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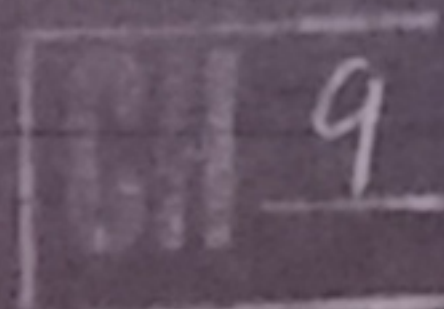
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B.S. CARD #1 BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD COMM. TV B/C

First C.O. 12-31-52 (Approx. 1-4-53)

Date first licensed 8-1-56
(Official No. 197)



Call letters KTSM-TV
(Station Loc: El Paso, Texas)

TRI-STATE BROADCASTING COMPANY (LTR. 2-11-64 rec. 2-12-64-Atty)
Name of licensee X TRI-STATE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

1 mile N. W. of El Paso at Ranger Peak on Franklin Mountain, Near El Paso, Texas (BMPCT-2564 10-28-58)
X 3rd Street and S. Santa Fe Street, El Paso, Texas (BMPCT-902 10-31-52)
Transmitter location X Mills Building, Mills and N. Oregon, El Paso, Texas

Main studio location 801 North Oregon Street, El Paso, Texas

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Mcs. Freq.	ER Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BPCT-999 C. P. issued	8-13-52	186-192 Ch. #9	Vis. 64 kw. Aur. 32 kw.	U (2000-3000)	By 10-13-52 To 4-13-53
BPCT-902	10-31-52	Same	V. 58 kw. A. 29 kw.	U	12-31-52 6-30-53
Modification of CP (BPCT-999) to change ERP, transmitter location and make antenna changes.					
BMPCT-929	12-24-52	186-192 Ch. 9	Vis. 59 kw. Aur. 29.5 kw.	U	By 2-24-53 To 8-24-53
Mod. of C. P. (BPCT-999 as mod.) to change ERP, type of antenna slight change trans. location. Terr: 100 ft.					
12-30-52 STA operate on a commercial basis in accordance with CP BMPCT-929 except for RCA TT-500B trans., Transmitter power output 500 watts visual, 250 watts aural. Period beginning December 31 and ending April 1, 1953.					
Wire	3-26-53	Ext. STA Operate commercial basis exact accordance commission's wire of December 30, 1952. Period (4-1-53 to 7-1-53)			
Wire	6-25-53	Ext. STA operate comm. basis exact accord. commission wire of Dec. 30, 1952. Per. 7-1-53 to 8-24-53.			
WIRE	8-20-53	Ext. STA operate commercial basis accord. CP BMPCT-929 as mod. by BMPCT-1305 except use of RCA Type TT-500B Trans, output power 500 W Vis, 250 W Aur. Period ending November 24, 1953.			
BMPCT-1305	8-19-53	same	same	same	2-24-53 11-24-53
Mod. CP (BMPCT-929) to extend completion date.					
WIRE	9-25-53	Mod. STA operate comm. basis exact accord CP BMPCT-1305. Period ending November 24, 1953.			
WIRE	11-23-53	Ext. STA oper comm basis exact accord CP BMPCT-1372. Period ending January 17, 1954.			
BMPCT-1372	12-24-52	same	same	same	2-24-53 1-17-54
mod. of CP (BPCT-999, as mod. extend compl. date.					
BMPCT-1372	11-23-53	same	same	same	2-24-53 1-17-54
mod. C. P. (BPCT-999, as mod. ext. compl. date.					
BPCT-1726	1-14-54	same	Same	Same	2-24-53 7-17-54
Mod. CP (BPCT-999, as mod. extend compl. date.					
1-15-54	Ext. STA, Oper. Comm. basis exact accordance CP BMPCT-1726, Period Ending 3-17-54				

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CARD # 2

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

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Name of licensee TRI-STATE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

