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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

K A G I (12-5-58)

Date first licensed January 8, 1940

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LOCATION: GRANTS PASS, OREGON

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Name of licensee ☒ KAGI, INC. (BAPL-244 10-11-61 EFF: 11-1-61)
☒ SOUTHERN OREGON BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location Redwood Highway, Grants Pass, Oregon (C.P. & MP 10-23-39)(Lic. 1-8-40)

Main studio location Redwood Highway, Grants Pass, Oregon (C.P. & MP 10-23-39)(Lic. 1-8-40)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

APPL. No.	DATE ISSUED	FREQ.	POWER	TIME Div.	PERIOD From— To—
Letter B5-P-2245	9-13-39 Eff. 9-14	1310	100w	U	Trans. site and antenna to be determined. For new station at Grants Pass, Oregon
B5-P-2245 B5-MP-851	10-23-39	1310	100w	U	12-23 6-23-40 C.P. for new station; Mod. C.P.P. for approval of trans. site & antenna
B5-L-1065) B5-Z-276)	1-8-40	1310	100w	U	1-8 10-1-40 License to cover C.P. for new station; also direct measurement
B5-S-1039	2/20/40	1310	100w	U	3/1 8/1/40
B5-P-2779	6-4-40	1310	250w	U.	8-4 2-4-41 C.P. changes in equip. increase in power.
Order	6/12/40	Extension of License			8/1 10/1/40
B5-L-1212	8-19-40	1310	250	U.	8-19 10-1-40 Lic cover C.P. (B5-P-2779) equip. changes, incr. in power.
B5-S-984	8/23/40	regr. Forest Ser. fire maps as for B5-P-2779 to 8/21/40. Prop. rec'd from Forestry.			
Order	9-10-40	Extension of license			10-1 3-29-41
NARBA REALLOCATION					
B5-R-1039	3-24-41	1340	250w	U	3-29 10-1-41
B5-R-1039	9-23-41	1340	250w	U	10-1 10-1-42
B5-R-1039	9-22-42	1340	250w	U	10-1 6-1-43
B5-R-1039	5-25-43	1340	250w	U	6-1 6-1-45
B5-S-1039	5-22-45	Extension of License			6-1 8-1-45
B5-R-1039	6-5-45	1340	250w	U	6-5 2-1-47
B5-S-1039	7-10-45	1340	250w	U	10-1 2-1-47 Mod. Lic. Order 107-A
B5-R-1039	1-23-47	1340	250w	U	2-1 2-1-50
B5-P-5569	3-21-47	1340kc	250w	U	5-21 11-21-47 CP to make changes in antenna & mount FM antenna
BMP-3334	11-26-47	1340	250w	U	5-21 12-21-47 Mod. CP (5569) for extension of completion date.
BL-2888	3-5-48	1340	250w	U	3-5 2-1-50
BZ-2742	Lic. to cover CP (5569 as mod) to make changes in vertical antenna and mount FM antenna on top of AM tower and determine operating power by direct method.				

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Name of licensee Southern Oregon Broadcasting Company

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From.. To..
BR-1039	1-25-50	1340	250w	U	2-1 2-1-53
BP-7682	9-6-50	1340	250w	U	11-6 5-6-51
C.P. to install new transmitter - Waiver Sec. 3.41 of rules to permit use of trans. with output power of 500w in operation of a 250w station.					
BL-4220	10-24-50	1340	250w	U	10-24 2-1-53
Lic. cover CP(BP-7682 which auth. installation new T Waiver 3.41					
BR-1039	1-7-53	Renewal of license			2-1 2-1-54
BTC-1612	11-17-53	Voluntary relinq. of control by AMOS E.			
	EFF: 12-7-53	VOORHIES			
BR-1039	1-6-54	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			2-1 2-1-57
BS-1039 (1)	8-31-55	Mod. Lic. chg. description of antenna			
BR-1039	1-17-57	1340	250w	U	2-1 2-1-60
BP-11359	7-12-58	930kc	1kw-LS-DA-N	U	9-2 3-2-59
(Condt'l)	CP to change frequency from 1340kc to 930kc; increase power from 250w to 1kw; install directional antenna for nighttime us (DA-N) and new trans. (W.E. 443A-1) and make changes in ground system.				
BMP-8247 (1)	9-19-58	Mod. of CP (BP-11359) to chg. tower location and chgs. ground system			
BMP-8432 (2)	3-4-59	Mod. of CP(BP-11359) for extension of completion date May 30, 1959.			
BL-7490	7-16-59	930kc	1kw-DA-N	U	7-16 2-1-60
Lic. to cover CP (BP-11,359 as mod) which auth. change in freq., increase power, install DA-N, install new type trans., make changed in ground system and relocate tower on present property.					
	1-27-60	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-1039	2-24-60	Renewal of license			2-24 2-1-63

