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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD COM. TV B/C

Date first licensed 4-21-58 (Eff. No. 419)

CH 8

NDEA

KULR-TV (EFF:1-1-63)

X K G H L-TV

Call letters

(Sta. Loc. Billings, Montana)

ORATION

HARRISCOPE BROADCASTING CORP (BALCT-376- 1-30-69 EFF:1-31-69)

X GRAIN-SNYDER TELEVISION, INC. (BALCT-198 12-17-62 EFF:1-1-63)

Name of licensee X MIDLAND EMPIRE BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location 2.7 miles SE of Billings, near Billings, Montana

2.7 miles S.E. of Billings, near Billings, Montana (EMLCT-123) 9-5-62
X 214 North 30th. Street (MPCT-11-21-57 (LIC. 4-21-58))
Main studio location X 5th Ave. and North Broadway, Billings, Montana

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPCT-3023	11-23-55	Ch. # 8 V	87.1 kw	U	1-23-56
		180-186 A	52.5kw	(570')	7-23-56
CP for a new Comm. TV B/C Station.					
SEE ACTION 1-18-56 (PCT-2023, white card)					
BPCT-2023	4-17-57	same	same	same	6-17-57
CP xx affirmed and made eff. immediately					12-17-57
BMPCT-4810	11-21-57	CH#8	V-316 kw	U	6-17-57
AH: 750'		180-186	A-158 kw		5-21-58
Mod. CP (BPCT-2023) to chg. BRP, AH: type of transmitters					
Ant. Sys. & other equipment.					
WIRE	3-13-58	RE LIC. BLCT-809	PROGRAM TEST AUTHORIZED		
ACCORD. BMPCT-4810 --- ADVISE WHEN COMMENCED.					
BLCT-809	4-21-58	CH # 8	V-316 kw	U	4-21-58 4-1-59
AH: 750'		180-186	A-158 kw		
License to cover CP (BPCT-2023, as mod).					
COMMISSION 3-25-59 DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL APPLICATION					
BRCT-419	4-22-59	Ch #8	V-316 kw	U	4-22-59/4-1-62
AH: 750'		180-186	A-158 kw		
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
ACTION ON RENEWAL DEFERRED 3-28-62					
BRCT-419	4-30-62	same	same	same	4-30-62
					4-1-65
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BMLCT-123	9-5-62	Ch. #8	V. 316 kw	U	9-5-62
AH: 750'		180-186	A. 158 kw	MSL: 4248, 8'	4-1-65
MOD. of Lic. to change studio location to 2.7 miles SE of Billings, Montana					
BALCT-195	12-17-62	Voluntary assignment of License to			
EFF: 1-1-63		CRAIN-SNYDER TELEVISION, INC.			
WIRE	4-24-63	PENDING REPAIRS AUTH. GR. OPERATE KULR-TV			
TEMP. PER. END.	5-24-63	WITH REDUCED AURAL POWER. ADVISE			
WIRE	8-9-63	REURLET 5. PEND. TRANSFORMER REPAIRS AUTH.			
GR. OPERA. KULR-TV	TEMP. PER. END.	10-1-63	WITH REDUCED AUR.		
POWER. ADVISE WHEN NORMAL OPER. RESUMED.					
BTC-4758	2-12-65	VOLUNTARY ACQUISITION OF POSITIVE CON-			
TROL OF LICENSEE CORPORATION BY THE ESTATE OF PAUL CRAIN					
THROUGH PURCHASE OF STOCK FROM CRAIN-SNYDER TELEVISION, INC.					
EFF: 2-19-65					

Form BC 126 #2
June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters KULR-TV

