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CARD #1

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD COMMERCIAL TV B/C

First C.O. ~~5-25-53~~ (Started 7-16-53)

NDEA

K T T C (7-1-76)

Date first licensed 10-1-54

(Official No. 114)

CH 10

Call letters X K R Q C-TV

Station Location: ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

KTTC TELEVISION, INC. (BAL 5-6-76; Eff: 7-1-76)

Name of licensee X SOUTHERN MINNESOTA BROADCASTING CO.

3.2 miles South of Ostrander, near Ostrander, Minnesota (BPCT-2765, 7-27-67)

X U.S. Highway #14,

Transmitter location X 2.8 mi. west of the west city limits of Rochester, Minn.

601 First Avenue Southwest, Rochester, Minnesota (BLCT-2121)

X 2.8 miles West of City Limits on U.S. Highway No. 14, Near Rochester, Minn. (EPCT-2765, 7-27-67)

Main studio location U.S. Highway #14, 2.8 mi. west of the west city limits of Rochester, Minn.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From- To- |
|--|----------------|---|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| BPCT-796 | 1-14-53 | Ch. #10 192-198 mos | V-105 kw A- 54 kw | U | 3-14-53 9-14-53 |
| Construction permit for a new Commercial TV B/C Station. | | | | | |
| Wire | 4-28-53 | STA operate commercial basis exact accordance BPCT-796 except use of RCA TT-2AH trans. Trans. power output 2kw visual, 1kw aural. Period 5-25-53 to 9-14-53 | | | |
| WIRE | 9-14-53 | Ext. STA operate comm. basis accord. CP BPCT-1301 except using RCA TT-2AH Trans, power output 2 kw vis, 1 kw aur. Period ending January 15, 1954. | | | |
| BPCT-1301 | 8-21-53 | same | same | same | 3-14-53 1-15-54 |
| Mod. CP (BPCT-796) to extend completion date. | | | | | |
| WIRE | 11-12-53 | Mod. STA oper. comm. basis exact accord. CP BPCT-1301 except without vest. sideband filter. Period ending January 15, 1954. | | | |
| BPCT-1644 | 12-16-53 | same | same | same | 3-14-53 7-15-54 |
| Mod. CP (BPCT-796) to extend compl. date | | | | | |
| 1-8-54 EXT. STA Opr. Comm. basis exact accordance CP BPCT-1644 except without vestigial sideband filter. Period Ending 7-15-54. | | | | | |
| BLCT-211 | 10-1-54 | Ch. # 10 192-198 | V93.3 kw A46.8kw | U | 10-1-54 4-1-56 |
| License to cover CP (BPCT-796, as mod.). | | | | | |
| ----- | | | | | |
| WIRE | 3-30-56 | CIRC. on 3-28-56 deferred action on your appli. for renewal of license pending the filing of proper ownership reports. Under the Administrative Procedure Act continued operation authorized until final determination of your application. | | | |
| BRCT-114 | 4-25-56 | same | same | same | 4-25-56 4-1-59 |
| RENEWAL OF LICENSE | | | | | |
| BPCT-2197 | 10-22-56 | same | V-316kw A-191kw | same | 12-19-56 6-19-57 |
| CP to make changes in facilities of existing COMM. TV B/C Station to change ERP, change type of trans- mitters and make minor equipment changes. | | | | | |
| BPCT-4702 | 5-24-57 | same | same | same | 12-19-56 |
| Mod. CP (BPCT-2197) to extend completion date | | | | | |
| BPCT-4770 | 7-29-57 | same | V-240 kw A-125 kw | U | 12-19-56 11-1-57 |
| AH 630" Mod. P (BPCT-2197, as mod.) to chg. ERP, type of transmitters | | | | | |

Card # 2
Form BC-126
June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters **KROC-TV**

