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CARD #1

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD COMM. TV

PROGRAM TESTS AUTHORIZED 7-10-57. STARTED 7-12-57 NDEA
" " 6-11-58 STARTED 6-23-58

Date first licensed 8-7-57 (Official No. 355)

Call letters KPLO-TV

Station Location: Reliance, S.D.

Name of licensee MIDCONTINENT BROADCASTING CO.

Transmitter location Medicine Butte, 6 miles north of Reliance, near Reliance, S.D.

Medicine Butte, 6 miles north of Reliance, near Reliance, South Dakota (Lic. 8-21-58)
X TO BE DETERMINED, RELIANCE, SOUTH DAKOTA (BMPCT— 7-10-57)

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

KPLO-TV

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BPCT-2229	12-19-56	CH#6	V-53.7 kw	U	2-19-57
AH 1110'		82-88 mcs	A-31.6 kw		8-19-57
<u>CP for a new Comm. TV B/C Station.</u>					
BPCT-4374	7-10-57	same	same	same	2-19-57
<u>Mod. CP (BPCT-2229) to specify SL. Long form</u>					
WIRE	7-10-57	PROGRAM TESTS AUTHORIZED. ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES			
BLCT-673	8-7-57	CH #6	V-53.7 kw	U	8-7-57
AH 1110'		82-88	A-31.6 kw		4-1-59
<u>License to cover CP (BPCT-2229 as mod.)</u>					
BTC-2707	1-30-58	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Edmond R. Baben, Joseph L. Floyd and N.L. Bentson to Edmond R. Kuben, N.L. Bentson, Joseph L. Floyd, and Leon M. Goldfarb, Voting Trustees. EFF: 2-15-58			
WIRE	6-11-58	RE LIC. BLCT-840. AUTH. GR. OPERATE KPLO-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SEC. 3.629 RULES & CP BPCT-2489, SUBJECT COMPL. WITH SEC. 3.640 RULES. ADVISE COMMENCEMENT			
BPCT-2489	5-15-58	CH.#6	V-100 kw	U	7-15-58
AH:1110ft.		82-88mcs.	A- 60 kw		1-15-59
<u>CP change ERP' trans. & Ant. & terrain. (AMSL 2883ft.)</u>					
BLCT-840	8-21-58	CH # 6	V-100 kw	U	8-21-58
AH:1110'		82-88	A- 60 kw		4-1-59
<u>Lic. to cover CP (BPCT-2489)</u>					
COMMISSION	3-25-59	DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL APPLICATION			
BRCT-355	6-29-60	same	same	same	6-29-60
<u>RENEWAL OF LICENSE</u>					
BRCT-355	3-23-62	CH #6	V-100 kw	U	4-1-62
AH: 1110'		82-88	A- 60 kw	MSL:2883'	4-1-65
<u>RENEWAL OF LICENSE</u>					
BLCT-118	7-24-62	CH #6	V-100 kw	U	7-24-62
AH:1110' MSL:2883'		82-88	A-50 kw		4-1-65
<u>Mod. Of Lic. (BLCT-840) to reduce Aural ERP</u>					
BPCT-3369	7-9-64	CH #6	V.100kw	U	9-9-64
AH: 1110' MSL: 2883'		82-88	A.25kw		3-9-65
<u>CP to reduce Aural ERP</u>					

Form BC 126

June 1954

CARD #2

COMM. TV B/C

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

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Station location

Name of licensee MIDCONTINENT BROADCASTING CO.

Transmitter location SEE CARD #1

Main studio location SEE CARD #1

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
WIRE AUTH. GR. OPER. KPLO-TV ON PRG. TEST ACCORDANCE SECTION 73.629 RULES AND CP BPCT-3369	12-11-64	RELETATTY 1 AND	TENDERED	LIC. APPL.	
BLCT-1436	2-25-65	CH.6	V.100 kw	U	2-25-65
AH: 1110'		82-88	A. 25 kw	MSL:2883'	4-1-65
License to cover CP (BPCT-3369) which auth. chg. in station					
BRCT-355	7-15-65	Ch. C	V. 100kw	U	7-15-65
RENEWAL OF LICENSE		82-88 Mcs	A. 25 kw		4-1-68
BMLCT-533	2-28-66	Same	Same	Same	2-28-66
Mod. of lic. to reduce Aural			A-20 kw		4-1-68
ERP					
BRCT-355	3-29-68	(L) RENEWAL OF LIC & NDEA			4-1-71
BRCT-355	8-19-71	RENEWAL OF LIC (NDEA) (L)			4-1-74
EBSA	5-15-72				
RESCINDED 1-22-76 NOT ISSUED					
BRCT-355	12-27-76	Ch-6	V-100kW	Unl.	12-27-76
AH:1110' MSL:2883'		82-88	A-20kW		4-1-77
Renewal of License					
BRCT-355	3-15-77	Renewal of license (S)			4-1-80
BRCT - 791130KN	3-31-80	Renewal of license (S)			4-1-83
THIS WAS SUPERSEDE					

