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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 9-20-60 (Off. # 501)

NDEA

Call letters KTHI-TV (2-1-64)

Station location FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA  
STATION ID: FARGO-GRAND FORKS, N.D.  
ltr. 4-29-64

Name of licensee SPOKANE TELEVISION, INC. (BALCT-360 EFF: 2-15-69)

Transmitter location 3 miles W. of Blanchard, N. D. (BPCT-3085 5-8-63)

Main studio location 1150 21st Ave. South, Fargo, N. D.

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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

NDEA

KTHI-TV (EFF: 2-1-64)

X KEND-TV (EFF: 5-15-63)

X KXGO-TV

Date first licensed 9-20-60 (OFFICIAL NO. 501)

Call letters

\*Station location FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

\*Waiver 7-1-62 of 4-29-64 to identify itself  
as "FARGO-GRAND FORKS" station

PEMBINA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (BADET-189 7-25-62 EFF: 8-15-62)

Name of licensee X NORTH DAKOTA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

3 miles West of Blanchard, Near Blanchard, North Dakota (BPCT-3085 5-8-63)

Transmitter loc. lon X 2 3/4 Miles S.E. of Sabin, Near Sabin, Minnesota

1350 - 21st Avenue South, Fargo, North Dakota (Lt. Dated 5-21-68)

X 112 North University Drive, Fargo, North Dakota (BPCT-3085 5-8-63)

Main studio location X 4000 West Main Street, Fargo, North Dakota

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPCT-2357	7-29-59	CH #11	V-28.8 kw	U	9-29-59
AH: 390'		198-204	A-14.4 kw	MSL:1336'	3-29-60
Construction Permit for a new Comm. TV B/C station.					
WIRE	10-9-59	RE LIC. APPL.	BLCT-980,	AUTHORITY GR.	
OPR. KXGO-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SECTION 3.629 RULES					
CP BPCT-2357. SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 3.640					
RULES. ADVISE. Began 10-11-59					
BLCT-980	9-20-60	CH #11	V-28.8 kw	U	9-20-60
		198-204	A-14.4 kw		4-1-62
LICENSE TO COVER BPCT-2357 WHICH AUTH. A NEW COMMERCIAL					
TV BROADCAST STATION					
ACTION ON RENEWAL DEFERRED 3-28-62					
BALCT-189	7-25-62	Voluntary assignment of license to			
EFF:	8-15-62	Pembina Broadcasting Company, Inc.			
BRCT-501	7-13-62	same	same	same	7-13-62
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					4-1-65
BTC-4247	3-22-63	VOLUNTARY ACQUISITION OF POSITIVE CON-			
TROL OF PRODUCERS, INC. (Parent corporation of licensee					
corporation) by the Polaris Corporation through purchase					
of stock from Ferris E. Traylor (12.8%) and Merchants'					
National Bank & Trust Company, Trustee (37.2%). EFF:					
BPCT-3085	5-8-63	CH. #11	V-316 kw	U	7-8-63
AH: 2000'		198-204	A-158 kw	MSL:3058'	1-8-64
Construction Permit to chg. ERP, TL, SL, type trans. antenna, AH					
BPCT-5881	8-13-63	Ch. 11	V-302 kw	U	7-8-63
AH:2000' MSL:3058'		198-204	A-152 kw		2-13-64
MOD. OF CP (BPCT-3085) to chg. ERP, type transmitter, type					
ant., & make chg. in ant. sys. & equipment.					
WIRE	2-7-64	RE TENDERED LIC. APPL. AUTH. GR. OPERATE			
KTHI-TV MAIN TRANS. & ANT. ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SECTION					
3.629 RULES & CP BPCT-5881. ADVISE. BEGAN 2-8-64					
CPCT. LMA. ADJUSTED 4-22-64. BROADCASTING CO. (KTHI-TV)					
OF KTHI-TV IDENTICAL TO KTHI-TV. SARGO-GRAND FORKS STATION					
BPCT-3484	1-27-65	CH. #11	FOR EMERG., MAINT.		3-27-65
		198-204	& TEST PWRP. ONLY		9-27-65
AUX. TRANS. CP to install an Aux. Trans. at the Main					
Transmitter and Antenna location					

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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters KTHL-TV.....