Station location

Name of licensee **SOUTHERN MINNESOTA BROADCASTING CO.**

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From- To |
|--|----------------|---|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| WIRE | 10-31-57 | PROGRAM TEST AUTHORIZED ACCORDING TO BMPCT-4770 & LIC. BLCT-740 | | | |
| WIRE | 10-10-57 | PENDING FILING LICENSE APPL. XXXX AUTH OPR. ACCORD. MPCT-4770 to 10-20-57 | | | |
| WIRE | 10-18-57 | PENDING FILING LIC. APPL. EXT. AUT. OPR. ACCORD. MPCT-4770 to 11-1-57 | | | |
| BLCT-740 AH: 630' | 1-14-58 | CH#10 | V-240 kw 192-198 A-126 kw | U | 1-14-58 4-1-59 |
| License to cover CP (BPCT-2197, as mod). | | | | | |
| COMMISSION 3-25-59 DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL APPLICATION | | | | | |
| XX XX | | | | | |
| BRCT-114 AH: 630' | 4-15-59 | CH #10 | V-240 kw 192-198 A-126 kw | U | 4-15-59/4-1-62 |
| RENEWAL OF LICENSE | | | | | |
| BPCT-2765 AH: 1260' | 7-27-60 | CH #10 | V-316 kw 192-198 A-158 kw | U | 9-27-60 3-27-61 |
| CP to change ERP; trans. loc.; type ant.; changes in ant. system and equipment and AH. (CONDITION) | | | | | |
| WIRE 12-5-60 IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SERVICE PENDING COMPLETION NEW CONSTRUCTION ACCORD. BPCT-2765 AND FILING LIC. APPL., AUTH. GRANTED OPR. KROC-TV TEMP. PER. ENDING 1-5-61 ACCORD. STEPS FOR TWO OUTLINED IN 1ST SR. A VISA WITH NORMAL OPERATION COMMENCES UNDER BATCH STEP. | | | | | |
| WIRE 1-6-61 RE LIC. APPL. BLCT-1094. AUTH. GR. OPR. KROC-TV CP PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SEC. 3.629 RULES OF CP. BPCT-2765. | | | | | |
| BTG-3654 | 2-23-61 | Voluntary transfer of control of license corporation from Lawrence C. Miller, Agnes P. Gentling, R.W. Chadwick, H.J. Harwick & Allen A. Gentling, Trustees of the Estate of Gregory P. Gentling, Deceased to Agnes P. Gentling, Dr. Allen A. Gentling, Dr. Phillip M. Gentling, Gordon P. Gentling and G. David Gentling: EFF: | | | |
| ACTION ON RENEWAL DEFERRED 3-28-62 | | | | | |
| BRCT-114 | 5-11-62 | same | same | same | 5-11-62 4-1-65 |
| RENEWAL OF LICENSE | | | | | |

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June 1954

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters KROC-TV

Station location See Card 1

Name of licensee SOUTHERN MINNESOTA BROADCASTING CO.

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-1094 | 7-19-62 | Ch.10 | V-316 kw | U | 7-19-62 |
| AH: 1250' | | 192-198 | A-158 kw | MSL:2642.3' | 4-1-65 |
| License to cover CP(BPCT-2765) | | | | | |
| BTC-4237 | 4-1-63 | Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Agnes P. Gentling, G. David Gentling, Allen A. Gentling, Phillip H. Gentling and Gordon P. Gentling, as a Family Group to G. David Gentling, Individually. EFF: 4-15-63 | | | |
| WIRE | 9-15-64 | REURLET 8. | AUTH. GR. OPER. KROC-TV | | |
| TE P. PER. ENDING 12-15-64 WITH AURAL POWERS BETWEEN 10 & 50 % OF LIC. VISUAL POWER. NEC. FILE FORM 301 FOR PERMANENT CHANGE. | | | | | |
| WIRE | 12-16-64 | REURLET 17. | EXT. AUTH. GR. OPERATE KROC-TV TEMP PERIOD END 3-15-65 WITH REDUCED AURAL POWER | | |
| BMLCT-245 | 3-12-65 | CH.10 | V.316 kw | U | 3-12-65 |
| AH: 1250' | | 192-198 | A. 63.2 kw | | 4-1-65 |
| Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP. | | | | | |
| BRCT-114 | 4-15-65 | same | same | same | 4-15-65 |
| RENEWAL OF LICENSE | | | | | 4-1-68 |
| BRCT-114 | 3-29-68 | (S) RENEWAL OF LIC. & NDEA | | | 4-1-71 |
| BPCT-4387 | 12-30-70 | Ch-10 | V. 316 | U | 2-28-71 |
| AH: 1250 MSL:2642.3' | | 192-198 | A. 46.8 | | 6--30-72 |
| CP to install precise freq. control eqpt. | | | | | |
| BRCT-114 | 3-25-71 | RENEWAL OF LIC.(S)NDEA | | | 4-1-74 |
| WIRE | 11-19-71 | RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. | | | AUTH. GR. |
| OPER. ON PTA ACCORD CP BPCT-4387. | | | | | |
| BLCT-2121 | 12-20-71 | Lic. (BPCT-4387) chg. | | | 4-1-74 |
| ERBSA | 5-15-72 | | | | |
| BRCT-114 | 3-29-74 | RNEWAL OF LICENSE (S) | | | 4-1-77 |