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-
3-15-54	EXT STA Opr. Comm basis exact accordance CP BMPCT-1726 pending filing of license application Per. End 7-17-54				
Wire	7-1-54	EXT STA Opr. Comm basis exact accord. CP BMPCT-2213 period ending 1-17-55.			
BMPCT-2223	6-25-54	same	same	same	2-24-53
Mod. CP(BPCT-999, as mod) to extend completion date		and to convert obs. markings			1-17-55
BMPCT-2692	12-23-54	same	same	same	2-24-53
Mod. CP(BPCT-999, as mod) to extend completion date		(Long Form)			7-17-55
WIRE	12-31-54	EXT STA Opr. Comm. basis accord. CP BMPCT-2669 pending filing of Lic. Appl. Per. End. 7-7-55.			
WIRE	1-5-55	EXT. STA Opr. Comm. basis accord CP BMPCT-2692 pending filing of Lic. Appl. Per. End. 7-17-55.			
BMPCT-3150	6-22-55	same	same	same	2-24-53
Mod. CP(BPCT-999, as mod) to extend completion dt.					1-17-56
WIRE	7-15-55	EXT. STA Opr. Comm. basis accord. CP BMPCT-3150 pending filing of Lic. Appl. Auth. expires 1-17-56.			
BLCT-361	8-1-56	Ch. #9 Vis. 55kw U			8-1-56
		186-192mc Aur. 27.5kw			8-1-59
Lic. to cover CP(BPCT-999, as mod.) for a new Comm. TV B/C Station. (100')					
BPCT-2564	10-28-58	CH # 9 V-70.8 kw U			12-28-58
AH: 1910'		86-192 A-35.5 kw			6-28-59
CP to change ERP, T-L, Ant., Equip. & Ant. hght.					
BMPCT-5252	2-9-59	CH #9 V-85.1 kw U			12-28-58
AH: 1910'		186-192 A-42.7 kw MSL: 5970'			8-6-59
Mod. of CP (BPCT-2564) to chg. ERP, type of ant. AH.					
BMPCT-5346	7-14-59	same	same	same	12-28-58
Mod. of CP(BPCT-2564) to extend completion date					
BRCT-197	7-22-59	same	same	same	8-1-59/8-1-62
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
WIRE	12-18-59	IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SERVICE PENDING COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION & FILING OF LIC. APPLICATION, AUTHORITY GR. OPR. KTSN-TV TEMP. PER. END 2-11-60 ACCORD. CP BMPCT-5346 EXCEPT USING TT-500B TRANSMITTER WITH VISUAL ERP OF 4.3 KW, 2.17 KW AURAL.			
WIRE	1-29-60	Ext. of above to 3-1-60			

Form BC 126
June 1954

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COMM. TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

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Station location EL PASO, TEXAS

Name of licensee TRI-STATE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter location SEE CARD # 1

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BMPCT-5430	1-28-60	SAME	SAME	SAME	12-28-58
Mod. CP (BPCT-2564, as mod) to extend completion dt. 3-1-60					
WIRE	2-26-60	RE LIC. APPLI.	BLCT-1016,	AUTH. GR.	
OPR. KTSM-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SECTION 3.629 RULES & CP BMPCT-5430.					
BRCT-197	2-10-64	CH.9	V-55 kw	U	2-10-64
AH: 100'		186-192 mcs	A-27.5 kw		8-1-65
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BLCT-1016	9-3-64	CH. #9	V-87.1kw	U	9-3-64
AH:1910' MSL:5970'		186-192McA-43.6kw			8-1-65
License to cover CP (BPCT-2564, as mod.)					
BRCT-197	7-2-65	SAME	SAME	SAME	8-1-65
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BMLCT-530	2-25-66	Same	Same	Same	2-25-66
Mod. of lic. to reduce			A-17.4 kw		8-1-68
Aural EBB					
BRCT-197	7-22-68	(L)	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		8-1-71
BRCT-197	7-29-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-74
EBSA	5-15-72				
BPCT-4538	9-8-72	Ch. 9	V. 316 kw	U	11-8-72
AH: 1910' MSL: 5970'		186-192	A. 42.7		3-8-74
CP chg. EBB & Trans.					
Wire	5-1-73	Re tendered lic. appl., auth. grtd. oper			
PTA accord. 73.629 & BPCT-4538.					
BLCT-2215	6-8-73	CH 9	V. 316Kw	Unl	6-8-73
AHAT:1910' MSL 5970'			A. 42.7Kw		8-1-74
Lic. to cover CP (BPCT-4538)					
BRCT-197	6-16-76	Renewal of license (S)			8-1-77
BRCT-197	7-21-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-80
BRCT-	7-18-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE(S)			8-1-83
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FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters ~~NEW~~ KTSN-TVName **TRI-STATE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.**
(P.O. 801 N. Oregon Street, El Paso, Texas)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-999 Rec'd. Filed	6-5-52 6-13-52 6-13-52	CP for a new Commercial TV broadcast station FREQ: Ch. # 9 - 186-192 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 63.13 kw., Aur. 31.64 kw. Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: 801 N. Oregon St., El Paso, Texas T-L: Mills Bldg, Mills & N. Oregon Streets, El Paso, Texas (VIS & AUR - RCA, TT-10AH) (-8' or 155' see Engineering report) Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Atty.	GRANTED ERP: Vis. 64 kw. Aur. 32 kw.	8-13-52
BMPCT-902 Rec'd. Filed	9-27-52 9-29-52 9-29-52	Mod. of C. P. (BPCT-999 which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C station) to change ERP from Vis. 64 kw., Aur. 32 kw., to Vis. 58.7 kw., Aur. 29.35 kw., transmitter location from Mills Bldg., Mills and N. Oregon, El Paso, Texas to 3rd St., & S. Santa Fe St., El Paso, Texas and make antenna changes. (111') Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Atty.	GRANTED ERP: Vis. 58 Kw. Aur. 29 Kw.	10-31-52

