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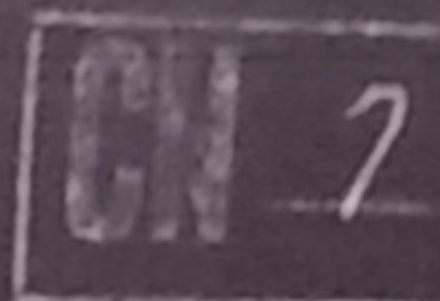
Form BC 126 Card #1
June 1954

1st CO 12-20-55(started 1-1-56)

COMM. TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 5-15-57 (Off. # 320)



Call letters KOSA-TV

Station location ODESSA, TEXAS
DUAL ID: Odessa-Midland, Texas (6-12-63)

FORWARD COMMUNICATIONS OF TEXAS, INC. (AL 9-11-73; Eff: 10-17-73)
Name of licensee XDOUBLEDAY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (BALCT-312 2-1-67 EFF: 3-1-67)

Transmitter location Farm Road #866, 11.5 miles West of Odessa (BMPCT-3479 11-16-55)

Main studio location 1211 N. Whitaker, Odessa, Texas (BLCT-604-5-15-57)

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

1st C.O. 12-20-55 (Started 1-1-56)

Date first licensed 5-15-57 (Off. No. 320)

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* TRIGG-VAUGHN STATIONS, INC (BMLCT-205 12-15-64)

* SOUTHWEST STATES, INC. (BALCT-119 5-27-60 EFF: 5-31-60) (Sta. Loc. Odessa, Texas)

* ODESSA TELEVISION COMPANY (BAPCT-211 1-23-57 EFF: 2-1-57) WAIVER SEC. 3.652(a) gr. 6-12-63

President, Odessa Television Company (a joint venture) BAPCT-215 1-23-57 EFF: 2-1-57 to identify as "ODESSA-MIDLAND", TEXAS

* C.L. Trigg, W.B. Stowe, Brooks L. Harman, Jack C. Vaughn, and Grady H. Vaughn, Hyb as C.L. Trigg

Name of licensee * C.L. TRIGG, PRESIDENT, ODESSA TELEVISION COMPANY (A JOINT VENTURE) (above)

* DOUBLEDAY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (BALCT-312 2-1-67 EFF: 3-1-67)

Farm Road #866, 1/2 mile West of Odessa, Nr. Odessa, Texas (BMPCT-3479 11-16-55)

* West side of Old Crane Hwy. Approx. 0.5 mi. south of Odessa city limits,

Transmitter location near Odessa, Texas

1211 N. Whitaker, Odessa, Texas (BLCT-604 5-15-57).

Main studio location * 13th and Whitaker Streets, Odessa, Texas (Ltr. 9-7-55)
* 5th and Lee Streets, Odessa, Texas

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BPCT-1258	7-13-55	Ch. # 7	V 20.4kw	U	9-13-55
		174-180mc	A 10 kw		3-13-56
CP for a new Comm. TV B/C Station.					
BMPCT-3479	11-16-55	same	V-102 kw	same	9-13-55
AH 740 ft.			A-53.7 kw		5-16-56
Mod. CP(BPCT-1258) to chg. TL, ERP, install new Transm'ts. Ant. Sys					
WIRE	12-20-55	STA Opr. Comm. basis accord. CP BMPCT-3479			
except without Aur. & Vis. frequency monitor & vestigial					
sideband filter. Auth. expires 5-16-56. lat C.O.					
WIRE	12-30-55	KOSA-TV authorized operate for Per. End.			
1-15-56. accord. STA gr. 12-20-55 & BMPCT-3479 except using					
the Gen. Electric TY-70-H antenna mounted at ground level.					
BMPCT-3876	4-20-56	same	same	same	9-13-55
Mod. CP(BPCT-1258, as mod) to extend completion date 11-16-56					
WIRE	5-3-56	Pending filing of Lic. Appl. mod. autho. gr. to			
Cpr. KOSA-TV temp. Per. End. 11-16-56, comm. basis accord. CP BMPCT-					
3876. Advise when regular opr. resumed.					
BTC-2248	6-8-56	Transfer of control of permittee corpora-			
tion from Odessa Broadcasting Company and Cecil Mills to					
Brooks L. Harman, William B. Stowe and Cecil E. Trigg.					
EFF: 1-13-56					
BMPCT-4317	10-25-56	same	same	same	9-13-55
Mod. of CP(BPCT-1258, as mod) to extend compl. dt. 5-16-57					
WIRE	10-26-56	Pending filing of Lic. Appl. ext. authority			
gr. to Cpr. KOSA-TV Temp. Per. End. 5-16-57 Comm. basis accord.					
CP BMPCT-4317.					
BMPCT-4369	11-26-56	same	V-316 kw	U	9-13-55
AH 740'			A-158 kw		5-16-57
Mod. CP(BPCT-1258, as mod) to chg. ERP, type of transmitters					
to make other minor equipment changes.					
WIRE	12-14-56	PENDING FILING LIC. APPL. AUTH. OPR.			
COMM. BASIS ACCORD. MPCT-4369 to 5-16-57					
BAPCT-215	1-23-57	Voluntary assignment of CP fr. C.L. Trigg,			
W.B. Stowe and Brooks L. Harman d/b as C.L. Trigg, Pres.					
Odessa Television Co (A Joint Venture) to C.L. Trigg, W.B. Stowe					
Brooks L. Harman, Jack C. Vaughn and Grady H. Vaughn, Jr. d/b					
as C.L. Trigg, President Odessa Television Company (A Joint					
Venture). EFF: 2-1-57					