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June 1954

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COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters KROC-TV

Station location

Name of licensee SEE CARD #1

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From- To |
|--------------------|----------------|---|-----------|--------------|--------------------|
| WIRE | 2-12-75 | Pend. trans. repairs, ext. auth. grtd. oper KROC-TV at reduced aural pwr. temp. per. end. 3-11-75 Advise when normal operation resumes. | | | |
| WIRE | 4-10-75 | Above auth. ext. to 5-10-75. | | | |
| BALCT-586 | 5-6-76 | Voluntary assignment of license. | | | |
| BRCT-114 | 3-15-77 | Ch. 10 | V. 316 kW | U | 4-1-77 |
| AH: 1250' | MSL: 2642.3' | 192-198 A. | 46.8 kW | | 4-1-80 |
| Renewal of license | | | | | |
| BRCT- 791127LC | 3-25-80 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE(S) 4-1-83 | | | |

CARD # 1

FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call Letters KROC-TV
NEWName SOUTHERN MINNESOTA BROADCASTING CO.
(PO 100 1st Avenue Building, Rochester, Minnesota)

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|--------------|----------|---|---------------|------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BFCT-796 | 11-23-51 | Construction permit for new Comm. TV B/c Station | SEE ACTION ON | |
| Recd & Filed | 11-23-51 | FREQ: Ch. # 10, 192-198 MCS. ERP: Vis. 20.04 KW, Aur. 10.01 KW. Hours of operation: Unlimited. S-L: On south side of U.S. Highway # 14, 3.6 miles west of city limits, Rochester, Minn. T-L: On south side of U.S. Highway # 14, 3.6 miles west of city limits, Rochester, Minn. (Vis. & Aur RCA TT-2AH) 597 ft. Filed by Verne R. Young, Atty. | CARD #2 | |

Robert Cross, Company Engrs.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

CORN. TV B/C

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call Letters **KROC-TV**

Name **SOUTHERN MINNESOTA BROADCASTING CO.**
(P.O. 100 1st Avenue Bldg., Rochester, Minnesota)

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BPCT-796 AMENDED Rec'd Filed | 6-26-52 6-27-52 6-27-52 | (PURSUANT TO SIXTH REPORT & ORDER 4-11-52) FREQ.: Ch. #10, 192-198 mcs. ERP: Vis. 107.3 kw, Aur. 53.7 kw Hours of Operation: Unlimited S-L: On U.S. Highway 14, 2.8 mi. W of the W. city limits of Rochester, Minn. T-L: On U.S. Highway 14, 2.8 mi. W of the W. city limits of Rochester, Minn. (Vis. & Aur. RCA TT-10AH) (620.5') Filed by Verne R. Young, Atty. | GRANTED | 1-14-53 |
| BMPCT-1301 Rec'd & Filed | 8-6-53 8-7-53 | Modification of construction permit (BPCT-796 which authorized a new commercial TV broadcast station) for extension of completion date from September 14, 1953 to January 15, 1954. Filed by Maurice M. Jansky, Atty. | GRANTED | 8-21-53 |

Jansky & Bailey, Engrs.

Card # 3

FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters **KROC-TV**Name **SOUTHERN MINNESOTA BROADCASTING CO.****Rochester, Minnesota**

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------|----------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BMPCT-1644 Recd. Filed | 12-9-53 12-11-53 12-11-53 | Mod. of CP(BPCT-796, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 1-15-54 to _____ Filed by Philip G. Loucks, Atty. | GRANTED | 12-16-53 |
| BLCT-211 Recd & filed | 6-10-54 6-11-54 | License to cover CP (BPCT-796 as mod.,) which authorized a new comm. TV b/c station Filed by Verne R. Young, Atty. | GRANTED | 10-1-54 |
| BRCT-114 Recd & filed | 12-30-55 1-3-56 | Renewal of license Filed by Verne R. Young, Atty. | GRANTED | 4-25-56 |
| BPCT-2197 Recd & filed | 9-7-56 9-11-56 | CP to make changes in facilities of existing commercial TV broadcast station to change ERP from Vis. 93.3 kw, Aur 46.8 kw to Vis. 316 kw, Aur. 190 kw, change type of transmitters and make minor equipment changes. (RCA-TT-50 AH) (627) Filed by Verne R. Young, Atty. | GRANTED | 10-32-56 |

