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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Card # 1 First O.O. 6-1-55 (Started 6-10-55)

KNEX-TV (Eff. 1-28-62)

X KUAL-TV (1-5-61)

Date first licensed 11-20-56 (Off. No. 244)

Call letters X KCOR-TV
(Station Loc: San Antonio, Texas)

SPANISH INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (BALCT-469 3-1-72 EFF: 3-27-72)

XSPANISH INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION (BALCT-172 12-6-61 EFF: 12-15-61)

CORTEZ INDUSTRIES, INC. (BMLCT-97 4-19-61)

Name of licensee KCOR, INC.

411 EAST DURANGO BOULEVARD, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (Ltr. 8-19-68) (Redescribed)
X111 Martinez, San Antonio, Texas

Transmitter location X310 South Flores St., San Antonio, Texas

411 EAST DURANGO BOULEVARD, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (BLCT-1703 7-15-69)

X111 Martinez, San Antonio, Texas

Main studio location X310 South Flores St., San Antonio, Texas

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPCT-1800	5-12-54	Ch. # 41	V 18.6kw	U	7-12-54
		632-638mcA	9.33kw		1-12-55
CP for a new Commercial TV B/C Station					
BMPCT-2576	12-10-54	CH#41	V-17.8	U	7-12-54
		632-638	A-9.77		6-9-55
Mod.CP(BPCT-1800) to chg. TL,SL,install new Transmitters & Ant. Sys. & make other equip. chgs.					
BMPCT-2866	3-18-55	same	V-11.2 kw	same	7-12-54
(490')			A-6.03 kw		9-9-55
Mod.CP(BPCT-1800, as mod) to chg. ERP, & make Ant. chgs.					
BMPCT-3076	4-29-55	same	V 11kw	same	7-12-54
			A 6.03kw		9-9-55
Mod. of CP(BPCT-1800, as mod.) to chg. ERP, make antenna & other equipment changes. (500') long form					
WIRE	6-1-55	STA Opr. Comm. basis accord. CP BMPCT-3076 except without frequency & modulation monitors.			
Auth. expires 2-2-55.					
BMPCT-3337	8-17-55	same	same	same	7-12-54
Mod.CP (BPCT-1800, as mod) to extend completion date 2-2-56					
WIRE	8-25-55	EXT. STA Opr. Comm. basis accord. CP BMPCT 3337 pending filing of Lic. Appl. Auth. expires 2-2-56			
BMPCT-3764	2-16-56	same	same	same	7-12-54
Mod.CP(BPCT-1800, as mod) to extend completion dt 2-2-56					
WIRE	2-17-56	Pending filing of lic. appli., ext. auth. granted to operate temp. for period ending 9-9-56 Comm. Basis accord. CP(BMPCT-3764).			
BLCT-455	11-20-56	CH 41	V-11 kw	U	11-20-56 8-1-59
LAH 500'		632-638	A- 6 kw		
License to cover CP(BPCT-1800, as mod.).					
WIRE	9-19-57	WAIVER 3.651 OPR. LESS THAN MINIMUM HOURS ENDING 3-20-58			
WIRE	4-24-58	WAIVER SECTION 3.651 RULES GRANTED TO OPR. KCOR-TV TEMP. FOR LESS THAN MINIMUM SPECFD.HRS. PERIOD ENDING 11-15-58			
COMM.LTR.	11-17-58	AUTH. GR. TO OPERATE A MINIMUM OF 14 (or 2 hours per day) HOURS PER WEEK FOR PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1959			
COMM.LTR.	5-4-59	AUTH.GRANTED WAIVER 3.651(a) RULES OPERATE MINIMUM OF 14 hrs. PER WEEK, 2 hours daily, FOR PERIOD ENDING 10-15-59.			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

