

KUNO



REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE

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Patent No. 1390199

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-17-50

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LOCATION: CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

KUNO RADIO, INC. (AL 1-30-58) EFF: 3-1-58

X K U N O, INC. (AL 7-19-51, Eff. 8-16-51)

Name of licensee X LESLIE C. SMITH, B. G. MOFFETT and J. H. MAYBERRY, A Partnership d/b as
COMMUNITY BROADCASTING COMPANY4718 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas (BP 12-17-62) ⁷⁸⁴⁰⁸ BL 11-7-63

Transmitter location X2119 Agnes Street, Corpus Christi, Texas (MP 1-20-50)(Lic. 4-17-50)

78408 Same as transmitter.

Main studio location X2119 Agnes Street, Corpus Christi, Texas (MP 1-20-50)(Lic. 4-17-50)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From-- To-- |
|-----------------------|---|---|-------|--------------|-----------------------|
| BP-6306 | 8-10-49 | 1400 | 100w | Un | |
| | ORDER ISSUED. CP for a new station granted subj. filing MP for approval T site and antenna. | | | | |
| BP-6306 BMP-4805 | 1-20-50 | 1400 | 100w | Un | 3-20 9-20-50 |
| | Mod. CP (6306) for approval of antennas, T and studio sites. (COND. CL) | | | | |
| BL-4021 | 4-17-50 | 1400 | 100w | U | 4-17 8-1-50 |
| | Lic. to cover CP (6306 as mod) for a new station. (COND. CLAUSE) | | | | |
| BR-2440 | 7-26-50 | Extension of license | | | 8-1 12-1-50 |
| BR-2440 | 11-29-50 | 1400 | 100w | U | 11-29 8-1-53 |
| BAL-1206 Eff. | 7-19-51 8-16-51 | Vol. assignment of license | | | to KUNO, INC. |
| BMP-5034 | 8-15-51 | 1400 | 250w | U | 8-15 8-1-53 |
| | Mod. of license to increase power (COND. CL CLAUSE) | | | | |
| BAL-1206 Eff. | 7-19-51 8-16-51 | Superseding assignment of license to KUNO, INC. to include assignment of BMP-5034 | | | |
| BR-2440 | 7-1-53 | 1400 | 250w | U | 8-1-53 8-1-56 |
| BRC-393 (1) | 5-10-54 | Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from Corpus Christi, Texas | | | 2119 Agnes St., |
| BF-9451 | 9-14-54 | 1400 | 250w | Aux. | 11-14 5-14-55 |
| | C.P. install an aux. transmitter | | | | |
| BL-5509 | 11-18-54 | Lic. cover CP (9451) which authorized installation of AUX Trans. | | | 11-18-54 8-1-56 |
| BP-9144 | 9-28-55 | 1400kc | 250w | U | 11-28-55 5-28-56 |
| | CP to make changes in antenna system | | | | |
| BL-5965 (2) (Main) | 12-29-55 | License to cover CP (BP-9144) to make changes in ant system | | | |
| BZ-3742 (1) Aux. | 1-31-56 | Aut. to determine oper. pwr. by direct meas. of ant. power. | | | |
| BR-2440 | 7-18-56 | 1400kc | 250w | U | 8-1 8-1-59 |
| | | | 250w | AUX. | |
| BAL-2911 EFF: | 1-30-58 3-1-58 | Voluntary assignment of license to KUNO Radio, Inc. | | | |