Station location BILLINGS, MONTANA

Name of licensee CRAIN-SNYDER TELEVISION, 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
BRCT-419	3-4-65	CH.8	V.316 kw	U	4-1-65
AH: 750'		180-186	A.158 kw		4-1-68
MSL:4248.8'		RENEWAL OF LICENSE			
BTC-4555	8-13-65	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from the Estate of Paul Crain to Thor Myhre and Arthur Miller. EFF: 9-24-65			
BMLCT-598	4-27-66	Ch. 8	V.316Kw		
		180-186	A. 38.9 Kw	U	4-27-66
Mod. of lic. to reduce Aural ERP					4-1-68
BTC-5103	3-8-67	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Rex H. Baker, Arthur Miller and Thor Myhre to Harriscop Broadcasting Corporation. EFF: 3-24-67			
BRCT-419 (S)	3-29-68	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-71
WIRE	5-9-68	AUTH. EXTENDED TEMP. OPERATION FACILITIES TV PICKUP STATION NG-5649 AT TEMP. LOCATION 15.5 MILES NORTHEAST REEDPOINT, MONTANA ANTENNA PARABOLA MOUNTED ON TRIPOD ATOP ROOF EXISTING BUILDING MICROWAVE PATH TO KULR-TV PURPOSE RELAY ABC NETWORK PROGRAMS PENDING SERVICE FROM WESTERN MICROWAVE PERIOD 6-5 THRU 9-5-68.			
BALCT-376	1-30-69	VOL A/L			
BRCT-419	3-25-71	RENEWAL OF LIC. (L) NDEA			4-1-74
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRCT-419	3-29-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			4-1-77
BRCT-419	3-15-77	Renewal of license (S)			4-1-80
Renewal of license					
BTC-8309	4-27-77	Voluntary acquisition of positive control			
BRCT-791203KP	3-25-80	Renewal of license (S)			4-1-83

Card # 1

FORM A-170

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

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Name MIDLAND EMPIRE BROADCASTING COMPANY
5th Avenue and North Broadway, Billings, Montana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-2023	9-3-55	CP for a new commercial TV b/c Station		
Recd & filed	9-8-55	Freq: Ch # 8, 180-186 Mcs.		
		ERP: Vis. 96.8 kw, Aur. 52.7 kw		
		Hours of operation: Unlimited		
		T-L: 2.7 miles From the Center of Billings		
		at a bearing of N 124.5° E, near Billings, Mont.		
		S-L: 5th Avenue and North Broadway, Billings, Montana		
		(Vis & Aur. RCA-TT-10AH) (574)		
		Filed by Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty.		
		12-22-55 PROTEST & PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION		
		of Montana Network & DESIGNATE FOR		
		HEARING & to make Montana Network a part thereto.		
		(KOOK-TV). Filed by John H. Midlen, behalf KOOK-TV		
		1-6-56 Opposition to Protest & Petition, filed by		
		Duke Patrick, behalf KCHL-TV		
		Lester Cohen & Stanley S. Harris		
		1-13-56 Reply of Montana Network to Opposition		
		to Protest and Pet. for Reconsideration, filed by		
		John H. Midlen, Atty.		
		WASHINGTON, D. C.		
			GRANTED	11-23-55
			(Memo. Opinion & Order	
			1-16-56 postponing	
			eff. of grant & Des.	
			for H. (Des. 11616)	
			DOCKET No. 11616	
			Protest of Montana Net-	
			work Denied 4-17-57 and	
			CP heretofore granted is	
			affirmed and made eff.	
			immediately - DECISION	
			AND ORDER ISSUED	

AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV

KULR-TV EFF 1-1-63

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X KOHL-TV

Name MIDLAND EMPIRE BROADCASTING COMPANY

Billings, Montana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-4810 Recd & Filed	7-27-57 7-30-57	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2023, which auth. a new Comm. TV b/c station) to change ERP from Vis. 87.1 kw. Aur. 52.5 kw. to Vis. 316 kw., Aur. 158 kw.; ant. ht. abv. aver. terrain to 748 ft.; type of transmitters to RCA TT-25BH; change antenna system and make other equipment changes. Filed by Parker D. Hancock, Atty.	GRANTED	11-21-57
Amended Recd & filed	8-14-57 8-16-57	Amended to change studio location from 5th Ave. & North Broadway, Billings, Montana to 214 North 30th Street, Billings, Montana		
BLCT-809 Recd & Filed	3-8-58 3-11-58	License to cover CP (BPCT-2023, as mod.) which auth. a new Comm. TV broadcast station, and to specify correct coordinates. Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty.	GRANTED	4-21-58
ERCT-419 Recd & filed	1-7-59 1-9-59	Renewal of license Filed by Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty	GRANTED	4-22-59

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AUG. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

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Letters X KGHM-TV

GRAIN-SNYDER TELEVISION, INC.

