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Form BC 126
June 1954

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FM BROADCASTING

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 12-31-59

Call letters KRBE(7-2-59)
XKRBM

Station location Houston, Texas

GCC COMMUNICATIONS OF HOUSTON, INC. (VOL. AL 9-25-70 ~~EFF~~: 11-2-70)

Name of licensee X TEXAS FINE MUSIC BROADCASTERS, INC.

1410 feet South of FM 2234, 0.61 mi. E. of city, Missouri City, Texas (PH-10-7-81)

~~X~~ One Shell Palaza, Houston, Texas (PH-4-20-71)

X 3701 Kirby, Houston, Texas (LH-3-6-67)

Transmitter location X 1400 Hermann Drive, Houston, Texas

2500 West Loop South, Houston, Texas (SH 11-1-76)

x8208 Westpark Drive, Houston, Texas (Ltr. 11-10-70)

X Same as transmitter (LH-3-6-67)

Main studio location X 1400 Hermann Drive, Houston, Texas

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Channel & Freq.	ERP: Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-2611 HAAT: 260'	4-29-59	104.1 mcs. Ch. 281	40-kw. TPO: 5-kw.	U.	6-29-59 12-29-59
Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station.					
BMPH-5540 HAAT: 310'	9-11-59	same same	79-kw TPO: 10-kw	Unl	6-29-59 12-29-59
Mod. of cp (BPH-2611) to install new trans. incr. ERP, TPO, & incr. HAAT. (1)					
BLH-1478 HAAT: 310 ft.	12-31-59	104.1mc	79kw TUP: 10kw	Unl.	12-31-62 8-1-62
Lic. to cover CP (BPH-2611 as mod) which auth new FM Broadcast Station.					
3563 EFF:	11-8-60 12-7-60	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Ellis W. Gilbert, etal (all stockholders) to Roland A. Baker, J. Paul Pomeroy, Jr., Victor F. Branch and Ellis W. Gilbert.			
C-3926 12-5-60 Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Roland A. Baker thru purchase of stock from Texas Fine Music Broadcasters, Inc. and Ellis W. Gilbert.					
C-3902 EFF:	12-5-61 12-14-61	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Roland A. Baker thru purchase of stock from Texas Fine Music Broadcasters, Inc. and Ellis W. Gilbert.			
BTC-3926 EFF:	1-3-62 4-28-62	Voluntary relinquishment of positive control of licensee corporation by Roland A. Baker thru sale of stock by Roland A. Baker and J. Paul Pomeroy, Jr. to Victor F. Branch, (50%)			
BPH-3626 HAAT: 220'	1-18-62	104.1mcs Ch. 281	38kw TPO: 10kw	U	3-18-62 9-18-62
Construction permit to change ERP, HAAT, type antenna & changes in antenna system.					
7-25-62 Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.					
BRH-993	8-24-62	Renewal of license			8-24-62 8-3-65
BPH-3905 HAAT: 220'	11-6-62	104.1mcs Ch. 281	ERP: 38kw TPO: 10kw	Unl.	1-6-63 7-6-63 CANCELLED 4-24-63
CP to replace expired CP (BPH-3626).					

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location

Name of licensee TEXAS FINE MUSIC BROADCASTERS, INC.

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-	
BTC-4204 EFF: NOT TO BE CONSUMMATED LTR 5-3-63	3-29-63	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Roland A. Baker and Victor F. Branch to Universal Trust Company.				
BTC-4295 EFF:	6-27-63 7-15-63	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Roland A. Baker thru purchase of stock from Victor F. Branch				
BPH-4814 HAAT: 310' (H&V)	3-5-65	104.1mcs	ERP: 100kw(H); 15kw(V)	U	5-5-65 11-5-65	
<p>FORFEIT</p> <p>CP to install new trans. (Gates FMS-20B); install new vert. ant. (Electronics Research 300-4, 4 secs.); <u>incr. TPO & ERP; and show vert. HAAT.</u></p>						
BRH-993	7-16-65	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1	8-1-68
BMPH-8511 (1)	10-20-65	Mod. of CP (BPH-4814) for ext. of completion date to			4-1-66.	
BTC-4985 EFF:	3-9-66 4-2-66	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Roland A. Baker to Wagenwest, Incorporated.				
BPH-5511 HAAT: 285' (h&v) cond' 1	8-30-66	104.1mc.	ERP: 100kw(h) 15kw(v)	U	10-30-66 4-30-67	
CP to change ant-trans. and studio location; install new trans. (Gates FMS-20B); install dual polarized ant. (RCA BFA-8A/Electronics Research, Inc. 300-4, 8 horiz. and 4 vert. secs); increase TPO; horiz. ERP; and operate with vert. ERP and increase HAAT; remote control not authorized.						
BLH-3513 HAAT: 285' (H&V)	3-6-67	104.1mcs	ERP: 100kw(H)	U	3-6 ' 8-1-68 -	
CH.#281 ERP: 15kw(V) TPO: 16.5kw Lic to cover CP (BPH-5511) which auth chg. ant-trans & studio loc., install new trans & ant. chg. ERP, TPO & HAAT operate on vert ERP						
BRCH-5513 (1)	4-28-67	Mod. of CP (BPH-5511) to operate transmitter by remote control from 3701 Kirby, Houston, Texas. (ISSUED AS MOD. LICENSE)				

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Station location HOUSTON

Name of licensee TEXAS FINE MUSIC BROADCASTERS, INC.