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Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From.. To.. |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| BTC-2747 EFF: | 4-10-58 4-21-58 | Voluntary relinquishment of positive control of licensee corporation by J.C.Looney thru sale of stock in S.Zimmerman, Al Beck, and 9 other newcomers. | | | |
| BR-2440 AUX | 7-22-59 | 1400 | 250w | U | 8-1 8-1-62 |
| BZ-4581 (1) MAIN & AUX. | 3-26-62 | Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. | | | |
| BR-2440 | 7-24-62 | 1400kc | 250w | U | 8-1 8-1-65 |
| BP-15785 (Cond'1) | 12-17-62 | 1400kc | 250w | U | 2-17 8-17-63 |
| BP-15785 | 12-17-62 | Superseding auth. which correctly describes the condition. | | | |
| BP-15800 | 1-16-63 | 1400kc | 250w | Aux. | 3-16-9-16-63 |
| BP-15800 | 1-16-63 | Superseding auth. which correctly describes the condition. | | | |
| Ltr. | 9-16-63 | CP(BP-15,800) for Aux. trans., cancelled. | | | |
| BMP-10,980 (1) | 9-16-63 | Mod. of CP (BP-15,785) for ext. of completion date to 10-17-63. | | | |
| BL-10,286 (1) | 11-7-63 | Lic. to cover CP (BP-15,785as mod) which auth. chg. studio and ant-trans. loc. | | | |
| BR-2440 | 7-2-65 | 1400kc | 250w | U | 8-1 8-1-68 |
| BMP-10937 | 1-6-66 | 1400kc | 250w, 1kw-LS | U | 3-6 9-6-66 |
| | | CP to increase daytime power to 1kw and install new transmitter (Collins 20-V) & operate trans. by remote control (Cond'1). | | | |
| | | Grant RESCINDED 4-2 0-66 by NOTICE from Docket s | | | |
| BZ-6231 (1) | 12-9-66 | Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. | | | |
| BRC-3137 (2) | 7-17-67 | Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 4718 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas. | | | |

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From.. To. |
|------------------|---|---|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| BMP-10937 | 12-4-67 | 1400kc | 250w, 1kw-LS | U | 2-4 8-4-68 |
| | CP to increase daytime power, install new trans. and operate transmitter by remote control from studio loc. (Cond'l). | | | | |
| BL-11,934 (L) | 4-30-68 | License to cover (BMP-10,937) | | | 8-1-68 |
| BR-2440(S) | 7-22-68 | RENEWAL | | | 8-1-71 |
| BL-11,935 | (L)8-2-68 | Lic. to use former main trans. 8-1-71 for Aux. Trans.-Daytime. (250w) AC | | | |
| BTC-6245 | 5-21-70 | VOL.TC | EFP: | 5-22-70 | |
| BR-2440(S) | 7-29-71 | RENEWAL | | | 8-1-74 |
| EBSA | 5-22-72 | | | | |
| BR-2440(S) | 7-31-74 | RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.) | | | 8-1-77 |
| BR-2440(L) | 7-14-77 | RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.) | | | 8-1-80 |
| BR800401G3(S) | 7-18-80 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE | | | 8-1-83 |

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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 Letters New

LESLIE C. SMITH, B. G. MOFFETT and J. H. MAYBERRY,
 Name A Partnership d/b as COMMUNITY BROADCASTING COMPANY
(PO 1522 Stillman Avenue, Corpus Christi, Texas)

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|----------|---------|---|---|------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BP-6306 | 8-2-47 | Construction Permit for a new standard broad- cast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1400kc Power: 100w 250w 100w Hours of operation: Unlimited Trans. location: To be determined- Corpus Christi, Texas Studio location: To be determined- Corpus Christi, Texas (Filed by P.W.Seward, Atty.; John J. Keel, Engr.) | Docket # 8681 | |
| Rec'd | 8-27-47 | | Granted 8-10-49 after | |
| Filed | 8-27-47 | | hearing; subj. filing MP for approval T site and antenna. Order Issued | |
| | | | Issued with MP 4805 | |
| AMENDED | 1-7-48 | AMENDED to change power from 100w to 250w | | |
| Recd. | 1-16-48 | | | |
| Filed | 1-23-48 | | | |
| AMENDED | 5-3-48 | AMENDED to change power from 250w to 100w | | |
| Recd | 5-4-38 | | | |
| Filed | 5-7-48 | | | |

Transmitter-Collins 300-G

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Name LESLIE C. SMITH, B. G. MOFFETT and J. H. MAYBERRY,
A Partnership d/b as COMMUNITY BROADCASTING COMPANY