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Station location Grantes Pass, Oregon

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-8282	6-23-60	930kc	1kw, 5kw-LS DA-N	U	8-23 2-23-61
		CP to increase daytime power to 5kw and change type transmitter (GATES BC-5P). (Cond'l)			
BMP-9301 (1)	5-8-61	Mod. CP (BMP8282) for extension of completion date to 7-20-61			
BMP-9635 BMP-9650	8-8-61	Mod. of CP (BMP8282) for extension of completion date and change type transmitter. - RCR BTH 579-20-61.			
BAPL-244 EFF:	10-11-61 11-1-61	Voluntary assignment of construction permit and license to KAGI, Inc.			
BS-1039X	2-23-62	930kc	1kw-DA-N	U	2-23-62 2-1-63
		Mod. of license to change operating specifications			
BL-8818	1-9-62	930kc	1kw-5kw-DA-N	U	1-9 2-1-63
		Lic. to cover CP (BMP-8282 as mod) which auth. an incr. in daytime power and instl. of new trans.			
BS-1039 (1)	2-23-62 (Memo)	Mod. of license to change operating specifications.			
BTC-4127 EFF:	10-8-62 10-24-62	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Southern Oregon Broadcasting Company thru purchase of stock from N. Paul Hoff			
	1-30-63	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.			
BR-1039	5-31-63	930kc	1kw-5kw-DA-N	U	5-31-63 2-1-66
BR-1039	1-14-66	Renewal of License			2-1 2-1-69
BTC-5298 EFF:	4-21-67 6-5-67	Voluntary acquisition of control (100%) of Southern Oregon Broadcasting Co. (Majority stockholder of lic. corp.) by Redwood Broadcasting Company thru transfer of stock from the Voorhies Family.			
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
TELEGRAM	1-10-68	PSA (REVISED) 1000w			
BR-1039(L)	3-11-69	RENEWAL OF LICENSE-NDEA			3-11 2-1-72
BR-1039(S)	1-31-72	Renewal of License & NDEA			2-1-75

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Station location

Name of licensee See Card #1

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To
BR-1039(L)	9-22-75	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			2-1-78
BR1039(S)	5-12-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			2-1-78
P-800513AK (L)	1-13-81	930khz	1kw 5kw	Unl.	1-13-82
		CP to add MEOV's to nighttime DA patt.			

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Grant Pass, Oregon

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B5-P-2245	9-15-38	Construction permit for a new station operated on: Frequency - 1310 kc Power - 100 watts, Time - daytime unlimited Studio and transmitter sites to be determined, Grants Pass, Oregon.	Docket #446 GRANTED Effective Min. #414 Trans. site/ Letter written.	B-51 9-13-39 9-14-39 9-18-39 and antenna to be deter.
Amended	11-1-38	RE: change time from day to unlimited, and use 100 watts power day and night.	Issued with MP-851	10-23-39
B5-MP-851	8-25-39	Mod. of C.P.(B5-P-2245) for approval of antenna and approval of studio and transmitter site at Redwood Highway, Grants Pass, Oregon.	Granted	10-23-39
B5-Z-276	12-8-39	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	Granted	1-8-40
B5-L-1065	12-8-39	License to cover C.P.(B5-P-2245) as modified, for a new station.	Granted	1-8-40

W.E. 310-A, G.R. 731-A, 1551, G.R. 475-A, 681-A, #1452.