KWEX-TV EFF: 1-23-62

~~KUAL-TV~~

Date first licensed

Call letters ~~X-KOOR-TV~~

Station location San Antonio, Texas

Name of licensee KOOR, 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-
CONN.	7-29-59	ACTION ON RENEWAL DEFERRED			
COMM. LTR.	8-28-59	MODIFIED AUTHORITY GRANTED RE WAIVER 3.651(a) OF RULES TO PERMIT OPERATION 6 DAYS PER WEEK (FOR MINIMUM OF 14 HOURS) INSTEAD OF 7 (SEE AUTH. of 5-4-59)			
COMM. LTR.	10-21-59	KCOR-TV GRANTED WAIVER SECTION 3.651(a) OF RULES TO OPER. 14 HOURS PER WEEK OR TWO HOURS DAILY OR SIX DAYS PER WEEK FOR MINIMUM OF 14 HOURS. ENDING 4-15-60			
BRCT-244	9-16-59	same	same	same	9-16-59 8-1-62
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
COMM. LTR.	3-24-60	GRANTED WAIVER SEC. 3.651(a) RULES TO OPERATE 14 hrs. PER WEEK OR 2 HRS. DAILY OR 6 DAYS PER WEEK FOR MINIMUM OF 14 HRS. FOR PERIOD ENDING 10-15-60			
COMM LTR.	10-10-60	GRANTED WAIVER SEC. 3.651(a) RULES TO OPERATE 14 hrs. PER WEEK OR 2 HRS DAILY OR 6 DAYS PER WEEK FOR A MINIMUM OF 14 HRS. FOR PERIOD ENDING 4-15-61			
CONN. LETTER (BUREAU)	3-31-61	WAIVER SECTION 3.651 GRANTED OPER. 14 HRS. PER WEEK OR 2 HRS. DAILY OR 6 DAYS PER WEEK WHEN REQUIRED. PERIOD ENDING 10-15-61.			
MLCT-97	4-19-61	CH 41	V-11 kw	U	4-19-61 8-1-62
AH: 500'		632-638	A- 6 kw		
Mod. of License to change name to CORTEZ INDUSTRIES, INC.					
LETTER	10-30-61	REQUEST FOR WAIVER SECTION 3.651 OF RULES GRANTED TO OPER. 14 HOURS PER WEEK OR 2 HRS. DAILY OR 6 DAYS PER WEEK WHEN REQUIRED. PER. END. 4-30-62.			
BALCT-172	12-6-61	VOLUNTARY ASSIGNMENT OF LICENSE TO SPANISH INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION.			
EFF:	12-15-61				
BRCT-244	8-24-62	CH#41	Vis. 11kw	U	8-24-62
AH: 500ft.		632-638mcs	Aur. 6kw		8-1-65
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
ACTION ON RENEWAL DEFERRED 7-21-65					
BRCT-244	9-30-65	SAME	SAME	SAME	9-30-65
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BPCT-3573	7-12-65	CH. 41	V-129 kw	U	9-12-65
AH: 500'		632-638	A-25.7 kw		3-12-66
CP to chg ERP; chg type of trans & make other equip chgs					

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Date first licensed

Call letters KWEX-TV

Station location SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Name of licensee SPANISH INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

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-6240	3-4-66	same	same	same	9-12-65
Mod. of CP (BPCT-3573) to extend completion dt. 9-4-66					
WIRE	6-9-66	RELETATY 6.	PENDING FILING LIC.		
APPL. AUTH. GR. OPER. KWEX-TV TEMP. PER. ENDING JULY 9, 1966 ACCORD. BMPCT-6240. ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES UNDER THIS AUTHORITY.					
WIRE	7-8-66	PENDING LIC.	APPLI. EXT. AUTH. GR. OPER.		
KWEX-TV TEMP. PER. END. 8-8-66 ACCORD. BMPCT-6240.					
WIRE	12-28-66	PENDING FILTERPLEXER REPAIR OR CHANGE			
FILING LIC. APPLI. AND COMM. ACTION ON BMPCT-6340 EXT. AUTH. GR. OPER. KWEX-TV TEMP. PER. END. 3-31-67 ACCORD BMPCT-6240. SUBJECT TO CAUSING NO INTERFERENCE TO OTHER SERVICES.					
BMPCT-6340	3-28-67	Same	Same	Same	9-12-65
Mod. of CP (BPCT-3573, as mod) to extend completion date.					8-4-67
WIRE	5-29-67	PENDING FILING LICENSE	APPL. EXT.		
AUTH. GR. OPERATE KWEX-TV TEMPORARILY PERIOD END. 8-4-67 ACCORDANCE BMPCT-6340. NOTE THAT EXPIRATION DATE OF THIS AUTHORIZATION CORRESPONDS TO EXPIRATION DATE OF CP					
WIRE	8-8-67	RE TENDERED LIC.	APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER.		
KWEX-TV ON PROG. TEST ACCORD. SEC. 73.629 RULES AND CP BMPCT-6340.					
BRCT-244	7-22-68	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-71
WIRE	8-29-68	RE LICENSE	APPL. BLCT-1811	AUTH. GR.	
OPER. KWEX-TV AUX. TRANS. ON PROG. TEST ACCORD. SEC. 73.629					
BLCT-1811	7-16-69	CH.41	V---	Emerg. Test.	7-16-69
AUX. TRANS.		632-638		Maint. Only	8-1-71
LICENSE to utilize formerly lic. Main Trans. as Aux. Trans.					
BLCT-1703	7-15-69	CH.41	V-129 kw	U	7-15-69
HA: 500'		632-638	A-25.7 kw		8-1-71
LICENSE (BPCT-3573, as mod) for changes.					
BRCT-244	9-16-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-74
MAIN TRANS. & ANT. AUX. TRANS.					
BALCT-469	3-1-72	Vol. A/L.			