George P. Adair, Engr.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM TV B/C

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters KPSM-TVName TRI-STATE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
P.O. 801 N. Oregon Street, El Paso, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-929 Recd Filed	11-12-52 11-14-52 11-14-52	Modification of construction permit (BPCT-999 as modified which authorized a new Commercial TV Broadcast station) to change the type of antenna, slight change in transmitter location (same description but slight change in co-ordinates) (97') Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Atty.	GRANTED	12-24-52
BMPCT-1305 Recd & filed	8-6-53 8-10-53	Modification of construction permit (BPCT-999 as modified which authorized a new commercial TV broadcast station) for extension of completion date from Aug. 24, 1953 to Nov. 24, 1953. Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Atty.	GRANTED	8-19-53
BMPCT-1572 Recd. Filed	11-17-53 11-20-53 11-20-53	Mod. of CP(BPCT-999, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 11-24-53 to 12-17-53. Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Atty.	GRANTED	11-23-53

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Name TRI-STATE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
El Paso, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-1726 Recd. Filed	1-9-54 1-12-54 1-12-54	Mod. of CP(BPCT-999, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 1-17-54 to 3-17-54. Filed by Joseph F. Zias, atty.	GRANTED	1-14-54
BMPCT-2223 Recd. Filed	6-22-54 6-22-54 6-22-54	Mod. of CP(BPCT-999, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 7-17-54 to 1-17-55. Verne R. Young, Atty.	GRANTED	6-25-54
BMPCT-2692 Recd.&Filed	12-14-54 12-16-54	Mod. of CP(BPCT-999, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 1-17-55 to 7-17-55. Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Atty.	GRANTED	12-23-54
BMPCT-3150 Recd&filed (Ext.#8)	5-23-55 5-27-55	Mod. of CP(BPCT-999, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 7-17-55 to 10-17-55. Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Atty.	GRANTED	6-22-55

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El Paso, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-361 Recd & filed	8-9-55 8-16-55	License to cover CP (BPCT-999 as modified) which authorized a new comm. TV b/c station Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Atty.	GRANTED	8-1-56
BPCT-2564 Recd & filed	8-22-58 10-2-58	Construction permit to change ERP from Vis. 55 kw Aur. 27.5 kw to Vis. 71.9 kw Aur. 35.95 kw, change studio location from 3rd Street and South Santa Fe Street, El Paso, Texas to 1 mile NW of El Paso at Ranger Peak on Franklin Mountain, near El Paso, Texas, change type of antenna and equipment and ant. hgt. above average ter- rain to 1,910 Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Atty.	GRANTED	10-28-58

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Form BC-121
Aug. 1955

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Comm TV B/C

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Letters **KTSM-TV**

Name **TRI-STATE BROADCASTING COMPANY, Inc.**
El Paso, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-5252 Recd & filed	12-19-58 12-30-58	Modification of construction permit (BPCT-2564, which auth. chgs. in existing comm TV b/c station) to change ERP from Vis. 70.8 kw, Aur. 35.5 kw to Vis. 85.9 kw Aur. 42.7 kw; change type of antenna (to RCA-TW-9A9) and other equipment and change antenna height above average terrain to 1915 ' Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Atty.	GRANTED	2-9-59
BRCT-197 Recd.&Filed	5-1-59 5-6-59	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Filed direct.	GRANTED	7-22-59
BMPCT-5346 Recd.&Filed	7-1-59 7-6-59	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2564, as mod., which authorized changes in existing Comm. TV B/C Station) TO extend completion date from 8-6-59 to 2-1-60 Philip G. Loucks, Atty.	GRANTED	7-14-59

FORM BC-121 Card #6
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters KTSM-TV