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BMP-4805 Rec'd Filed | 9-29-49 9-30-49 9-30-49 | Mod. of C.P. (BP-6306, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna, transmitter and studio location as 2119 Agnes Street, Corpus Christi, Texas. (P. W. Seward, Atty. John J. Keel, Engr.) | GRANTED re blanketing clause | 1-20-50 |
| AMENDED Recd. Filed | 1-6-50 1-10-50 1-10-50 | AMENDED to make changes in antenna | | |
| BMP-5034 Rec'd Filed | 2-15-50 3-1-50 3-1-50 | Modification of construction permit (BP-6303, as modified, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to increase power from 100w to 250w. P. W. Seward, Atty. John J. Keel, Engr. | Docket No. 9626 Upon consideration of petition appl. removed from hearing and GRANTED 8-15-51 Condit re blanketing ORDER ISSUED Issued as Mod. License | |

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Leslie C. Smith, B. G. Moffett and J. H. Mayberry

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Letters K U N O

Name

A Partnership d/b as Community Broadcasting Company

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BL-4021 Rec'd Filed | 3-29-50 3-20-50 3-30-50 | License to cover construction permit (BP-6306, as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. | GRANTED re blanketing clause | 4-17-50 |
| BSSA-244 Rec'd Filed | 4-8-50 4-10-50 4-10-50 | Special Service Authorization to operate on 1400kc, power of 250w, unlimited time, for a period of 120 days beginning April 20, 1950. | DENIED ORDER | 5-12-50 ISSUED |
| BR-2440 Rec'd | 5-22-50 5-26-50 | Renewal of license. | GRANTED | 11-29-50 |

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

KUNO, INC. IAL 7-19-51 Eff. 8-16-51
 x Leslie C. Smith, B. G. Moffett and J. H. Mayberry,
 Name a Partnership d/b as Community Broadcasting Company

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| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BSSA-247 Rec'd Filed | 6-9-50 6-12-50 6-12-50 | Special Service Authorization to operate on 1400 kc, power of 200w, unlimited time for a period of 47 days, beginning 6-15-50 and ending in no event later than 8-1-50. | DISMISSED ORDER ISSUED | 8-17-50 |
| BAL-1206 Rec'd Filed | 6-14-51 6-18-51 6-18-51 | Voluntary assignment of license from Leslie C. Smith, B. G. Moffett and J. H. Mayberry, A Partnership d/b as Community Broadcasting Company to KUNO, Inc. Leonard H. Marks, Atty. | GRANTED Eff. | 7-19-51 8-16-51 |
| BR-2440 Rec'd Filed | 4-15-53 4-16-53 4-16-53 | Renewal of License | GRANTED | 7-1-53 |

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FORM A-170
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Name K U N O, INC.

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BP-9144 Rec'd Filed SEE AMENDMENT BELOW | 1-13-54 1-14-54 1-14-54 | Construction permit to make changes in the antenna system (increase height of tower). J. H. Mayberry, Engr. | GRANTED | 9-28-55 |
| BRC-393 Rec'd Filed | 5-1-54 5-4-54 5-4-54 | Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 2119 Agnes Street, Corpus Christi, Texas | GRANTED | 5-10-54 |
| BP-9144 (CONTINUED) AMENDED REC'd Resub. Rec'd Filed AMENDED Rec'd Filed | 4-19-54 4-21-54 5-11-54 5-13-54 5-13-54 11-29-54 12-1-54 12-7-54 | AMENDED to make changes in antenna system. AMENDED to make changes in antenna system. | RETURNED 5-4-54 Not-notarised SEE ABOVE FOR ACTION | |

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FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name KUNO, INC.

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|--|----------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BP-9451 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed | 8-20-54 | Construction permit to install a new transmitter (Gates BGA-250) as an auxiliary transmitter at 2119 Agnes St., Corpus Christi, Texas (present location of the main transmitter) to be operated on 1400ks, with power of 250w, for auxiliary purposes only. J. H. Mayberry, Engr. | RETURNED | 8-25-54 |
| | 8-23-54 | | Filed on wrong form | (316) |
| | 8-30-54 | | | |
| | 9-2-54 | | GRANTED | 9-14-54 |
| | 9-2-54 | | | |
| BL-5509 Rec'd Filed | 10-18-54 | License to cover construction permit (BP-9451) which authorized installation of a new trans. to be used for Auxiliary purposes only. | GRANTED | 11-18-54 |
| | 10-20-54 | | | |
| | 10-20-54 | | | |
| BL-5965 Rec'd Filed | 11-12-55 | License to cover construction permit (BP-9144) which authorized making changes in the antenna system. | GRANTED | 12-29-55 |
| | 11-15-55 | | | |
| | 11-15-55 | | | |
| BZ-3742 Rec'd Filed | 12-7-55 | Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Aux.) | GRANTED | 1-31-56 |
| | 12-9-55 | | | |
| | 12-9-55 | | | |

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FORMERLY FORM A-170

KUNO RADIO, INC.