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
Wire	8-9-68	Auth. oper. reduced power			thru 8-22-68
BRH-993(L)	9-25-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-71
BALH-1355	9-25-70	VOL. AL EFF: 11-2-70			
BSH-993(1)	11-10-70	ML chg. studio & RC.			
BPH-7370	4-20-71	104.1mc	ERP:96kw(h&v)		6-20 4-20-72
HAAT: 790' (h&v)			TPO: 19.5kw RC		
COND'L		CP chg. Transmitter location. Install tran, ant, make chgs in ant system. TPO, ERP and HAAT.			
BRH-993(L)	7-29-71	RENEWAL			8-1-74
BLH-5374	3-23-71	104.1mc.ERP: 96(H&V) U (RC)			8-1-74
HAAT: 790' (H&V) Lic.		(BPH-7370)for changes.			
EBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-993(S)	7-31-74	RENEWAL			8-1-77
BTC-7843	9/23/75	Vol TC EFF: 9/30/75			
BTC-7813	10/8/75	Vol TC EFF: 10/31/75			COND'L
BSE-993(1)	11-1-76	ML to change SL and RC			
COMTEL	3-31-77	SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY GRANTED OPERATE CCA-FM-25000DS mod. with CSI-FM-20E EXCITER THRU 5-18-77 (PENDING REPAIR OF LICENSED EXCITER)			
BPH-10675	8-29-77	104.1mhz	ERP: #1&2: 2.25kw		8-29-78
HAAT: #1&2: 720'		#281 (RC)	#3&4: 15.5kw(h&v)		
#3,4,5: 790' (h&v)			#5: 96kw(h&v)		
(L)		CP instal Aux Trans to be used w/ Aux Ant;install CSI, FM-3000E driver to existing main Trans. FOR AUX PURPOSES ONLY			
BRH-993(L)	7-29-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-80
BPH781117A(1)	2-14-79	CP to Replace Expired Permit (BPH-10675).			4-1-79
BLH-781023A(L)	6-27-79	Lic. (BPH-10675 as rein.) for chgs.			8-1-80

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

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First licensed

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Station Location **HOUSTON, TEXAS**

Name **SEE CARD #1**

Transmitter Location

Main studio location

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BRH800327US (S)	7-18-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	8-1-83

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Call KRBELetters ~~HOW KREW~~Name TEXAS FINE MUSIC BROADCASTERS, INC. Station location - Houston, Texas
(P.O. - 647 Texas National Bank Bldg., Houston 2, Tex)

(c/o W. Scott Red, atty.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-2611 Rec'd Filed	2-13-59 2-16-59 2-16-59	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 104.1 mc CH 281 ERP - 40 kw Type transmitter - RCA BTF 5B Type antenna - RCA BFA 8A (8 section) HAAT 262 ft Trans. location - 1400 Herman Drive, Houston, Tex. Studio location - Same as transmitter Atty. - W. Scott Red, Houston, Texas Engr. - Donald L. Gulihur, Pasadena, Calif.	GRANTED HAAT:	4-29-59 260'
BMPH-5540 Rec'd & Filed	6-18-59 6-18-59	Modification of c.p. (BPH-2611 which authorized a new FM Broadcast station) to increase ERP from 40kw to 79.1kw, install new transmitter (GENERAL ELECTRIC BT-4-A), and increase antenna height from 260' to 313'.	GRANTED HAAT: ERP:	9-11-59 310' 79-kw

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Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-1478 R&F	10-26-59 10-28-59	Lic. to cover cp(BPH-2611 as mod.) which auth. new FM b/c station.	GRANTED	12-31-59
BTC-3563 Rec'd Filed	10-12-60 10-17-60 10-17-60	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Ellis W. Gilbert, et al (All Stockholders) to Roland A. Baker, J. Paul Pomeroy, Jr., Victor F. Branch and Ellis W. Gilbert.	GRANTED EFF:	11-8-60 12-7-60
BTC-3902 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	10-13-61 10-16-61 11-16-61 11-20-61 11-20-61	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Roland A. Baker thru purchase of stock from Texas Fine Music Broadcasters, Inc. and Ellis W. Gilbert.	RETURNED Appli. incomplete & no exhibits filed GRANTED EFF:	10-20-61 12-5-61 12-14-61