Station location FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA.....

Name of licensee PEMBINA 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
BLCT-1344	4-1-65	CH.11	V.304 kw	U	4-1-65
AH: 2000'		198-204	A.152 kw		4-1-68
LICENSE to cover CP (BPCT-3085, as mod). chgs. MSL: 3058'					
BRCT-501	3-4-65	SAME	SAME	SAME	4-1-65
ALL:		RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-68
BMPCT-6158	9-21-65	same	same	same	3-27-65
Mod. of CP (BPCT-3484) extend completion date					3-21-66
AUXILIARY TRANSMITTER					
BMLCT-322	9-7-66	same	V-304 kw	U	9-7-66
MAIN TRANS. & ANT.			A-45.7 kw		4-1-68
Mod. of License to reduce Aurn. ERP.					
BMPCT-6238	8-11-66	Same	Same	Same	8-27-65
Mod. of CP (BPCT-3484) to extend. compl. date					8-11-67
AUXILIARY TRANSMITTER - EXPIRED - NOT COVERED BY LICENSE					
BTC-5129	9-23-66	Voluntary transfer of control of			
Producers, Inc. from The Polaris Corporation to					
NATCO COMMUNICATIONS, INC. EFF: 9-30-66					
BRCT-501	3-29-68	(L) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-71
BRCT-501	3-29-68	(L) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-71
SUPERSEDED TO CORRECT STUDIO LOCATION IN ACCORD. WITH LTR.					
5-21-68.					
BALCT-369	1-22-69	Vol A/L			
WIRE	1-24-69	PEND. ANT. & TRANS. LINE REPAIRS AUTH.			
GR. KTHI-TV USE FACILITIES OF STATION KFME-TV, CH. 13,					
FARGO, N.D. TEMP. PERIOD END. 2-7-69 IN ACCORD. WITH					
SCHEDULE CONTAINED IN ABOVE-REFERENCED LTR. ADVISE WHEN					
NORMAL OPER. RESUMED.					
BALCT-360	1-22-69	Vol A/L			
WIRE	1-24-69	EXT. OF ABOVE AUTH. FOR PERIOD END.			
2-7-69.					
WIRE	1-28-69	PEND. ANT. REPAIRS AUTH. GR. OPER.			
KTHI-TV TEMP. PERIOD END. 2-28-69 WITH REDUCED POWER.					
ADVISE WHEN NORMAL OPER. RESUMED.					
BRCT-501	3-25-71	RENEWAL OF LIC. (L) NDEA			4-1-74
BTC-6560	5-11-71	Invol. T/C			
EBSA	5-15-72				

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Date first licensed .....

Call letters KTHI-TV

Station location FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

Name of licensee SPOKANE TELEVISION, INC.

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BRCTV-111	11-29-72	Remote control operation	(1)		
BRCT-501	3-28-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L)	4-1-77		
BPCT-4907	3-23-76	Ch. 11 198-204	FOR EMER, TEST, AND MAIN PURS. ONLY.		
Aux. Trans.		CP TO INSTALL AUX. TRANS LOC.	TRANS. AT MAIN		
BRCTV-296 (1)	3-23-76 (Issued as Mod. of BPCT-4907)	Remote control authority			
Wire aux. transmitter on prog. test accord. 73.629 and BPCT-4907	9-14-76	Re tend. lic. appl. auth. grted oper.			
BLCT-2514	12-20-76	Ch. 11 198-204	FOR EMER, TEST AND MAIN PURPOSES ONLY	4-1-77	
Lic(BPCT-4907) for chgs.		Aux. Trans.			
BRCT-501 (Main Trans. & Ant.)	5-16-77	Renewal of Licenses (S) (Auxiliary Trans.)	4-1-80		
BRCT - 791203KY	3-31, 1980	Renewal of license (S)	4-1-83		
BRCT- 791203KY	3-31-80	SUPERSEDE PREV. AUTH. TO INCLUDE AUXILIARY TRANSMITTER.			