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD COMM. TV.

Date first licensed

Call letters KOSA-TV

Name of licensee ODESSA TELEVISION COMPANY

Transmitter location SEE CARD # 1

Main studio location SEE CARD # 1

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

KOSA-TV

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BAPCT-211	1-23-57	Voluntary assignment from C.L. Trigg, W.B. Stowe, Brooks L. Harman, Jack C. Vaughn, and Grady H. Vaughn, Jr. d/b as C.L. TRIGG, President, Odessa Television Company (a joint venture) to ODESSA TELEVISION COMPANY			
EFF: 2-1-57					
WIRE 4-8-57	RELET	ATTY 2	PROGRAM TEST AUTH.	ACCORD.	BLCT-604
BLCT-604	5-15-57	CH # 7	V-316 kw	U	5-15-57 8-1-59
AH: 740'		174-180	A-158 kw		
License to cover OP (BPCCT-1258, as mod). specify SL					
COMM.	7-29-59	ACTION ON RENEWAL DEFERRED			
BRCT-320	9-9-59	same	same	same	9-9-59 8-1-62
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BALCT-119	5-27-60	Voluntary assignment of license to SOUTHWEST STATES, INC. EFF: 5-31-60			
BRCT-320	3-15-63	CH.#7	V-316 kw	U	3-15-63
AH: 740'		174-180	A-158 kw		8-1-65
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
GRANTED	6-12-63	WAIVER SEC. 3.652 OF COMM'S RULES IDENTIFY AS "ODESSA-MIDLAND", TEXAS. COMM. LTR. ADOPTED.			
BMLCT-205	12-15-64	CH.#7	V-316kw	U	12-15-64
AH:740' MSL:--		174-180	A-158kw		8-1-65
Mod. of License to change name					
WIRE	1-18-66	RELETATTY 14. PENDING FILING FCC FORM 301 FOR PERMANENT CHANGE, AUTH. GRANTED OPER. KOSA-TV TEMP PERIOD END 2-18-66 WITH AURAL POWER BETWEEN 10 & 20 PERCENT OF AUTHORIZED VISUAL POWER.			
BRCT-320	7-15-65	same	same	same	8-1-65
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					8-1-68
BMLCT-566	3-9-66	same	same	same	3-9-66
			A-39.8		8-1-68
Mod. of Lic to reduce Aural ERP					
BALCT-312	2-1-67	VOLUNTARY ASSIGNMENT OF LICENSE TO DOUBLEDAY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. EFF: 3-1-67)			
BRCT-320	7-22-68	(L)	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		8-1-71

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June 1954

COMM. TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters KOSA-TV

Station location ODESSA, TEXAS

Name of licensee DOUBLEDAY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
WIRE GR. OPER. BAND FILTER AUTHORIZED SERVICE	9-23-69 TEMP. PER. SUBJECT	PENDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR AUTH. END. 10-7-69 WITHOUT VESTIGAL SIDE CAUSING NO INTERFERENCE TO ANY OTHER			
BRCT-320	7-29-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-74
EBSA BAICT-525 BRCT-320	5-15-72 9-11-73 7-31-74	Vol. AL. Renewal of license (L)			8-1-74 8-1-77
BRCT-320	9-21-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-80
BRCT 800331KN	7-18-80	- Renewal of license(S)			8-1-83