Name TRI-STATE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
El Paso, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-5430 R & F	1-15-60 1-18-60	Modification of construction permit (BPCT-2564 as mod., which auth. changes in existing station) to extend completion date from 2-1-60 to <u>3-1-60</u> Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Atty	GRANTED	1-28-60
BLCT-1016 Recd.&Filed	2-23-60 2-24-60	LICENSE to cover CP (BPCT-2564, as mod.) which authorized changes in existing station. Joseph F. Zias, Atty.	GRANTED	9-3-64
BRCT-197 Recd.&Filed	4-27-62 5-2-62	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Philip G. Loucks, Atty.	GRANTED	2-10-64
BRCT-197 Recd&Filed	4-29-65 5-3-65	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Wilner & Bergson, Atty.	GRANTED	7-2-65
BMLCT-530 R & F	2-10-66 2-14-66	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 43.6 kw to 17.3 kw.	GRANTED	2-25-66
BRCT-197 Rec'd & Filed P.N. Press	4-30-68 5-1-68 MAY 8 1968	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	#425612 GRANTED	\$150. 5-1-68 7-22-68

ENGR. DATA FILED 5-28-70
F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name TRI-STATE BROADCASTING COMPANY

Ch. 9 El Paso, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-197 Rec. & filed PN Recd PRESS	4-30-71 5-3-71 5-3-71 MAY 24 1971	RENEWAL OF LICENSE John R. Wilner (Wilner, Scheiner)	GRANTED	7-29-71
BPCT-4538 R & F #084864 \$50 AC: 062 PRESS:	6-21-72 6-23-72 6-23-72 JUL 7 1972	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 316kw, Aur. 42.8kw; and type trans. to RCA TT-50FH. Atty.: John R. Wilner, (Wilner, Scheiner & Greeley)	GRANTED	9-8-72
BLCT-2215 R & F Press: #177516 \$50 AC: 069	4-20-73 4-23-73 MAY 31 1973	Lic. to cover (BPCT-4538) for changes. Wilner & Scheiner Atty: J.R. Wilner	GRANTED	6-8-73

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters KTSM-TVName TRI-STATE BROADCASTING COMPANY
CH-9 El Paso, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-197 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	4-30-74 5-3-74 5-3-74 JUN 8 1974	RENEWAL of LICENSE Annual Report Filed Amended 7-5-74 re equal employemnt. Amended 1-30-76 re mutual agreement.	GRANTED COMMISSION ACTION (See other side)	6-16-76
BRCT-197 R&F PN RECD PRESS	3-17-77 3-30-77 3-30-77 APR 15 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE No Contours filed: Amended 6-23-77 re Exh.#7&8 Amended 7-5-77 re EEO Amended 7-11-77 re EEO	GRANTED	7-21-77
BRCT- 800326KI R & F PN REC'D	3-15-80 3-26-80 3-26-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: JOHN R. WILNER {WILNER AND SCHEINER}	GRANTED	7-18-80

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NEW EL PASO COMMITTEE CONCERNING EL PASO TV LOCAL NEWS PROGRAMMING filed 7-9-74 (orig. to Shiben 7-10-74; copy to RR).

COMPLAINT; REQUEST FOR DECLARATORY RULING, PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS, AWARD OF COMPENSATORY DAMAGES AND BACK PAY, AND CEASE AND DESIST ORDER; AND PETITION TO DENY LICENSE RENEWAL filed 7-1-74 by Richard N. B. Wheatley.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSIVE PLEADING filed 7-11-74 by John R. Wilner on behalf of Tri-State Broadcasting Company (KTSM-TV).

MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT COMPLAINT AND PETITION TO DENY LICENSE RENEWAL filed 7-15-74 by N. B. Wheatley.

OPPOSITION OF TRI-STATE BROADCASTING CO., INC. dated 9-10-74 by John R. Wilner on behalf of Tri-State Broadcasting Co., Inc.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO SUPPLEMENT OPPOSITION filed 10-15-74 by John R. Wilner on behalf of Tri State Broadcasting Co., Inc.

REPLY OF PETITIONER RICHARD N.B. WHEATLEY, filed 11-6-74 by Richard N.B. Wheatley

OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO STRIKE AND MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT REPLY filed 12-4-74 by Richard N.B. Wheatley.

COMMENTS OF TRI-STATE BROADCASTING CO., INC. filed 12-27-74 by John R. Wilner on behalf of Tri State Broadcasting Co., Inc.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 6-16-76, released 6-30-76, FCC 76-565 40927: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That licensee's motion to strike the reply, filed November 14, 1974, IS DENIED; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the petition, filed July 2, 1974, by Richard N. B. Wheatley, IS DENIED; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the above-captioned application for renewal of license for Station KTSM-TV, El Paso, Texas, IS HEREBY GRANTED.

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.