Name X MIDLAND EMPIRE BROADCASTING COMPANY
Billings, Montana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-419 Recd Filed	12-30-61 1-2-62 1-9-62	Renewal of license Howard F. Roycroft, Atty	GRANTED	4-30-62
BMLCT-123 Recd.&Filed	8-10-62 8-16-62	Modification of license to change studio location from 214 North 30th St., Billings, Montana to 2.7 miles S.E. of Billings, near Billings, Montana. (REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 3.613(b) OF COMM'S RULES) Corwin P. Lockwood, Atty.	GRANTED	9-5-62
BALCT-195 Recd.&Filed	9-10-62 10-5-62	Voluntary assignment of License to GRAIN-SNYDER TELEVISION, INC. Com in R. Lockwood, for Assignor Andrew G. Haley, att for Assignee	GRANTED EFF: 1-1-63	12-17-62

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Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV

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Letters KULR-TVName CRAIN-SNYDER TELEVISION, INC.

CH. 8

BILLINGS, MONTANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-419 Recd. & Filed	12-30-64 1-4-65	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Andrew G. Haley, Atty	GRANTED	3-4-65
LETTER REC. 2-4-65 stating: HOGAN & HARTSON are now attorneys for licensee:				
BTC-4758 R & F	2-3-65 2-4-65	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by the Estate of Paul Crain through purchase of stock from Crain-Snyder Television, Inc. Hogan and Hartson-attys	GRANTED EFF: 2-19-65	2-12-65
BTC-4855 R & F	6-4-65 6-28-65	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from the Estate of Paul Crain to Thor Myhre and Arthur Miller. Hogan & Hartson, Atty.	GRANTED EFF: 9-24-65	8-13-65
BRCT-598 R & F	2-28-66 3-8-66	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 158 kw to 39 kw. Hogan & Hartson, Atty.	GRANTED	4-27-66

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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HARRISCOPE BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Name

KRAIN-SNYDER TELEVISION, INC.

CH. #8

BILLINGS, MONTANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-5103 R & F	5-5-66 5-16-66	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Rex H. Baker, Arthur Miller and Thor Myhre to Harrisclope Broadcasting Corporation. Cohn & Marks, Atty. REQUEST WAIVER OF SEC. 1.597 of RULES	GRANTED by ORDER #96813 EFF: 3-4-67	3-8-67
BRCT-419 R & F	12-18-67 12-29-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Stanley B. Cohn, Atty.	GRANTED	3-29-68
JAN 1 1968 BRCT-370 R & F Press PN Rec'd (Form 316) #482294 \$30. 1-7-69 Engr.data filed 6-30-70	12-29-68 1-7-69 JAN 15 1969	Voluntary assignment of license to Harrisclope Broadcasting Corp. Cohn and Marks, Atty. (Stanley B. Cohen)	GRANTED EFF:	1-30-69 1-31-69

Form BC-121
September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name
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HARRISCOPE BROADCASTING CORPORATION
BILLINGS, MONTANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-419 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	12-29-70 1-4-71 FEB 2 1971 1-4-71	Renewal of License Atty.: IDVolner (Cohn and Marks) AMENDED 2-11-71 re programming.	GRANTED	3-25-71
BRCT-419 R & F EN rec'd: PRESS:	12-26-73 1-2-74 1-2-74 JAN 21 1974	Renewal of License Atty: Roy R. Russo (Cohn and Marks) Amended 3-18-74 re community interest, programming and equal employment.	GRANTED	3-29-74
BRCT-419 R&F PN RECD PRESS	11-25-76 12-1-76 12-1-76 21 DEC 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Roy Russo (Cohn and Marks)	GRANTED	3-15-77

Contours filed 1-20-76
F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters KULR-TVName HARRISCOPE BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Ch-8 BILLINGS, MONTANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-8309 R&F PRESS (Form 316)	4-4-77 4-8-77 APR - 6 1977	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of lic. corp by Irving B. Harris, Individually and as Trustee (Roxanne Harris Meyer Trusts & Virginia H. Polsky Trust) thru reorganization of the licensee corporation. CONTINGENT ON GRANT & CONSUMMATION OF KFBB-TV (BTC-8277) Atty.: Stanley Cohen (Cohn & Marks)	GRANTED Eff:	4-27-77
BRCT-1203KP R & F PN REC'D PRESS 79	11-27-79 12-03-79 12-03-79 1218	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: ROY R. RUSSO {COHN & MARKS}	GRANTED	3-25-80

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 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.