FORM BC-121

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call  
Letters~~NW~~ - KXGO-TV

Name **NORTH DAKOTA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.**  
**(4000 West Main Street, Fargo, North Dakota)**

Station L: Fargo, North Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-2357 Recd & Filed	6-17-57	CP for a new Comm. TV broadcast station Freq.: Ch.#11, 198-204 mcs. ERP: Vis. 29.05 kw., Aur. 14.55 kw. Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: 4000 West Main Street, Fargo, North Dakota T-L: 2-3/4 miles S.E. of Sabin, near Sabin, North Dakota Station L: Fargo, North Dakota (Vis. & Aur. DuMont 8000) (392 ft.) Filed by D. F. Prince, Atty. Lloyd R. Amoo, Engr.	GRANTED DECISION	7-29-59
	6-21-57			in DOC. 12240
BLCT-980 R & F	10-6-59	License to cover CP (BPCT-2357) which authorized a new commercial TV broadcast station Filed by D. F. Prince, Atty.	GRANTED	9-20-60
	10-8-59			
BRCT-501 R & F	12-15-61	Renewal of license D. F. Prince, Atty.	GRANTED	7-13-62
	1-15-62			

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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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KEND-TV eff: 5-15-63

Call  
Letters <sup>X</sup> KXGO-TV

PEMBINA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Name <sup>X</sup> NORTH DAKOTA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Fargo, North Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BALCT-189 R & F	5-8-62 5-9-62	Voluntary assignment of license to Pembina Broadcasting Company, Inc. D.F. Prince, Atty. for Assignor Philip Bergson, Atty. for Assignee	GRANTED	7-25-62
AMENDED R & F	7-6-62 7-9-62	Amended to request Waiver of Section 1.365 (a) (3) of the Commission's Rules.	Granted Waiver of Sec. 1.365 of Rules	EFF: 8-15-62
BPCT-3085 Recd. & Filed	8-16-62 8-20-62	Construction Permit to change ERP from Vis. 28.8 kw, Aur. 14.4 kw to Vis. 316 kw, Aur. 158 kw; Transmitter location from 2 3/4 miles S.E. of Sabin, Minn. to 7.5 miles West of Hillsboro, North Dakota; studio location from 4000 West Main St., Fargo, North Dakota to 324 North University Drive, Fargo, N.D.; type of transmitters to RCA TT-25 DH; type of antenna to RCA TW-18-A; make changes in antenna system and change antenna height above average terrain to 2000 feet. (REQUEST WAIVER OF SEC. 3.610 OF COMM'S RULES)	GRANTED COMM. LTR. ADOPTED	5-8-63

CONT'D ON CARD #3

Philip Bergson - atty  
Jules Cohen - engr F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Call KEND-TV off: 5-15-63  
Letters KXGO-TV

Name PEMBINA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
AMENDED BPCT-3085	continued from card #2			
Amended	8-29-62	Amended to change studio location to 112		
R & F	8-31-62	North University Drive, Fargo, North Dakota.		
AMENDED	1-21-63	Amended to change transmitter location to <del>4</del>		
R & F	1-24-63	miles <del>N. E.</del> of <del>Clifford</del> , North Dakota and make		
		changes in antenna structure. (REQUEST WAIVER		
		of SECTION 3.610 OF COMM'S RULES)		
		(Same atty and engineer)		
AMENDED	4-2-63	Amended to change transmitter location to 3		
R & F	4-4-63	miles west of center of Blanchard, North		
		Dakota; redescribe antenna as RCA TW-18A11-P;		
		and make changes in antenna structure and		
		equipment. (REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 3.610		
		OF COMMISSION'S RULES)		
		Philip Bergson-atty		
		Jules Cohen & Associates -enr.		

