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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed August 18, 1972

Call letters KXEM

RON T. SMITH and NANCY E. SMITH dba NORTH AMERICAN
MEDIA (AL 8-11-78 EFF: 8-11-78)

Station location McFarland, Calif.

AL gr 7/15/77 EFF: 9-9-77

xKXEM RADIO COMPANY, A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (Jack O. Koonce-General Partner)
xJACK O. KOONCE (AL 10-30-74: EFF: 11-1-74)
xJACK O. KOONCE, GEORGE W. GRANGER AND LEWIS A. MOE d/b as

Name of licensee GOLDEN EMPIRE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

WHISTLER Road, 2.8 miles West of US-99 McFarland Calif. (BMP 7-31-70)

Transmitter location Elmo Hwy., 3 mi. W. of US-99 Hwy., McFarland, California (EP 4-1-69)

Whistler Road, 2.8 miles West of US-99 McFarland Calif. (BMP 7-31-70)

Main studio location Same as transmitter (EP 4-1-69)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BP-16872	4-1-69	1590kc	500w-DA-D	Day	12-1-69
CP for a new standard broadcast station (Cond'1)					
BP-16872(1)	10-14-69	Call letters assigned.			
BMP-12845(2)	1-6-70	MP(BP-16,872) ext. time			5-31-70
BMP-13,007(3)	6-23-70	MP(BP-16,872) ext. time			12-19-70
BMP-13,053(4)	7-31-70	Mod. of CP-BP-16,872) to chg. antenna trans. & studio loc. chg. type trans. to RCA BTA-1MX and chg. antenna system.			12-19-70
BMP-13,142(1)	12-23-70	MP(BP-16,872) ext. time to			5-1-71
BMP-13,218(2)	4-23-71	MP(BP-16,872) ext. time to			8-1-71

PSA	11-1-71	235 watts			
EBSA	6-12-72				
BL-12,967(L)	8-18-72	Lic(BP-16,872) for new Station			12-1-74

BAL-8222	Vol. AL.	10-30-74	EFF:	11-1-74	
BR-4895(L)	6-19-75	RENEWAL OF LIC.			12-1-77

BS-4895(L)	7-18-75	ML resume direct measurement, chg MP values, chg page 2			
BAL-9027	7-15-77	VOL. AL	EFF:	9-9-77	
BALRE-3237					
BR-4895	11-30-77	(L) REN. OF LICENSE			12-1-80
BAL-9367	8-11-78	VOL. AL	EFF:	8-11-78	

Br-800801XC	(S) 11-17-80	Renewal fo License			12-1-83

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JACK O. KOONCE, GEORGE W. GRANGER AND LEWIS A. MCE d/b as GOLDEN EMPIRE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

Name * JACK O. KOONCE

McFarland, California (717 Salem St., Delano, Calif.) 93215

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-16,872 R. & F.	8-6-65 8-16-65	CP for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1590kc Power: 500w DA-D Hours of operation: Daytime Type transmitter: Collins 20V3 Trans. location: Elmo Hwy, 3 mi. west of US 99 Hwy, McFarland, Calif. Studio location: Same as transmitter Atty: Fletcher, Deald, Rowell, Kennehan & Hildreth	GRANTED Cond'l res Permittee shall accept any interf. that may result in the event of a grant of the applic. of Tri-Counties Public Service, Inc. (KUDU-BP-17241).	4-1-69
SEE AMEND CARD #2				
Preliminary examination indicates this proposal is MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE with BP-16,607 KUDU, Ventura, Calif.				
REQUEST TO DISMISS APPLICATION, OR, REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE DESIGNATION FOR HEARING filed 3-6-67 by Ben Fisher for KUDU, Ventura, Cal.				
OPPOSITION TO REQUEST TO DISMISS APPLICATION, OR, REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE DESIGNATION FOR HEARING filed 3-20-67 by Hildreth for applicant. (Contingent petition for waiver of Sect. 73.37(b) of the rules attached.)				

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JACK O. KOONCE, GEORGE W. GRANGER AND LEWIS A. MOE d/b as GOLDEN EMPIRE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

Name ☒ JACK O. KOONCE

McFarland, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
ERRATUM filed 3-21-67 by Hildreth for applicant.				
OPPOSITION TO "CONTINGENT PETITION FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 73.37(b) OF THE RULES" filed 3-27-67 by Fisher. for KUDU.				
REPLY TO "OPPOSITION TO REQUEST TO DISMISS APPLICATION, OR, REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE DESIGNATION FOR HEARINGS" filed 3-27-67 by Fisher for KUDU.				
REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO CONTINGENT PETITION FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 73.37(b) of the Rules filed 4-4-67 by Hargrove for applicant.				
FURTHER STATEMENT OF JACK O. KOONCE filed 5-17-67 by Hargrove. (All Objections DISMISSED as MOOT by letter dated 3-28-69.)				

BP-16,872 cont'd				
AMENDMENT	5-15-67	AMENDED to make changes in directional	GRANTED	4-1-69
R & F	5-17-67	antenna system(add towers & change height)		
OCT 13 1967		and change ground system.		
AMENDMENT	1-2-69	Chg. name applicant to Jack O. Koonce, George		
R & F	1-28-69	W.Granger and Lewis A. Moe, d/b as Golden		
FEB 25 1969		Empire Communications Company, submit new		
		Sec. II, III & IV.		
Amend R&F	2-18-69	Amend Add'l. Eng. P.O.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.		