Mr. Gum attorney.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B5-ML-959	2-3-40	Modification of license to increase power from 100w to 100w 250w-LS	Returned - equipment not capable of 250w. - Nec. file C.P.	2-12-40
B5-P-2779 Resubmitted	2-24-40 4-26-40	C.P. to make changes in equipment, and increase power from 100 watts to 250 watts.	Returned - Sections 10 and 25. GRANTED	3-4-40 6-4-40
B5-R-1039 Resub.	5/18/40 7/8/40	Renewal of license Sec. 5b, 7d, 18b, c, d, e)	Returned - Granted 1340kc, 250w, U	7-3-40 3-24-41
B5-L-1212 Rec'd	8-1-40 8-5-40	License to cover C.P. (B5-P-2779) for equipment changes and increase in power.	GRANTED	8-19-40

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B5-R-1039	7-26-41	Renewal of license and Form 335	Granted	9-23-41
B5-R-1039 Resub.	7-31-42 "	Renewal of license (Sec. 13b, Part 1 & 2 " " -- & 335's) 335's filed	Ret'd Granted	8-8-42 9-22-42
B5-R-1039 Resub.	3-22-43 "	Renewal of license (Sec. 13b & 14)	Ret'd Granted	3-31-43 5-25-43
B5-R-1039 Rec'd Resub.	3-28-45 3-31-45 4-25-45	Renewal of license (Part 5a, 17b & 17c) Statement filed 5-30-45	Ret'd Granted	4-9-45 6-5-45
B5-R-1039 Rec'd	11-29-46 12-2-46	Renewal of license Filed by William Koplovitz atty.	GRANTED	1-23-47

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B5-P-5569 Rec'd Filed	12-5-46 12-26-46 12-26-46	Construction permit to make changes in vertical antenna and mount FM antenna on top of AM tower. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Harry J. Ockershausen, Atty	GRANTED	3-21-47
BMP-3334 Rec'd Filed	11-17-47 11-19-47 11-19-47	Mod. of C.P. (B5-P-5569, which authorized to make changes in vertical antenna and mount FM antenna on top of AM tower.) for extension of completion date from: 11-21-47 to: 12-21-47.	GRANTED	11-26-47

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-2888 Rec'd Filed	12-11-47 12-15-47 12-15-47	License to cover C.P. (B5-P-5569, as mod.,) which authorized to make changes in vertical antenna and mount FM antenna on top of Am tower. and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	3-5-48
BZ-2742 Rec'd Filed	12-11-47 12-15-47 12-15-47			
BR-1039 Rec'd	11-15-49 11-30-49	Renewal of License (Harry J. Ockershausen, Atty.)	GRANTED	1-25-50

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-7682 Rec'd Filed	5-22-50 5-23-50 5-23-50	Construction Permit to install a new transmitter (W. E. 442-A1). (Harry J. Ockershausen, Atty.)	GRANTED Waiver	9-6-50 Sec. 3.41
BL-4220 Rec'd Filed	9-21-50 9-25-50 9-25-50	License to cover construction permit (BP-7682) which authorized the installation of a new transmitter.	GRANTED Waiver	10-24-50 3.41
BR-1039 Rec'd Filed	10-24-52 11-3-52 11-3-52	Renewal of License Filed by Harry J. Ockershausen, Atty.	GRANTED	1-7-53
BEC-1612 Rec'd Filed	9-14-53 10-28-53 10-28-53	Voluntary relinquishment of negative control of licensee corporation by Amos E. Voorhies, individually thru the gift of 250 shares of stock to both his son, Earl E. Voorhies and his grandson, John Voorhies, which stock will be voted by Amos E. Voorhies, as Trustee. Harry Ockershausen, Atty..	GRANTED EFF:	11-17-53 12-7-53

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1039 Rec'd Filed	10-24-53 11-2-53 11-2-53	Renewal of License Filed by Harry J. Ockershausen, Atty.	GRANTED	1-6-54
BP-9393 Rec'd Filed	7-16-54 7-19-54 7-19-54	Construction permit to change frequency from 1340kc to 1480kc, increase power from 250w to 1 kw, and install new transmitter (WE 443 A-1). (Contingent on grant of BP-9359 Dempsey & Koplovitz, Attys. KIEM) Craven, Lohnes and Culver, Engr.	DISMISSED request of attorney	3-25-55