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

KTHI-TV eff: 2-1-64  
XKEND-TV eff: 5-15-63  
Call Letters XKXGO-TV

Name PEMBINA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Fargo, North Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
PETITION TO DELETE AND CANCEL CALL LETTERS KXGO-TV (used by Pembina Broadcasting Company, Inc. filed 3-29-63 by Prince and Paul attys for North Dakota Broadcasting Company, Inc. (AM KXGO and KXJB-TV))				
REPLY TO PETITION TO DELETE AND CANCEL CALL LETTERS filed 4-2-63 by Bergson for KXGO-TV				

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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

KT4I-TV eff: 2-1-64  
Call ~~X~~KEND-TV 5-15-63  
Letters ~~X~~KXGO-TV

Name PEMBINA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-4247 Recd.&Filed	3-15-63 3-18-63	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of Producers, Inc. (parent corporation of licensee corporation) by the Polaris Corporation through purchase of stock from Ferris E. Traylor (12.8%) and Merchants' National Bank & Trust Company, Trustee (37.2%). Philip Bergson, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	3-22-63
BMPCT-5881 Recd.&Filed	7-24-63 7-25-63	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3085, which authorized changes in existing station) to change ERP from Vis. 316 kw, Aur. 158 kw TO Vis. 304 kw (Horiz.), Aur. 152 kw (Horiz); change type of transmitters to G.E. TT-51-B; type of antenna to G.E. TY-53A; and; make changes in antenna system (to electrical beam tilt) and other equipment. Philip Bergson, Atty. Jules Cohen & Assoc. Engrs.	GRANTED	8-13-63

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KTHI-TV EFF:2-1-64

Call ☒ KEND-TV  
Letters .....

Name PEMBINA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
Fargo, North Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
LETTER(3) Recvd.	12-6-63 12-9-63	Application for <del>3.652(a)</del> REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 3.652(a) OF COMMISSION'S RULES to permit KEND-TV to identify itself as a Fargo-Grand Forks, North Dakota, station. Phil Bergson-atty filed ltr.*	GRANTED LETTER ADOPTED	4-29-64. COM. LETTER ADOPTED
BLCT-1344 Recd.&Filed	2-6-64 2-7-64	License to cover CP (BPCT-3085, as mod) which authorized changes in existing station. Philip Bergson, Atty.	GRANTED	4-1-65
MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA				
BPCT-3484 Recd.&Filed	12-15-64 12-18-64	Construction Permit to install an Auxiliary Transmitter (DuMont 8000) at the Main Trans- mitter and Antenna location. John G. Smith, Atty. (WILNER & BERGSON)	GRANTED	1-27-65
AUX. TRANSMITTER				

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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters KTHI-TVName PEMBINA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
CH. 11 FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-501	1-5-65	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-4-65
Recd & Filed	1-11-65	Philip Bergson, Atty.		
BMLCT-322	8-17-65	Modification of License to reduce Aural ERP	GRANTED	9-7-66
Recd. & Filed	8-19-65	from 152 kw to 45.6 kw Philip Bergson, Atty. (WILNER & BERGSON)		
BMPCT-6158	9-3-65	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3484, which authorized installa-	GRANTED	9-21-65
Recd. & Filed	9-10-65	tion of an Aux. Trans. at the Main Trans. & Ant. location) to extend completion date from 9-27-65 to 3-27-66. Wilner & Bergson, Atty.		
BMPCT-6238	2-8-66	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3484, as mod., which authorized	GRANTED	8-11-66
R & F	2-9-66	installation of an Aux. trans. at the Main Trans. & Antenna Location) to extend com- pletion date from 3-21-66 to 9-21-66. John Gordon Smith, Atty.		
AUX. TRANS.				

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Call  
Letters K.T.H.I-TV

Name PEMBINA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
Fargo, North Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-5129 R & F	6-22-66 6-24-66	Voluntary transfer of control of Producers, Inc. (80.8% stockholder of lic. corp) from The Polaris Corporation to Natco Communications, Inc.  Atty for transferor - Wilner & Bergson	GRANTED EFF:	9-23-66 9-30-66
BRCT-501 R & F JAN 5 1968	11-30-67 12-14-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-29-68
BALCT-360 R & F Press (Form 314) VN RECD	7-23-68 7-25-68 AUG 1 1968 8-28-68	Voluntary assignment of license to Spokane Television, Inc. Petition for Waiver of Provisions of Sec. 1.597 of the Commission Rules filed simultaneously. Arthur Stambler, Atty. AMENDED 8-8-68 re legal and financial. AMENDED 8-30-68 re legal (submit certificate of auth. to do business in state of North Dak)	446596 \$150. GRANTED Order #25655 EFF:	7-25-68 1-22-69 2-15-69
ARTHUR STAMBLER NOW ATTY. FOR KTHI - per letter 8-28-68				

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters K.T.H.I-TV

SPOKANE TELEVISION, INC.