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JACK O. KOONCE, George W. GRANGER AND LEWIS A. MOE d/b as
 Name GOLDEN EMPIRE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY
McFarland, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-12,845 R&F \$30 #553902 DEC 31 1969	10-23-69 10-31-69 10-31-69	Mod. of CP (BP-16,872, for new stn) for ext. of time to 5-31-70. James Riley, Atty.	GRANTED	1-6-70 to 5-31-70
BMP-13,007 R & F \$30-600705 JUN 1 1970	5-1-70 5-11-70 5-11-70	MP(BP-16,872, as mod.) for extension of completion date to _____ (new) Arry: Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenahan & Hildreth	GRANTED to	6-23-70 12-19-70
BMP-13,053 R&F \$30-573670 PRESS: JUL 23 1970 Amended 6-1-70 Eng. Amended 6-24-70 Eng.	1-25-70 1-28-70 1-28-70	Mod. of CP(BP-16,872 as mod.) to chg. ant- trans. & studio loc. to Whistler Rd., 2.8 mi. West of US Hwy. 99, McFarland, California, chg. type trans. to RCA, BTA-1MX and chg. antenna system to 4-element. (35° 38' 40" 119° 16' 08") Atty. Wade Hargrove (Fletcher, Heald etc) Eng. Cecil Lynch	GRANTED	7-31-70

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Name JACK O, KOONCE, GEORGE W. GRANGER AND LEWIS A. MOE
d/b as GOLDEN EMPIRE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY
McFarland California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-13 142 R & F \$50-643954 AC-067 DEC 16 1970	11-7-70 11-13-70 11-13-70	MP(BP-16 872, as mod) for extension of completion date to _____ (new) Atty: Fletcher, Heald, Rowell Kenehan and Hildreth	GRANTED TO	12-23-70 5-1-71
BMP-13,218 R & F \$50-677525 AC-067 APR 22 1971	3-29-71 4-8-71 4-8-71	MP(BP-16,872, as mod.) for extension of completion date to _____ (new) Atty: Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenehan & Hildreth.	GRANTED TO	4-23-71 8-1-71
BL-12,967 Rec'd & F #W 009292#30 AC-067 PTA Amended Amended PRESS JUN 23 1971	5-25-71 6-2-71 6-2-71 6-10-71 6-14-71 6-16-71	Lic.(BP-16,872, as mod.) for New Standard Broadcast Station. Atty: Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenehan & Hildreth Engr. data Sect. VI	GRANTED	8-18-72

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XXJACK O. KOONCE

(Jack O. Koonce-General Partner)

JACK O. KOONCE, GEORGE W. GRANGER AND LEWIS A. MOE, d/b as

Name X GOLDEN EMPIRE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

McFarland, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4895 R & F P.N. PRESS	7-20-74 8-1-74 8-1-74 AUG 8 1974	Renewal of License Atty.: Marvin Rosenberg AMENDED 11-11-74 to reflect gr. of BAL-8222	GRANTED	6-19-75
BAL-8222 R & F FEE FD: \$250 #336425 CODE 047 (FORM 316) SEP 11 1974	7-11-74 8-16-74	Voluntary assignment of license to JACK O. KOONCE Atty - Fletcher, Heald etc AMENDED 10-25-74 - financial data	GRANTED EFF:	10-30-74 11-1-74
BAL-9027 R & F FORM 316 JUN 28 1977	5/17/77 6/6/77	Voluntary assignment of license to KXEM RADIO COMPANY, A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (Jack O. Koonce - General Partner) Atty - George Malti, San Francisco, Calif.	GRANTED EFF:	7-15-77 9-9-77

BAL-9027 - Not orig. sig. on Partnership Agreement
ATTY was v ATTY WAS CALLED 6-27-77 - orig. sign. nec.

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Letters K X E M

RON T. SMITH and NANCY E. SMITH dba NORTH AMERICAN MEDIA
 Name KXEM RADIO COMPANY, A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (Jack O. Koonce - General Partner)
McFARLAND, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4895 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-18-77 7-21-77 " SEP 22 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-30-77
BAL-9367 R & F FORM 314 PN FILED	4/26/78 5/12/78 MAY 25 1978 6-13-78	Voluntary assignment of license to Ron T. Smith and Nancy E. Smith dba NORTH AMERICAN MEDIA Atty - Cohn & Marks (Brian Madden)	GRANTED EFF:	8-11-78 8-14-78
BR 800801 XC PRESS	SEP 5 1980	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	Granted	11-17-80

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RE: BAL- - Also see 315 for KWIP(BTC-8713)

Section I, pg 4 filed 5/15/78(Assignee's)

AMENDED 5-31-78 re: Signature pages to appl. *Nancy L. Smith*

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Call Letters:

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Name: RON T. SMITH and NANCY E. SMITH dba NORTH AMERICAN MEDIA

Station Location: McFarland, California

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BAL810826ET Form 314 PRESS SEP 0 4 1981		Vol AL to Caballero Soanish Radio Atty. for assignor Brian M. Madden Atty. for assignee Matthew L. Leibowitz, Esq.	

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.