Call
Letters KUNO

Name

* KUNO, INC.

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|-------------|----------|--|---------|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BR-2440 | 4-23-56 | Renewal of license (Main) | | |
| Rec'd | 4-26-56 | | | |
| Filed | 4-26-56 | | | |
| BR-2440 | 5-5-56 | Auxiliary | | |
| Rec'd | 5-9-56 | | | |
| Filed | 5-9-56 | | GRANTED | 7-18-56 |
| BAL-2911 | 12-31-57 | Voluntary assignment of license to KUNO | GRANTED | 1-30-58 |
| Rec'd | 1-2-58 | Radio, Inc. | EFF: | 3-1-58 |
| Filed | 1-2-58 | Leonard H. Marks, Atty. | | |
| BTC-2747 | 3-15-58 | Voluntary relinquishment of positive control | GRANTED | 4-10-58 |
| Rec'd | 3-20-58 | of licensee corporation by J. C. Looney thru | EFF: | 4-21-58 |
| Filed | 3-20-58 | sale of stock to S. Zimmerman, Al Beck and | | |
| | | 9 other newcomers. | | |
| | | Leonard H. Marks, Atty. | | |
| BR-2440 | 4-21-59 | Renewal of license (Main) | GRANTED | 7-22-59 |
| Rec'd&Filed | 4-30-59 | | | |

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|---------------|----------|---|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BR- 2440 | 5-19-59 | Renewal of license (Auxiliary) | Returned | 6-23-59 |
| Rec'd | 5-22-59 | | Not Signed | |
| Resub. | 6-26-59 | | GRANTED | 7-22-59 |
| Rec'd & Filed | 6-29-59 | | | |
| | | ----- | | |
| | | Per letter of 8-5-59 station now represented by firm of Chadbourne, Parke, Whiteside & Wolff, Washington, D.C. | | |
| | | ----- | | |
| BZ- 4581 | 11-21-61 | Authority to determine operating power by the direct measurement of antenna power. (MAIN & AUXILIARY) | RETURNED | 11-30-61 |
| Rec'd | 11-27-61 | | Filed on wrong form | |
| Resub | 12-4-61 | | GRANTED | 3-26-62 |
| R. & F. | 12-6-61 | | | |
| BR-2440 | 4-27-62 | Renewal of license (Main & Aux.) | GRANTED | 7-24-62 |
| Rec'd | 5-1-62 | | | |
| Filed | 5-1-62 | | | |

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name KUNO Radio, Inc.
Corpus Christi, Texas

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|------------------------------|----------|---|--|--------------------------------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BP-15,785 R. & F. | 11-14-62 | CP to change studio & antenna-transmitter location from 2119 Agnes St., to 4718 Leopard St., Corpus Christi, Texas. | GRANTED | 12-17-62 |
| | 11-19-62 | | Cond'l re: Before prog. tests may be authorized, a non-DA proof of performance shall be submitted. | |
| BP-15,800 R. & F. | 12-13-62 | CP to change studio & antenna-transmitter location from 2119 Agnes St., to 4718 Leopard St., Corpus Christi, Texas. (Aux.) | GRANTED | 1-16-63 |
| | 12-17-62 | | (Cancelled 12-9-63) | |
| ----- | | | | |
| BMP-10,937 Rec'd Filed | 4-29-63 | Mod. of CP (BP-15785, which auth. change ant. trans. & studio location) to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw and install new transmitter (Collins 20-V) & operate trans. by remote control from studio loc. Eng. Siliman, Moffet & Kowalski | GRANTED | 1-6-66 |
| | 5-2-63 | | Cond'l re: 250 watt | Class IV stations, |
| | 5-2-63 | | Permittee shall submit | with the appls. for |
| | | | lic. antenna resistance | measurements. |
| | | | Action of 1-6-66 | |
| | | | RESCINDED | 4-20-66 |
| | | | GRANTED | 12-4-67 |