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call

Letters ~~NEW~~ KOSA-TV

✓ and CECIL L. TRIGG, d/b as
 Name ~~CECIL MILLS, tr/as~~ ODESSA TELEVISION COMPANY
 (P.O. Mercantile Securities Building, Dallas, Texas)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-1256	6-27-52	CP for a new Commercial TV B/C station		
Rec'd	6-30-52	Freq: Ch # 7, 174-180 Mc.	GRANTED	7-13-55
Filed	6-30-52	ERP: Vis. 22.9 kw - Aur. 11.45 kw	/DECISION	
		Hours of operation: Unlimited	Docket # 10975	
		S-L: Lincoln Hotel, Lincoln Avenue & 4th St.		
		Odessa, Texas		
		T-L: Lincoln Hotel, Lincoln Avenue & 4th		
		Street, Odessa, Texas		
		(Vis & Aur. RCA-TT-2AH) (285.8')		
		Filed by Ross K. Prescott, Attorney		
AMENDED	12-2-52	Amended to change name of applicant from		
Rec'd	12-8-52	Cecil Mills, tr/as Odessa Television Company		
Filed	12-8-52	to Cecil Mills and Cecil L. Trigg, d/b as		
		Odessa Television Company		
AMENDED	12-1-53	Amended to change ERP from Vis. 22.9 kw, Aur.		
Rec'd	12-2-53	11.45 kw to Vis. 21.5 kw , Aur. 10.8 kw ; antenna		
Filed	12-2-53	height above average terrain from 285.8' to		
		362' and equipment		

Guy C. Hutcheson, Engr.

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FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call

NEW KOSA-TV

Name **C. L. TRIGG, President, ODESSA TELEVISION COMPANY (A Joint Venture)**
PO 115 West Sixth Street, Odessa, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-1258 AMENDED Recd. Filed	2-13-54 2-15-54 2-15-54	Amended to change name from Cecil Mills and Cecil L. Trigg, d/b as Odessa Television Company TO C. L. Trigg, President, Odessa Television Company(A Joint Venture); change ERP TO Vis. 20.2 kw; Aur. 10.12 kw; antenna height above avg. terrain TO 378' and changes in antenna system; change transmitter location from Lincoln Ave. & 4th. St. Odessa, Texas TO South of City Limits, on West side of Old Crane Highway, Odessa, Texas; studio location from Lincoln Hotel, Lincoln Ave. & 4th. Street, Odessa, Texas TO 5th. & Lee Streets, Odessa Texas. Dwight D. Doty- Atty	See Action Card # 1	
AMENDED Recd.&Filed	3-4-54 3-8-54	Amended to change antenna height above average terrain from 378' to 390'.		

Edward P. Talbot- Engr. El Paso, Texas
2201 Wyoming St.

Card # 3

FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING /COMM. TV B/C

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters KOSA-TVName C.L. TRIGG, PRESIDENT, ODESSA TELEVISION COMPANY (A Joint Venture)
Odessa, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-3479 Recd.&Filed	10-14-55 10-17-55	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1258, which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to change T-L from W. Side of Old Crane Hwy., approx. 0.5 mile S. of Odessa City limits, near Odessa, Texas to On Farm Road # 866, 11 miles West of Odessa, Odessa, Texas, change ERP from Vis. 20.4 kw, Aur. 10 kw to Vis. 103.4 kw, Aur. 54.3 kw, install new transmitters and antenna system and make other equipment changes. (752') (G.E. TT-32B) Filed by Dwight D. Doty, atty.	GRANTED COMM. ACTION	11-16-55
BMPCT-3876 Recd & filed	4-9-56 4-12-56	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1258 as modified, which authorized a new comm TV b/c station) to extend completion date from 5-16-56 to 11-16-56 Filed by Dwight D. Doty, Atty.	GRANTED	4-20-56