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Date first licensed

Call lettersKWEX-TV.....

Station location SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.....

Name of licensee SPANISH INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION.....

Transmitter location SEE CARD #1.....

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRCT-244 Main Trans. & Ant.	7-31-74	RENEWAL	of license (L)		8-1-74 8-1-77
BRCT-244 Aux. Trans.	7-31-74	RENEWAL	of license (L)		8-1-74 8-1-77
BRCT-244 (Main Trans. & Ant.)	9-23-77	Renewal	of License (S) (Auxiliary Trans.)		8-1-80
BPCT-790226KJ AH: 500'	9-28-79	CH-41 (632-638)	V. 832kw A. 83.2kw	U.	3-28-81
CP TO CHG ERP:, AND		TYPE ANT.			

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV

Call
Letters ~~NEW~~ KCOR-TV

Name **KCOR, INC.**
(P.O. 310 S. Flores Street, San Antonio, Texas)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-1800 Rec'd Filed	9-12-53 11-13-53 11-13-53	C.P. for a new Comm. TV B/C Station FREQ.: Ch. #41, 632-638 mcs. ERP: Vis. 16.71 kw, Aur. 9.17 kw Hours of Operation: Unlimited S-L: 310 S. Flores St., San Antonio, Texas T-L: 310 S. Flores St., San Antonio, Texas (Vis. & Aur. RAA-FTL-1B) (4711) (Filed by Dwight D. Doty, Atty.)	GRANTED	5-12-54
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	4-28-54 4-30-54 4-30-54	Amended to change ERP from Vis. 16.71 kw, Aur. 9.17 kw to Vis. 18.71 kw, Aur. 9.36 kw; antenna height above average terrain from 471' to 377.5'; type antenna; type transmitter (Federal FTL-20B); and other equipment		

Robert M. Silliman, Engr.

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Letters **KCOR-TV**Name **KCOR, INC.**
(San Antonio, Texas)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-2576	10-20-54	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1800 which authorized a new commercial TV broadcast station) to change transmitter and studio location from 310 South Flores Street, San Antonio, Texas to 111 Martinez, San Antonio, Texas, ERP from Vis. 18.6 kw, Aur. 9.33 kw to Vis. 17.96 kw, Aur. 10.77 kw, install new transmitters and antenna system and make other equipment changes. (Vis & Aur. RCA TTU 1B) (346.5) Filed by Dwight D. Doty, Atty.	GRANTED	12-10-54
Recd & filed	10-25-54			
Amended	12-4-54	Amended to correct co-ordinates Filed by Dwight D. Doty, Atty.		
Recd & filed	12-6-54			