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Name **...SOUTHERN OREGON BROADCASTING COMPANY...**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-10,099 Rec'd Filed	9-12-55 9-20-55 9-20-55	Construction permit to change frequency from 1340kc to 1480kc; increase power from 250w to 1kw and install a new transmitter (W.E. 443 A-1). Docket No. 11699 (Contingent on grant of KIEM BP-10,079) Dempsey & Koplovitz, Attys. Craven, Lohnes & Culver, Engrs.	Dismissed Request of applicant Order issued	6-6-57
BR-1039 Rec'd Filed	10-22-56 11-2-56 11-2-56	Renewal of license Harry J. Ockershausen, Atty.	GRANTED	1-17-57
BP-11,359 Rec'd Filed	5-29-57 6-10-57 6-10-57	Construct on permit to change frequency from 1340kc to 930kc; increase power from 250w to 1kw; install directional antenna for nighttime use(DA-N) and new transmitter (W.E. 443A-1) and make changes in ground system.	GRANTED	7-2-58
SEE CARD #9 FOR AMENDMENT.		Atty. -Dempsey & Koplovitz Engr. - Lohnes and Culver	Condt'l. re install phase monitor; field measuring equip; & Non-DA & DA proof	

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-11,359 AMENDMENT R & F	5-12-58 5-13-58	AMENDED to make changes in DA system (incr. hght of #2 tower).	GRANTED	7-2-58
BMP-8247 Rec'd Filed	8-30-58 9-5-58 9-5-58	Mod. of c.p. (BP-11,359 which authorized change in frequency, increase power, install DA-N, install new type transmitter and make changes in ground system) to relocate tower on present property (no change in address) & make changes in ground system. Atty's: Dempsey and Koplovitz	GRANTED Same conditions as C.P.	9-19-58

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-8282	9-9-58	Mod. of construction permit (BP-11359, as mod. which auth. a change in frequency, inc. power, install DA-N & new trans., relocate tower & changes in gr. sys.) to increase daytime power from 1kw to 5kw and change type trans (GATES BC 5P)	GRANTED	6-23-60
Rec'd	9-23-58		Before prog. tests are authorized, permittee shall submit sufficient field intensity measurements to establish that the radiation has been reduced to essent. 400mw	
Filed	9-23-58			
AMENDMENT	3-7-59	AMENDED 3-7-59 to request waiver of Sec. 3.24 (b) (7) of Rules	GRANTED	3-4-59 to 5-30-59
R & F	3-9-59	Atty. - Dempsey & Koplovitz Engr. - Lohnes & Culver		
SEE BELOW FOR AMENDMENT				
BMP-8432	2-27-59	Modification of c.p. (BP-11,359 as mod., which authorized a change in frequency, increase power, install DA-N & new transmitter, relocate tower and make changes in ground system) for extension of completion date from 3-2-59 to 5-30-59.	GRANTED	3-4-59 to 5-30-59
Rec'd	3-2-59			
Filed	3-2-59			
Harry J. Ockershausen, Atty.				
BMP-8282 (Cont'd)				
AMENDMENT	4-29-60	AMENDED to make changes in antenna (resistor)	GRANTED	6-23-60
Rec'd	5-9-60			
Filed (order)	5-17-60			

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-7490 Rec'd Filed	4-11-59 4-13-59 4-13-59	License to cover construction permit (BP-11,359, as mod.) which authorized change in frequency, increase power, install DA-N, install new type transmitter, make changes in ground system and relocate tower on present property. Harry J. Ockershausen, Atty.	GRANTED	7-16-59
BR-1039 Rec'd Filed	10-26-59 11-16-59 11-16-59	Renewal of License. Harry J. Ockershausen, Atty.	GRANTED	2-24-60
BMP-2301 Rec'd Filed	1-20-61 1-23-61 1-23-61	Mod. of CP (BMP-8282, which authorized incr. day power & chg. type xtr) to extend compl. date from 2-23-61 to 7-20-61. Harry J. Ockershausen, Atty.	GRANTED	5-8-61

