANTED	10-20-50



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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2442 Rec'd Filed	1-26-52 1-31-52 1-31-52	Renewal of license	GRANTED	4-23-52
BR-2442 Rec'd Filed	5-5-52 5-6-52 5-6-52	Renewal of license (Informal request)	GRANTED	5-21-52
BP-9555 Rec'd Filed	11-9-54 11-10-54 11-10-54	Construction permit to increase power from 1kw to 5kw and change type of transmitter (GATES BC-5B).  Maurice R. Barnes, Atty. Odes E. Robinson, Engr.	DISMISSED	12-15-60 Req. of applicant



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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2442 Rec'd Filed	2-25-55 3-1-55 3-1-55	Renewal of License	GRANTED	5-11-55
BR-2442 Rec'd Filed	2-21-58 2-24-58 2-24-58	Renewal of License	GRANTED	5-14-58
BAL-3916 Rec'd Filed	6-6-60 6-8-60 6-8-60	Voluntary assignment of license to New South Communications, Inc.	GRANTED EFF:	7-7-60 8-1-60
BRC-1743 Rec'd Filed	9-27-60 9-29-60 9-29-60	Modification of license to <del>operate</del> <sup>change</sup> Studio location and transmitter by Remote Control from Trade Winds Hotel, 863 East Beach Blvd., Biloxi, Mississippi.	GRANTED	12-14-60



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BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2442 Rec'd & Filed	2-24-61 2-27-61	Renewal of License	GRANTED	6-1-61
BP-15019 R&F	8-7-61 8-9-61	CP to install a new type trans. (Gates BC 1J)	GRANTED	8-31-61
BL-9259 R. & F.	3-22-62 3-26-62	Lic to cover CP(BP-15,019) which auth installation of a new transmitter.	GRANTED	7-20-62
BZ-4867 R. & F.	12-3-62 12-5-62	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	3-29-63
BZ-4994 R. & F.	6-15-63 6-17-63	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	7-23-63
BR-2442 Rec'd Filed	2-28-64 3-2-64 3-2-64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	5-28-64



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Name NEW SOUTH COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
Biloxi, Miss.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-4626 R & F	8-3-64 8-5-64	Voluntary acquisition of <del>negative</del> control of licensee corp. by each, Frank E. Holladay and Joseph W. Carson, thru sale of stock by H.E. Sanders and M. F. Kahlmus to the licensee corp.	GRANTED	8-25-64  EFF:8-25-64
BZ-6026 R & F	6/7/66 6/10/66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. Attys: Daly & Joyce	GRANTED	7-12-66
BR-2442 R & F	2-25-67 3-2-67	Renewal of license Atty- Daly & Joyce	GRANTED	7-5-67
BZ-7337 R & F DM	10-20-69 10-22-69 10-30-69  NOV 1	Direct Measurement. Studio loc. & RC-Edgewater Gulf Hotel, West Beach Hwy. 90, Biloxi, Miss.  Atty-Daly & Joyce	GRANTED	11-20-69



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W V M IName NEW SOUTH COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
Biloxi, Mississippi

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2442 R & F #581582 \$75. PN PRESS	2-16-70 3-2-70 3-2-70 3-2-70	Renewal of license Atty: Daly & <u>Joyce</u>	GRANTED	9-11-70
BZ-7673 R & F IM PRESS NOV 16 1970	10-12-70 10-13-70 10-19-70	Direct Measurement. Atty: Daly & <u>Joyce</u>	GRANTED	11-17-70
BTC-6580 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #505718 CODE 053 (Form 316) ALSO SEE: FM WBIL and WLSM (AM & FM) NOV 27 1971	5-19-71 5-20-71	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of lic corp by Frank E. Holladay thru transfer of stock from Joseph W. Carson  Atty - Daly, Joyce & Borsari	GRANTED EFF:	6-16-71 6-30-71