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FORM A-170

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV

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Letters KCOR-TVName KCOR, INC.
San Antonio, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BNPCT- Recd Filed	11-17-54 12-6-54	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1800 as mod., which auth. a new comm TV b/c station) to extend completion date from 1-12-55 to 3-15-55 Filed by Dwight D. Doty, Atty.	Not necessary in view of action of 12-10-54 granting BMPCT-2576 & extending completion date to 5-9-55 Returned 1-12-55.(Letter)	
BMPCT-2866 Recd & filed	2-9-55 2-11-55	Modification of construction permit (BPCT-1800 as mod., which auth. a new commercial TV broadcast station) to change ERP from Vis. 17.8 kw, Aur. 9.77 kw to Vis. 10.51 kw, Aur. 6.31 kw, and make antenna changes. Filed by Dwight D. Doty, Atty. (491.5)	GRANTED	3-18-55
BMPCT-3076 RECD & FILED	4-18-55 4-22-55	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1800 as mod. which auth. a new comm. TV B/c Station) to change ERP from Vis. 11.2 KW, Aur. 6.03KW to Vis. 11.1 KW Aur. 6.6 KW, make antenna changes & other equipment changes. (498.5 ft.) Filed by Dwight D. Doty, Atty.	G RANTED	4-29-55

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Letters **KCOR-TV**Name **KCOR, INC.**
San Antonio, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-3337 Recd & filed Ext. #3	7-29-55 8-3-55	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1800, as mod., which auth. a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 9-9-55 to 3-9-56. Filed by Dwight D. Doty, Atty.	GRANTED	8-17-55
BMPCT-3764 Recd & Filed Ext. #4	2-9-56 2-13-56	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1800, as mod., which auth. a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 3-9-56 to 9-9-56. Filed by Dwight D. Doty, Atty.	GRANTED	2-16-56
BLCT-455 Recd & filed	3-9-56 3-27-56	License to cover construction permit (BPCT-1800, as modified) which authorized a new commercial TV broadcast station Filed by Dwight D. Doty, Atty.	GRANTED	11-20-56
12-11-57 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE ON CHANNEL # 9 IN SA N ANTONIO, TEXAS, PENDING ACTION ON PETITION FOR RULE MAKING filed for KCOR TV on 12-4-57, filed by Andrew G. Haley. ORIG. & TRIP. TO LEVY 12-12-57. COPY in ref. room.				
12-24-57 OPPOSITION (1 page ltr.) to request above, filed by Krieger & Jorgensen on behalf of The Joint Council on Educational Television. Orig. & trip to Levy 12-30-57, copy in ref. room.				
COMM. LTR. 3-4-58 REQ. FOR STA RETURNED, AS MOOT, since PETITION FOR RULE MAKING WAS DENIED on 2-26-58 in Memo Opinion & Order FCC 58-187.				

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SPANISH INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION (12-6-61)all

~~KUAL-TV~~~~CORTEZ INDUSTRIES, INC. (4-19-61)~~

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Name ☒ KCOR, INC.

San Antonio, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-244	5-11-59	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-16-59
Recd.&Filed	5-27-59	Filed by A.G. Haley, atty.		
BMLCT-97	4-5-61	MODIFICATION OF LICENSE to change name TO	GRANTED	4-19-61
Recd.&Filed	4-11-61	CORTEZ INDUSTRIES, INC. Andrew G. Haley, Atty.		
BALCT- 172	9-8-61	Voluntary assignment of license to Spanish	GRANTED	12-6-61
R & F	10-17-61	International Broadcasting Corporation. Michael Bader, atty. for assignor Benito Gaguine, atty. for assignee		
LTR. 12-19-61		BENITO GAGUINE NOW ATTY. FOR KUAL-TV.		
BRCT-244	4-26-62	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	8-24-62
Recd.&Filed	5-3-62	Benito Gaguine, Atty.		
BRCT-244	5-7-65	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-30-65
Recd&Filed	5-14-65	Fly, Shuebruk, Blume & Gaguine, Atty.		