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

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Name KUNO RADIO, INC.
Corpus Christi, Texas 78403

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BMP-10,980 R. & F. | 8-5-63 8-12-63 | Mod. of CP (BP-15,785 which auth. change studio & antenna-transmitter location) for extension of completion date from 8-17-63 to 10-17-63. | Granted | 9-16-63 |
| BL-10,286 Rec'd Filed | 8-21-63 8-26-63 9-26-63 | Lic to cover CP(BP-15,785 as mod) which auth chg studio and ant-trans. loc. Atty- Cohn & Marks | GRANTED | 11-7-63 |
| BR-2440 R & F | 4/15/65 5/5/65 | Renewal of license (SUTIN) Atty. Cohn and Marks | GRANTED | 7-2-65 |
| BZ-6231 R & F | 10/10/66 10/17/66 | Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. | GRANTED | 12-9-66 |

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Name KUNO RADIO, INC.
Corpus Christi, Texas

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|---|---|--|---------|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BRC-3137 Rec'd Filed JUL 17 1967 | 6-23-67 6-26-67 7-7-67 | Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 4718 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas. | GRANTED | 7-17-67 |
| BL-11,934 R & F #408748 \$30 PT | 2/23/68 2/26/68 2/26/68 3/6/68 | License (BMP-10,937, for changes). Atty: Stanley B. Cohen | GRANTED | 4-30-68 |
| BL-11,935 R & F #410640 \$30 PT APR 12 1968 | 3/1/68 3/6/68 3/6/68 3/15/68 | License to use former main trans. COLLINS 300G as main nighttime trans. & auxiliary daytime with remote control. Atty: Roy F. Perkins | GRANTED | 8-2-68 |
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1400kc

Call
Letters K U N O

Name KUNO RADIO, INC.
Corpus Christi, Texas

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|--|---|--|---------------------|------------------------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BR-2440 R & F #425825 \$75 MAY 23 1968 | 4-27-68 5-2-68 5-2-68 | Renewal of license Roy F. Perkins, Atty. AMENDED 6-14-68 re: Foreign Language Programming AMENDED 7-17-68 re: Programming | GRANTED | 7-22-68 |
| BTC -6245 R & F FEE PD: \$30 | 4-11-70 4-20-70 -#594398 | Voluntary acquisition of positive control of lic corp by McHenry T. Tichenor thru corporate reorganization and issuance of new Class II stock (51%) by corporation to McHenry T. Tichenor Atty - Cohn & Marks | GRANTED EFF: | 5-21-70 5-22-70 |
| BR-2440 R & F PN Recd. PRESS BR-2440 MAY 12 1971 | 3-31-71 4-30-71 " R & F 5-19-71 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN TRANS.) Ian D. Volner, Atty. (Cohn & Marks) Renewal of Auxiliary Transmitter | GRANTED | 7-29-71 |

Atty. called 5-22-68 re: Power

5-10-71 Atty. was called and he said a 303

for Aux. Trans. will be filed.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1400khz.

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Letters **KUNO**

Name **KUNO RADIO, INC.**
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

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|---|-----------------------------|---|---------|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BR-2440 R & F PN PRESS JUN 3 1974 | 4-1-74 5-2-74 5-2-74 | Renewal of license(Main & Auxiliary) Atty: Roy R. Russo(Cohn & Marks) AMENDED 7-9-74 re: ascert. of comm. needs; composition of area | GRANTED | 7-31-74 |
| BR-2440 R & F P.N. PRESS MAY 4 1977 | 3-29-77 4-1-77 4-1-77 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) Atty. Roy R. Russo (Cohn & Marks) AMENDED 5-20-77 re: EEO AMENDED 6-24-77 re: programming | GRANTED | 7-14-77 |
| BR 800401 G3 PRESS APR 29 1980 | | RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) Lawrence N. Cohn,Atty. | GRANTED | 7-18-80 |

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 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. 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 – 3" by 5" filing cards – 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). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only one set is known to exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

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 radio station history.