Card # 1
FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

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Name MIDCONTINENT BROADCASTING CO.
(P.O. Phillips Avenue, at 8th Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota)

Station Location: Reliance, South Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-2229	9-18-56	CP for a new comm TV b/c station	Retr. by letter-10-3-56	
Recd	9-27-56	Freq: Ch # 53.2 82.88 Mcs. 32.0 kw	By-laws (ext-1) dated	
Filed	11-1-56	ERP: Vis. 51.25 kw, Aur. 31.12 kw	subsequent to Sec. I &	
Resubmitted	10-30-56	Hours of operation: Unlimited	app. submitted prior to	
and amended		S-L: To be determined, Reliance, S. Dak.	effectiveness of Ch.	
Recd & filed	11-1-56	T-L: On Medicine Butte, 6 miles North of Reliance, South Dakota (Vis & Aur. RCA-TT-10AL) (1279) (1112')	assignment: (11-1-56)	
		Filed by Francis F. McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED	12-19-56
BMPCT-4774	7-9-57	Modification of construction permit (BPCT-		
Rec. & filed	7-10-57	2229, which authorized new Commercial TV B/C station) to specify studio location same as transmitter location, namely: Medicine Butte, 6 miles North of Reliance, Near Reliance, South Dakota and requests waiver of Section 3.613 of Rules. John A. Rafter-atty	GRANTED	7-10-57

A. D. Ring, Engr.

CARD # 2
FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name **MIDCONTINENT BROADCASTING CO.**
Reliance, South Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-673 Recd & Filed	7-6-57 7-10-57	Lic. to cover CP (BPCT-2229, as mod.) which authorized a new Comm. TV broadcast station. Filed by John A. Rafter, Atty.	GRANTED	8-7-57
BTC-2707 Recd & filed	1-15-58 1-20-58	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Edmond R. Ruben, Joseph L. Floyd and N.L. Bentson to Edmond R. Ruben N.L. Bentson, Joseph L. Floyd, and Leon M. Goldfarb, Voting Trustees. Francis X. McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED EFF: 2-15-58	1-30-58
BPCT-2489 Recd & Filed	2-25-58 4-2-58	CP to make changes in existing station, to change ERP from Vis. 53.7 kw., Aur. 31.6 kw. to Vis. 100 kw., Aur. 60 kw.; change type of trans. to RCA TT-10AL (Driver), Standard Electronics AL-634 (Amplifier) and other equip. change & chg. ant. ht. abv. aver. terrain to 1112 ft. Francis X. McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED	5-15-58

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FORM BC 121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

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Name MIDCONTINENT BROADCASTING CO.
Reliance, South Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-840 Recd & filed	6-7-58 6-9-58	License to cover CP (BPCT-2489) which authorized changes in Comm TV b/c station Filed by John A. Rafter, Atty	GRANTED	8-21-58
BRCT-355 Recd & Filed	12-29-58 1-5-59	Renewal of License. Filed by John A. Rafter, Atty.	GRANTED	6-29-60
BRCT-355 R & F	12-18-61 1-2-62	Renewal of license Filed by Blair L. Stout, Atty.	GRANTED	3-23-62
BMLCT-118 Recd.&Filed	6-22-62 6-29-62	Modification of license to reduce Aural ERP from 60 kw TO 50 kw. Francis. X. McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED	7-24-62
BPCT-3369 Recd.&Filed	6-25-64 6-25-64	Construction Permit to reduce Aural ERP from 50 KW TO 25 KW. F.X.McDonough, Atty. (DOW, LOHNES & ALBERTSON)	GRANTED	7-9-64
BLCT-1436 Recd.&Filed	11-23-64 12-1-64	LICENSE TO COVER CP (BPCT-3369) which authorized change in existing station. F.X.McDonough, Atty. (DOW, LOHNES & ALBERTSON)	GRANTED	2-25-65

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FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name MIDCONTINENT BROADCASTING CO.
CH.6 RELIANCE, SOUTH DAKOTA zip 57102