Name XPEMBINA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
Ch. 11 Fargo, North Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
Engr. data filed	6-23-70			
BRCT-501	12-30-70	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	3-25-71
R & F	1-4-71	Atty.: AStambler		
PRESS:	FEB 3 1971	AMENDED 1-13-71 re other business interests		
PN REC'D:	12-7-70	Amended 3-1-71 re orther business interest.		
BTC-6560	4-14-71	Involuntary transfer of control of The	GRANTED	5-11-71
Received	4-20-71	Evening Telegram Company of Superior,		
Filed	4-30-71	Wisconsin (parent corporation of licensee)		
#500210 \$250	4-20-71	from Morgan Murphy to Elizabeth B. Murphy		
AC: 055		and Northern City National Bank of Duluth,		
PRESS	MAY 5 1971	Executors of the Estate of Morgan Murphy, Deceased.		
		Atty.: Arthur Stambler		

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COMMERCIAL TV

Call  
Letters KTHI-TV

Name SPOKANE TELEVISION, INC.  
CH-11 FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCTV-111 R & F #082407 \$50 AC: 069 PRESS:	6-1-72 6-14-72 6-14-72	Req. auth. to oper. trans. by RC from 1350 21st Avenue South, Fargo, North Dakota. Atty.: James A. Koerner (Stambler & Shrinsky)	GRANTED I	11-29-72
	JUN 20 1972	AMENDED 11-17-72 re Engineering.		
BRCT-501 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	12-31-73 1-2-74 JAN 1-7-74	RENEWAL of LICENSE Atty: James A. Koerner (Stambler & Shrinsky)	GRANTED	3-28-74

ERRATUM AND CLARIFICATION filed 1-8-74 by James Koerner on behalf of KTHI-TV

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Letters KTHI-TV

Name SPOKANE TELEVISION, INC.  
 CH-11 FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-4907 R & F #509976 \$50 AC: 001 PRESS:	12-10-75 12-17-75 12-17-75 20 JAN 1976	CP to install an Auxiliary Trans. (Vis.-RCA TT-25BH; Aur.-RCA TT-25BH, TT-10AH) at Main Trans. location.  Atty.: James A. Koerner (Stambler & Shrinsky)	GRANTED	3-23-76 <del>2-2-76</del>
BRCTV-296 R & F #510843 \$100 AC: 001 \$50 refunded (Overpayment) PRESS:	12-15-75 12-17-75 12-17-75 1-19-76 20 JAN 1976	Request to operate Auxiliary Trans. by remote control from 1350 - 21st Avenue, South, Fargo, North Dakota.  Atty.: James A. Koerner (Stambler & Shrinsky)	GRANTED	3-23-76

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Call  
Letters

KTHI-TV

Name SPOKANE TELEVISION, INC.  
 Ch-11 FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-2514 R&F 607985850 AC:001 PRESS	8-24-76 8-30-76 8-30-76 2 NOV 1976	Lic. to cover (BPCT-4907) for changes. (Aux. Trans.) Atty.: James A. Koerner (Stambler & Shrinsky, P. C.)	GRANTED	12-20-76
BRCT-501 R&F PN RECD PRESS	11-19-76 11-30-76 11-30-76 21 DEC 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Stambler & Shrinsky, P.C. No Contours: 1-31-77 Amended 3-1-77 re engineering error sec. III	GRANTED	5-16-77
BRCT- 791203KY R & F PN REC'D PRESS	11-10-79 12-03-79 3-14-80 DEC 31 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: ARTHUR STAMBLER (LOVETT, FORD & HENNESSEY, P.C.)	GRANTED	3-31-80

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