FORM BC-121

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FORM A-170

Call

Letters K O S A-TV

Name C.L. TRIGG, PRESIDENT, ODESSA TELEVISION COMPANY (A JOINT VENTURE)
(Odessa, Texas.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-2248 RECD & FILED	4-30-56 5-28-56	Transfer of control of permittee corporation from Odessa Broadcasting Company and Cecil Mills to Brooks L. Harman, Wm B. Stowe and C.L. Trigg. Filed by Dwight D. Doty, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	6-8-56 6-18-56
BMPCT-4317 Recd. & Filed Ext. # 3	10-4-56 10-8-56	Mod. of C.P. (BPC-1258, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 11-16-56 to 5-16-57. Filed by Dwight D. Doty, Atty.	GRANTED	10-25-56
BMPCT-4369 Recd & filed	11-6-56 11-7-56	Modification of construction permit (BPC-1258 as mod., which auth. a new comm TV b/c station) to change ERP from Vis. 102 kw, Aur 53.7 kw to Vis. 316 kw, Aur. 160 kw change type of transmitters and make other minor equipment changes. (Vis & Aur. GE-TF-5-A) (752) Filed by Dwight D. Doty, Atty.	GRANTED	11-26-56

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COMM. TV

Call

Letters K O S A-TV

ODESSA TELEVISION COMPANY
 Name X C. L. TRIGG, PRESIDENT, ODESSA TELEVISION COMPANY (A JOINT VENTURE)
 (Odessa, Texas.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-2390 RECD & FILED	12-10-56 12-19-56	Voluntary relinquishment of positive control of permittee corporation, thru sale of 40% of stock to Jack C. Vaughn and Grady H. Vaughn, Jr. Filed by Dwight D. Doty, Atty.	CONVERTED TO BAPCT-215 SEE BELOW.	
BAPCT-211 RECD & FILED	12-17-56 12-19-56	Voluntary assignment of construction permit from C.L. Trigg, President, Odessa Television Company (A Joint Venture) to Odessa Television Company. (Contingent on grant of BTC-2390 BAPCT-215) Filed by Dwight D. Doty, Atty.	GRANTED EFF: 2-1-57	1-23-57
BAPCT-215 RECD & FILED FORMERLY BTC-2390.	12-10-56 12-19-56	Voluntary assignment of CP from C. L. Trigg, W. B. Stowe and Brooks L. Harman d/b as C. L. Trigg, President, Odessa Television Company (A Joint Venture) to C. L. Trigg, W. B. Stowe, Brooks L. Harman, Jack C. Vaughn and Grady H. Vaughn, Jr., d/b as C. L. Trigg, President, Odessa Television Company (A Joint Venture). Filed by Dwight D. Doty, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	1-23-57 2-1-57

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV

AUG. 1955

SOUTHWEST STATES, INC.

Call

Letters KOSA-TV

Name X ODESSA TELEVISION COMPANY

Odessa, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-604 Rec'd & filed	3-30-57 4-2-57	Licence to cover CP (BPCT-1258 as mod.,) which authorized a new comm TV Broadcast station, and to specify studio location as 1211 N. Whitaker, Odessa, Texas in lieu of 13th and Whitaker, Odessa, Texas Filed by Dwight D. Doty, Atty.	GRANTED	5-15-57
BRCT-320 Rec'd & Filed	4-1-59 5-1-59	RENEWAL OF LICENSE, filed by Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED	9-9-59
BALCT-119 Rec'd Filed	5-11-60 5-12-60 5-12-60	Voluntary assignment of license to Southwest States, Inc. Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED EFF: 5-31-60	5-27-60
BRCT-320 Rec'd & Filed	4-16-62 4-24-62	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED	3-15-63
LETTER(3) Received	2-9-63 2-18-63	REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 3.652(a) OF COMM- MISSION'S RULES to permit identification as "Odessa-Midland, Texas" ::: Andrew G. Haley-atty	GRANTED COMM. LTR. adopted	6-12-63

(1) "STATEMENT" rec. 3-25-63 from Paul Dobin for KVKM-TV - *See Rpt. page*

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

DOUBLEDAY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

X TRIGG-VAUGHN STATIONS, INC.

Call
Letters KOJA-TV

Name X SOUTHWEST STATES, INC.

Odessa, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMLCT-205 R & F	11-19-64 11-20-64	Modification of license to change name to Trigg-Vaughn Stations, Inc. Haley, Bader & Potts-atty	GRANTED	12-15-64
BRCT-320 Recd&Filed	4-9-65 5-3-65	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Haley, Bader & Potts, Atty.	GRANTED	7-15-55
BMLCT-566 Recd.&Filed	2-21-66 2-25-66	Modification of License to reduce Aural ERP from 158 kw to 40 kw; and change type of Aural transmitter to G. E. TT-32B. Haley, Bader & Potts, Atty.	GRANTED	3-9-66
BALCT-312 R & F	11-17-66 11-18-66	Voluntary assignment of license to DOUBLEDAY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. Atty - Haley, Bader & Potts	GRANTED EFF:	2-1-67 3-1-67
BRCT-320 R & F	4-1-68 4-29-68 MAY 6 1968	RENEWAL OF LICENSE HALEY, BAKER & POTTS (Michael H. Bader) Atty. AMENDED 6-28-68 - LEGAL	424489 Refunded GRANTED	4-29-68 \$170. \$20. 5-2-68 7-22-68
ENGR. DATA FILED	7-6-70			

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters KOSA-TV

FORWARD COMMUNICATIONS OF TEXAS, INC.