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-355	12-15-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-15-65
Recd.&Filed	1-4-65	L.Adrian Roberts,Atty.(DOW, LOHNES, ALBERTSON)		
BMLCT-533	2-12-66	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from		
R & F	2-15-66	25 kw to 20 kw.		
		Dow,Lohnes & Albertson,Atty	GRANTED	2-28-66
BRCT-355	12-15-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-29-68
R & F	1-2-68	Dow, Lohnes & Albertson(Charles J. McKerns),Atty.		
JAN 16 1968				
Engr.data filed	7-2-70			
BRCT-355	12-23-70	Renewal of License	GRANTED	8-19-71
R & F	1-4-71	Atty.: C. J. McKerns (Dow, Lohnes)		
PRESS:	JAN 25 1971	Amended 3-30-71 re revised Exh.XVII & XVIII,		
PN REC'D:	1-4-71	Sec. VI & corrections to IV, IX and XI.		
SEE OTHER SIDE FOR PETITIONS		Amended 4-16-71 re Sec. IV-B & VI		
		Amended 7-16-71 re other business interest.		
		Amended 8-16-71 re legal.		

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AMENDED MOTION FOR AN EXT. OF TIME FOR THE FILING OF A PETITION TO DENY RENEWALS filed
3-1-71 by John C. Barrett for Television-Radio Improvement Association, Inc.

PETITION TO DENY filed 3-1-71 by Roger Zylstra for TV Signal Company of Aberdeen

PETITION TO DENY RENEWALS filed 4-1-71 (together with Stack of letters from private citizens)
by William J. Janklow for Individual Petitioners & Earle K. Moore for Television-Radio
Improvement Asso. Inc.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 4-7-71 by James L. Kelley for Midcontinent B/C. Co.

Ltr. 4-16--71 From William J. Janklow withdrawing Petition to Deny

SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION TO DENY filed 4-19-71 by Roger E. Zylstra for TV Signal Co. of Aberdeen

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters KPLO-TV

Name MIDCONTINENT BROADCASTING CO.
CH-6 RELIANCE, SOUTH DAKOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-355 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	12-29-73 1-2-74 1-2-74 JAN 27 1974	RENEWAL of LICENSE Atty: Charles McKerns (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) Amended 1-17-75 re ownership.	GRANTED COMM. ACTION	12-17-75
BRCT-355 R&F PN RECD PRESS	12-1-76 12-1-76 12-1-76 3 JAN 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Charles McKerns (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANT RESCINDED (Not issued) GRANTED	1-22-76 12-27-76
BRCT- 791130KX R & F PN REC'D	11-9-79 11-30-79 11-30-79 80 01 04	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: L. ADRIAN ROBERTS {DOW, LOHNES & ALBERTSON}	GRANTED	3-15-77 3-31-80

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PETITION TO DENY RENEWLS filed 3-1-74 by Roger E. Zylastra on behalf of Central Plains Cable TV, Inc.

PETITION FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO RESPOND TO PETITION TO DENY filed 3-8-74 by Charles McKerns on behalf of Midcontinent Broadcasting Company

MOTION TO STRIKE PETITION TO DENY filed 4-5-74 by Charles McKerns on behalf of Midcontinent Broadcasting Company

OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO STRIKE PETITION TO DENY filed 5-7-74 by Roger E. Zylstra on behalf of Central Plains Cable TV, Inc.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO STRIKE PETITION TO DENY filed 5-17-74 by Charles J. McKerns on behalf of Midcontinent.

Affidavit of H.L.Hollman filed 6-4-74 by Jon H. Marple on behalf of Midcontinent Broadcasting Company

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 12-17-75 released 12-30-75 FCC #75-1392, 33470

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the petition to deny, filed March 1, 1974, by Central Plains Cable TV, Incorporated, IS DENIED, except to the limited extent indicated in Para 9.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the license renewal applications of Midcontinent Broadcasting Company for Stations KELO-TV and KPLO-TV ARE HEREBY GRANTED, subject -- and without prejudice -- to such further action as may be warranted upon the Commission's final resolution of the issues in Midcontinent's challenged petition for waiver of Section 76.501 of our cable rules (File No. CRS-379 (x)).

OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO FOR RECONSIDERATION 3-26-81 by AL ADRIAN ROBERTS
FOR KPLO-TV

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION 3-19-81 by GROVER C. COOPER FOR KPLO -TV

REPLY 4-10-81 by GROVER C. COOPER FOR KPLO -TV

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.