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name **NEW SOUTH COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**  
**Biloxi, Mississippi**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2442 R & F P.N. PRESS	2-20-73 3-2-73 3-2-73 <b>MAR 15 1973</b>	Renewal of License  Atty.: George R. Borsari, Jr. AMENDED 5-7-73 re: community survey AMENDED 5-15-73 re: employment program AMENDED 6-29-73 re: employment program	<b>GRANTED</b>	9-26-73
BP- 19,610 Rec'd Filed \$450-275292 AC-017 PN FILED PRESS: <b>OCT 10 1975</b>	1-25-74 2-1-74 2-1-74 3-13-74	Construction permit to change hours of operation to Unlimited with 1kw, 5kw, DA-2, and change transmitter to CCA, AM-5000DS. Delete remote control. Change transmitter site to 5.7 miles NNE of Biloxi City Hall, Near Biloxi, Miss. 30° 28' 29" 88° 51' 22" Request waiver of Section 73.37 of the rules. Atty. Leonard S. Joyce (e)(3) Eng. Louis DuTreil	<b>GRANTED</b>	3-18-76



BP-19,610

Amended 3-14-74 re: additional data respecting the gain area.

Amended 3-28-74 re: additional engineering data

Amended 3-28-74 re: Eng. statement in support of req. for dual community identification.

Amended 4-23-74 re: Eng. exh., Affidavit

Amended 6-12-74 re: additional infor.

Amended 8-2-75 re: Eng. statement

Amended 8-26-74 re: Eng. statement & Affidavit

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 11-10-75 by Ray Paul on behalf of Gulf Coast Broadcasting Co.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 11-24-75 by James A. Koerner on behalf of New South Communications, Inc.

OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 12-5-75 by James A. Koerner on behalf of New South Communications, Inc. (WVMI)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 12-12-75 by Ray R. Paul on behalf of Gulf Coast B/C Co. Inc.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 12-22-75 by Ray R. Paul on behalf of Gulf Coast B/C Co. Inc.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 1-9-76 by Ray Paul on behalf of Gulf Coast B/CCo.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 1-12-76 by Ray Paul on behalf of Gulf Coast B/CCo., Inc.

NOTICE TO STRIKE filed 1-14-76 by James A. Koerner on behalf of New South Comm., Inc. (WVMI)

RESPONSE OF NEW SOUTH COMMUNICATIONS, INC. filed 2-6-76 by James Koerner on behalf of WVMI

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE ADDITIONAL PLEADING FILED 2-6-76 by James Koerner on behalf of WVMI







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Name **NEW SOUTH COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**  
**BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2442 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	1-20-76 12-6-76 " APR 2 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. TRANS.)  Jason L. Shrinsky, Atty. (See WRBC for petitions) AMENDED 6-4-76 re: EEO  MEMORANDUM OPINION & ORDER, adopted 10-21-76, Informal objection filed by the Mississippi State Branch of the NAACP, DENIED. AMENDED 9-3-76 re: EEO	GRANTED	10-21-76
BL-14,271 K & F 100#649142 PTA PRESS	12-15-76 12-20-76 12-21-76 1-4-77 JAN 24 1977	Lic. to cover BP-19,610 for changes  Atty: Bruce A. Eisen (Stambler & Shrinsky)	ISSUED	date 1-28-77



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**NEW SOUTH COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

Name **BITOXI, MISS.**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BRC-3879 R & F	12-12-76 1-4-77	Mod. of lic. to operate transmitter by RC from 570 DeBuys Rd., Biloxi, Miss. (Main & Aux.)	GRANTED	2-3-77
BRC-3879 R & F	12-12-76 1-4-77	Mod. of BP-19,610 to operate trans. by RC from 570 DeBuys Rd., Biloxi, Miss.	GRANTED	2-3-77
BMP-14,514 R & F PRESS NOV 30 1977 Amend. R&F Amended Rec'd AMENDED	8-5-77 8-12-77 1-20-80 1-25-79 1-15-80	Mod. of BP-19,610 trans. loc. to McClellan Rd., 0.25 mi. W. of Tucker Rd., change type transmitter to: HARRIS MW-5, and increase daytime radiation pattern Aug. daytime DA re: Engineering engr(reduction in radiation)	GRANTED	5-16-80



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BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR 790126 UM PRESS	MAR 30 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. TRANS.) Jason L. Shrinsky, Atty		
R & F Amr ded PTA PRESS	8-12-77 5-28-81 6-8-81	Lic. to cover (BMP-14,541 as mod.) for chgs. Re: (302) BMP-14,514 & Program Test Authority		



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RECORD OF DENIALS OF INFO. REL. REQUESTS

Letter 8-13-51 - Authority to broadcast election returns of  
the State of Miss. during exp. period on 8-29-51



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 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. 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.