Name X DOUBLEDAY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Ch. 7 Odessa, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-320	4-30-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-29-71
Rec. & filed	5-3-71	Michael H. Bader (Haley, Bader)		
PN Recd	5-3-71	Amended 6-24-71 re Sec. VI		
PRESS	MAY 10 1971			
SEE OTHER SIDE FOR PETITION				
BALCT-525	6-22-73	Voluntary assignment of license to Forward	GRANTED	9-11-73
R & F	6-26-73	Communications of Texas, Inc.		
#205270 \$1000	6-26-73	Attys.: Haley, Bader & Potts (Assignor)		
AC: 051		Thomas N. Frohock (McKenna, Wilkinson		
Form 314		& Kittner)(Assignee)		
PRESS		Amended 7-20-73 re correct officers, stockholders	COMMISSION ACTION	Eff: 10-17-73
GRANT FEE: \$47,000.00		shares, correct pop. of Midland Ct.		
GRANT FEE PAID: 10-23-73				
PN REC'D	7-18-73	Amended 8-29-73 re purchase agreement		
AC: 052		Ltr. 8-7-73 REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF TAX CERTIFICATE		
#245433 \$47000.00			TAX CERTIFICATE GRANTED	5-10-74

F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

PETITION TO DENY filed 8-2-71 by Alonzo Ramirez - DISMISSED by Comm. ltr. 8-10-71

MOTION FOR EXT. OF TIME filed 9-7-71 by Joseph L. Gibson for Alonzo Ramirez etc.

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT CLARIFYING PETITIONER'S MOTION TO EXTEND TIME filed 9-13-71
by Joseph Gibson

MOTION FOR SECOND EXT. OF TIME filed 9-28-71 by Joseph Gibson

COMMISSION GRANTED EXT. OF TIME until 10-26-71 by Memo. Opinion & Order adq ted 10-14-71

APPLICATION FOR REVIEW filed 10-26-71 by Alonzo Ramirez.

MOTION FOR EXT. OF TIME TO FILE PLEADING IN RESPONSE TO APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW filed
11-8-71 by Michael Bader for KOSA-TV

SUPPLEMENT TO MOTION FOR EXT. OF TIME TO FILE PLEADING IN RESPONSE TO APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW
filed 11-16-71 by Michael Bader for KOSA-TV.

RESPONSE TO PETITION TO DENY AND APPLICATION FOR REVIEW filed 12-6-71 by Michael Bader
d for KOSA-TV

Ltr. 12-6-71 from atty. submitting report on ascertainment of community needs *3 copies filed*
to 11-2-72

MOTION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FOR REVIEW AND RELATED PETITION TO DENY filed 3-24-72
by Alonzo Ramirez.

Petition to Deny and Application for Review withdrawn (Ltr. 5-19-72)

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call
Letters KOSA-TV

Name FORWARD COMMUNICATIONS OF TEXAS, INC.

CH-7 Odessa, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-320 R & F Pn Rec'd: PRESS:	3-26-74 5-1-74 5-1-74 JUN 17 1974	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Thomas N. Frohock (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner) No Annual Report Filed Amended 7-15-74 re programming.	GRANTED	J 7 31 74
BRCT-320 R&F PN RECD PRESS	2-28-77 4-1-77 4-1-77 APR 15 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Thomas Frohock (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner) Amended 8-15-77 re Contours	GRANTED	9-21-77

CARD NO. 10

APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV
Call Letters: KUSA-TV

Name: FORWARD COMMUNICATIONS OF TEXAS, INC.
CH-7

Station Location: **UDESSA, TEXAS**

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRCT-800331KN R & F PN REC'D	3-1-80 3-31-80 3-31-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: THOMAS N. FRUHOCK {MCKENNA, WILKINSON AND KITTNER}	GRANTED 7-18-80

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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.