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

Call Letters KROC-TV

Name SOUTHERN MINNESOTA BROADCASTING CO.
Rochester, Minnesota

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|---|--|---|--------------------|--|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BMPCT-4702 Recd. & filed Ext. #1 | 5-3-57 5-16-57 | Mod. of CP (BPCT-2197, which authorized changes in facilities of existing Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 6-19-57 to 11-1-57. | GRANTED | 5-24-57 |
| BMPCT-4770 Recd & Filed | 7-1-57 7-5-57 | Mod. of CP (BPCT-2197, as mod., which auth. changes in facilities of existing Comm. TV b/c station) to change ERP from Vis. 316 kw., Aur. 191 kw. to Vis. 239 kw., Aur. 125 kw.; change type of transmitters to RCA TT-25BH and make other equipment changes. Filed by Verne R. Young, Atty. | GRANTED | 7-29-57 |
| BLCT-740 Recd Resubmitted Recd & filed | 10-16-57 10-22-57 10-24-57 10-28-57 | License to cover construction permit (BPCT-2197 as modified) which authorized changes in facilities of existing commercial TV broadcast station filed by Verne R. Young, Atty. | GRANTED 1-14-58 | 2 copies of app. ret. to att. 10-24-57 Sec. 1 dated 10-16-57, #2- 10-11 through 10-18- |

Aug. 1955

Call
Letters KROC-TVName SOUTHERN MINNESOTA BROADCASTING CO.
Rochester, Minnesota

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--|---|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BRCT-114 Recd & filed | 12-31-58 1-20-59 | Renewal of license Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Atty | GRANTED | 4-15-59 |
| BPCT-2765 Rec. & filed | 3-24-60 3-28-60 | Construction permit to change ERP from Vis. 240 kw, Aur. 126 kw TO Vis. 316 kw, Aur. 160 kw; Transmitter location from 2.8 miles West of city limits on U.S. Highway No 14, Near Rochester, Minnesota TO 3.2 miles South of Ostrander, Minnesota; Type of antenna to RCA. TW-15B; changes in antenna system and equipment and antenna height above average terrain to 1265 feet. Joseph F. Zias-atty Jansky & Bailey-engr. | GRANTED Cond: that existing ant struct. be reduced to a level not more than 341 feet above ground, 1549 feet above MSL, within 90 days fol. commencement of auth. prog. test | 7-27-60 |
| BLCT-1094 R & F | 12-29-60 1-4-61 | License to cover CP (BPCT-2765) which auth. changes in existing station Filed by Maurice M. Jansky, Atty. | GRANTED | 7-19-62 |

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters **KROC-TV**

Name **SOUTHERN MINNESOTA BROADCASTING CO.**
Rochester, Minn.

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|-------------------------|----------|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BTC-3654 R & F | 12-2-60 | Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Lawrence C. Miller, Agnes P. Gentling, R. W. Chadwick, H. J. Harwick and Allen A. Gentling, Trustees of the Estate of Gregory P. Gentling, Deceased to Agnes P. Gentling, Dr. Allen A. Gentling, Dr. Phillip H. Gentling, Gordon P. Gentling and G. David Gentling. Filed by Maurice M. Jansky, Atty. | GRANTED EFF: | 2-23-61 |
| | 1-10-61 | | | |
| BRCT-114 R & F | 12-29-61 | Renewal of license Filed by Maurice M. Jansky, Atty | GRANTED | 5-11-62 |
| | 1-2-62 | | | |
| BTC-4237 Recd.&Filed | 2-21-63 | Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Agnes P. Gentling, G. David Gentling, Allen A. Gentling, Phillip H. Gentling and Gordon P. Gentling, as a Family Group to G. David Gentling, Individually. Loucks and Jansky-atty | GRANTED EFF: | 4-1-63 4-15-63 |
| | 3-5-63 | | | |

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters KROC-TVName SOUTHERN MINNESOTA BROADCASTING CO.
CH. 10 Rochester, Minn.