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Name Southern Oregon Broadcasting Company
Grants Pass, Oregon

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-9635 R&F	7-18-61	Mod of CP (BMP-8282 which auth incr day power and chg type trans) for extension of completion date from 7-20-61 to 7-30-61. Atty: Dempsey and Koplovitz	GRANTED to Issued with BMP-9650	8-8-61
	7-20-61			9-20-61
BMP-9650 R&F	7-21-61	Mod of CP (BMP-8282/ ^{as Modified} which auth incr day power and chg type trans) to chg type trans. (ROA BTA-5T). Atty: Dempsey and Koplovitz	GRANTED Issued with BMP-9635	8-8-61
	7-24-61			
BAPL-244	7-28-61	Voluntary assignment of construction permit and license to KAGI, Inc. Harry J. Ockershausen, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	10-11-61
Rec'd	8-10-61			
Filed	8-10-61			11-1-61

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 Grants Pass, Oregon

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BL-8818 R & F	9-11-61	License to cover C.P. (BMP-8282 as modified) which authorized an increase in daytime power and installation of new transmitter. Atty. Ockershausen	GRANTED	1-9-62
	9-18-61			
AMENDMENT R & F	11-21-61	AMENDED to change name to "KAGI, INC." (BAPL-244 gr 10-11-61)		
	11-27-61			
BTC-4127 Rec'd Filed	9-19-62	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Southern Oregon Broadcasting Company thru purchase of stock from N. Paul Hoff. Harry J. Ockershausen, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	10-8-62 10-24-62
	9-21-62			
	9-21-62			
BR-1039 Rec'd Filed	10-24-62	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Harry J. Ockershausen, Atty.	GRANTED	5-31-63
	11-1-62			
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Grants Pass, Oregon

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1039 R & F	10-7-65 11-1-65	Renewal of license Atty: H. J. Ockershausen	GRANTED	1-14-66
BTC-5298 R & F (Form 316)	3-23-67 3-23-67	Voluntary acquisition of control (100%) of Southern Oregon Broadcasting Co (Majority stock- holder of lic. corp) By Redwood Broadcasting Company thru transfer of stock from The Voorhies Family Atty - Dempsey & Loplovitz	GRANTED EFF:	4-21-67 6-5-67
BR-1039 R & F #468645 \$75. PRESS NOV 20 1968 Ltr. 4-22-70	10-17-68 10-28-68 10-28-68	Renewal of License AMENDED 1-9-69 re: commercial matter AMENDED 3-3-69 re: supplemental commercial matter Atty. Harry J. Ockershausen Dempsey & Koplovitz no longer represent stn.	GRANTED	3-11-69

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GRANTS PASS, OREGON

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR 1039 R & F PN PRESS	10-4-71 11-1-71 11-1-71 DEC 1 1971	Renewal of License Atty-Dempsey and Koplovitz Amended 1-13-72 re: prog; comm. policy	GRANTED	1-31-72
BR-1039 R & F P.N. PRESS	9-4-74 10-1-74 10-1-74 OCT 17 1974	Renewal of License Atty.: Harry J. Ockershuausen	GRANTED	9-22-75
BR-1039 R & F P.N. PRESS	9-20-77 9-30-77 9-30-77 NOV 14 1977	Renewal of License Atty.: Christopher J. Reynolds	GRANTED	5-12-80

Name: KAGI, INC.

Station Location: GRANTES PASS, OREGON

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BZ-9836 R & F DM PRESS MAY 29 1980	3-24-78 4-15-80	DIRECT MEASUREMENT	ISSUED
BP800513AK PRESS (O) JUN 5 1980		CP to add MEOV's to Nighttime DA Pattern.	GRANTED 1-13-81 Con'd
BR801001WY PRESS OCT 31 1980		RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY. CHRISTOPHER J. REYNOLDS (DEMPSEY AND KOPLOVITZ)	<i>also given</i> <i>BZ-9836</i> <i>1-26-81</i> ISSUED

Renewal
Requested

Date
Received

Designated
for Hearing

Reason

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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.