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters **KWEX-TV**

Name **SPANISH INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION**
CH. 41 **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS** zip **78204**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BECT-3573 Recd. & Filed	5-26-65 5-28-65	Construction Permit to change ERP from Vis. 11 kw, Aur. 6 kw TO Visual 132 kw (HORZ), Aur. 26.3 kw (HORZ); change type of transmitter to General Electric TT-25-A and make other equipment changes. Donald E. Ward, Atty. (Fly, Shuebruk, Blume, Gaguine)	GRANTED	7-12-65
BMPCT-6240 R & F	2-12-66 2-14-66	Mod. of CP (BECT-3573, which authorized changes in existing station) to extend completion date from 3-12-66 to 6-15-66 Donald E. Ward, Atty.	GRANTED	3-4-66
BMPCT-6340 R & F	8-26-66 8-30-66	Mod. of CP (BECT-3573, as mod.) which auth. a new station) to extend completion date from 9-4-66 to _____ Fly, Shuebruk, Blume & Gaguine, Atty.	GRANTED	3-28-67
Amended Rec. & filed	12-21-66 12-23-66	Amended to extend completion date to 6-30-67.		lie

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Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters ..KWEX-TV.....

NameSPANISH..INTERNATIONAL..BROADCASTING..CORPORATION.....
 CH-41 San Antonio, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-1703 R & F AUG 11 1967	8-2-67 8-4-67	License to cover CP(BPCT-3573, as mod.) which authorized changes in an existing station. Fly, Shuebruk, Blume & Gaguine, Atty. L. M. Beckman, Engr.	GRANTED	7-15-69
FLY, SHUEBRUK, BLUME AND GAGUINE no longer represents KWEX-TV per .tr.				8-15-67
BRCT-244 R & F PRESS PN RECD.	5-1-68 5-3-68 MAY 15 1968	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Robert W. Coll, Atty. (McKenna & Wilkinson) AMENDED 6-17-68 re financial.	\$150. FEE PAID #426045 5-3-68 GRANTED	7-22-68
BLCT-1811 Recd. Filed AUX. TRANS. PRESS	7-15-68 7-22-68 8-21-68 SEP 3 1968	LICENSE to utilize formerly licensed Main Transmitter (RCA TTU1BLA) at 411 E. Durango Blvd., San Antonio, Texas as an Auxiliary Transmitter. Robert W. Coll, Atty. (McKenna & Wilkinson)	\$30. #445798 GRANTED	7-22-68 7-16-69
Engr. data filed	6-23-70			

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Call
Letters **KWEX-TV**

SPANISH INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

X SPANISH INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Name
Ch. **41** San Antonio, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-244 Rec. & filed PN Recd PRESS	4-29-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-16-71
	5-3-71	MAIN TRANS. & ANT.		
	5-3-71	AUX. TRANS.		
	MAY 18 1971	Robert W. Coll (McKenna & Wilkinson)		
		Amended 6-1-71 other broadcast interests.		
		Amended 8-25-71 re Sec. VI.		
BALCT-469 R & F #037640 \$250 AC: 055 PRESS	1-28-72	Voluntary assignment of license to Spanish	GRANTED EFF:	3-1-72 3-27-72
	2-1-72	International Communications Corporation.		
	2-1-72	Atty.: Norman P. Leventhal (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner)		
	FEB 11 1972			

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Name **SPANISH INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION**
CH-41 San Antonio, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-244 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	4-28-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-31-74
	4-29-74	Atty: Norman P. Leventhal (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner)		
	4-29-74	(Main Trans. & Ant. and Aux. Trans.) Atty: called 5-8-74 for Annual Report		
	MAY 30 1974	Annual Report Filed 5-28-74. Amended 6-24-74 re programming. Amended 7-18-74 re programming.		
BRCT-244 R&F PN RECD PRESS	3-7-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-23-77
	3-29-77	(Main Trans. & Ant.)(Aux. Trans.)		
	9-20-77	Atty.: Norman P. Leventhal (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner)		
	APR 15 1977	Amended 4-4-77 re ownership report Amended 6-27-77 re community leaders checklist		

Name: SPANISH INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

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Station Location: SAN ANTONIO, TX

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BPCT-790226KJ R & F PRESS:	2-7-79 2-26-79 6-29-79	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 1000kW(M) 832kW(H), Aur. 83.2kW(H); and chg. type ant. to RCA TFU-30J (BT) Atty.: Norman P. Leventhal (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner)	GRANTED 9/28-79
BRCT-800331KR R & F PN REC'D	3-4-80 3-31-80 3-31-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: NORMAN P. LEVENTHAL {MCKENNA, WILKINSON AND KITTNER}	

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.