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| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|---|-------------|---|---------|----------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BRCT-114 | 12-29-64 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE | GRANTED | 4-15-65 |
| Recd. & Filed | 1-4-65 | Philip G. Loucks, Atty. (LOUCKS & IMLAY) | | |
| BRCT-245 | 2-26-65 | Mod. of License to reduce aural ERP from | GRANTED | 3-12-65 |
| Recd. & Filed | 3-2-65 | 158 kw to 63.2 kw. | | |
| | | Carl H. Imlay, Atty. | | |
| ----- | | | | |
| DOW, LOHNES & ALBERTSON NOW ATTORNEY RE LETTER 9-2-65 | | | | |
| BRCT-114 | 12-23-67 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE | | |
| R & F | 12-28-67 | Dow, Lohnes & Albertson (A. C. Gordon, Jr.) Atty. | GRANTED | 3-29-68 |
| ----- | | | | |
| JAN 17 1968 | | | | |
| Law Office of Alfred C. Gordon, Jr. now represents KROC-TV per ltr. | | | | |
| ENGR. DATA FILED | 6-3-70 | | | |
| BRCT-4387 | 9-10-70 | CP to install precise frequency control | GRANTED | 12-30-70 |
| R & F | 9-18-70 | equipment, and chg. Aur. ERP to 46.67kw. | | |
| #631045 \$50 | 9-18-70 | | | |
| AC: 062 | | Atty.: <u>Gordon</u> and Jacob | | |
| PRESS: | SEP 29 1970 | | | |

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call
Letters **KROC-TV**

Name **SOUTHERN MINNESOTA BROADCASTING CO.**
CH-10 **ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA**

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|--|--|--|---------|----------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BRCT-114 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D: | 12-30-70 1-4-71 JAN 27 1971 1-4-71 | Renewal of License. Atty.: <u>Cordon</u> and Jacob Amended 3-1-71 re programming. | GRANTED | 3-25-71 |
| BLCT-2121 R & F #019586 \$50 AC: 069 PRESS | 11-10-71 11-15-71 11-15-71 DEC 1 1971 | Lic. to cover (BPCT-4387) for chgs. Atty.: <u>Cordon</u> and Jacob | GRANTED | 12-20-71 |
| BRCT-114 R & F PN rec'd PRESS: | 12-26-73 12-11-74 12-28-73 JAN 14 1974 | Renewal of License Atty: Alfred C. Cordon, Jr. (Cordon and Jacob) Amended 2-11-74 re PN Amended 3-26-74 re community interests. | GRANTED | 3-29-74 |

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call
Letters

K T T C

~~KROC-TV~~

KTTC TELEVISION, INC.

Name ~~SOUTHERN MINNESOTA BROADCASTING CO.~~

CH-10 ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|---|---|--|---|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BAICT-586 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D: #541195 \$200 AC: 047 GRANT FEE PAID: \$12,543.40 AC: 048 (Form 314) | 3-8-76 3-10-76 MAR 1976 4-19-76 3-10-76 | Voluntary assignment of license to KTTC Television, Inc. Request for issuance of Tax Certificate filed simultaneously. Attys.: Assignor-Cordon & Jacob Assignee-Earl R. Stanley (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) Amended 4-19-76 re stockholders. Amended 4-19-76 re loan agreement. Amended 4-30-76 re loan agreement. Amended 4-30-76 re loan agreement. | GRANTED Eff: 7-1-76 Tax Certificate granted same date | 5-6-76 |
| BRCT-114 R&F PN RECD PRESS | 11-18-76 11-29-76 11-29-76 21 DEC 1976 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Earl Stanley (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) Amended 2-22-77 re response to informal request by staff. | GRANTED | 3-15-77 |

CARD NO. 10

APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV
Call Letters: K T T C

Name: KTTT TELEVISION, INC.
CH-10

Station Location: ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

| File No. | Date | Description | Action and Date |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| BRCT-791127 | LC 11-16-79 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE | GRANTED 3-25-80 |
| R & F | 11-27-79 | ATTY: EARL R. STANLEY (DOW, LOHNES & | |
| PN REC'D | 11-27-79 | ALBERTSON) | |
| PRESS | 79 11-30 | | |

Form BC-121
March 1979

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.