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Name TEXAS FINE MUSIC BROADCASTERS, INC.
Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-3926 Rec'd Filed	12-15-61 12-18-61 12-18-61	Voluntary relinquishment of positive control of licensee corporation by Roland A. Baker thru sale of stock by Roland A. Baker and J. Paul Pomeroy, Jr. to Victor F. Branch. (50%)	GRANTED EFF:	1-3-62 4-28-62
BPH-3626 R & F	12-9-61 12-12-61	Construction Permit to change ERP from 79kw to 38.32KW, HAAT from 310' to 221.75', type antenna (RCA BFA-4A) and changes in antenna system.	GRANTED ERP: HAAT:	1-18-62 38kw 220'
BRH-993 Rec'd Filed	4-28-62 5-1-62 5-1-62	Renewal of license	GRANTED	8-24-62
BPH-3905 R & F	10-17-62 10-18-62	Construction permit to replace expired CP (BPH-3626) which auth chgs in ERP, HAAT, ant and in ant-sys.	GRANTED CANCELLED	11-6-62 4-24-63 at request of applicant

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters K R B E

Name TEXAS FINE MUSIC BROADCASTERS, INC.
Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-4204 R & F	1-24-63 1-28-63	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Roland A. Baker and Victor F. Branch to Universal Trust Company	GRANTED EFF: NOT TO BE CONSUMMATED DISMISSED	3-29-63
BTC-4295 R & F	5-13-63 5-16-63	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Roland A. Baker(100%) thru purchase of stock from Victor F. Branch (50%)	GRANTED Eff:	6-27-63 7-15-63
BPH-4814 Received Filed	2-6-65 2-9-65 2-23-65	Construction permit to increase horizontal ERP to 100kw, increase TPO to 16.4kw, install new trans (Gates-FMS-20b); change ant-sys (increase height), and install new vertical ant (Electronics Research-300-4, 4 sections), using a vertical ERP of 15kw.	GRANTED FORFEITED (Ltr. 5-18-66)	3-5-65

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters K R B E

Name TEXAS FINE MUSIC BROADCASTERS, INC.
Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-993 Rec'd Filed	3-29-65 3/30/65 4/8/65	Renewal of license	GRANTED	7-16-65
BMPH-8511 Received Filed	9-20-65 9-23-65 10-5-65	Modification of CP (BPH-4814 which authorized install new trans and vert antenna, and changes TPO, ERP, and HAAT) for extension of completion date from 11-5-65 to 4-1-66.	GRANTED	10-20-65
BTC-4985 R & F	10-11-65 12-8-65	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Roland A. Baker to Wagenwest, Incorporated Atty for transferee - McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED EFF:	3-9-66 4-2-66

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CARD #6

Call
Letters K R B EName TEXAS FINE MUSIC BROADCASTERS, INC.
HOUSTON, TEXAS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-5511 R & F	8-2-66 8-5-66	<p>CP to change ant.-trans. and studio location to 3701 Kirby, Houston, Texas; operate trans. by remote control from new studio location; install new trans. (Gates FMS-20B); install dual polarized ant. (RCA BFA-8A/Electronics Research, Inc. 300-4, 8 horizontal and 4 vertical sections); increase TPO to 16.55kw; increase horizontal ERP to 100kw and operate with vertical ERP of 15kw; and increase HAAT to 321 feet.</p> <p>McKenna & Wilkinson, Attys. (T.N. Frohock)</p>	GRANTED cond'	8-30-66 remote control not authorized.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters K R B E

Name TEXAS FINE MUSIC BROADCASTERS, INC.
Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCH-777 Rec'd Filed	12-8-66 12-9-66 12-30-66	Mod. of CP(BPH-5511) to operate transmitter by remote control from 3701 Kirby, Houston, Texas. Attys.: McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED Issued as	4-28-67 (Mod. License)
BLH-3513 R & F	11/4/66 11/17/66	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-5511) which auth. chng. ant-trans. & studio loc., install new trans. & ant., chng. ERP, TPO & HAAT, operate on vert. ERP.	GRANTED	3-6-67
BRH-993 Rec'd Resub. & F #434967 \$75 Press JUL 16 1968	6-11-68 7-11-68	Renewal of license AMENDED 8-8-68 re: Balance Sheet AMENDED 9-16-68 re: Additional Financial Data AMENDED 10-7-68 re: Engineering, Programming, Financial Data and Ownership Reports (2)	Ret'd re: Incomplete GRANTED	6-28-68 9-25-70
6-26-69. Apparently Liable for \$1,200 Forfeiture. Repeated Rule Violations.				

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FM

Call
Letters K R B E

Name GCC COMMUNICATIONS OF HOUSTON, INC.
*TEXAS FINE MUSIC BROADCASTERS, INC.
Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BALH-1355 R & F FEE PD: \$75 MAY 19 1970 Pub. notice	4-27-70 4-29-70 -#596595 filed 5-22-70	Voluntary assignment of license to GCC COMMUNICATIONS OF HOUSTON, INC. Atty for assignor - Jason Shrinsky for assignee - Cohn & Marks AMENDED 5-1-70 - business interests (assignee) and PETITION for expedited action AMENDED 6-30-70 - legal data re parent corp; reflect pending AL for WERE-FM; specify employees (Par 31, Sec. IV) AMENDED 9-9-70 - legal data (assignee) AMENDED 9-16-70 - legal & financial data	GRANTED EFF:	9-25-70 11-2-70

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Name GCC COMMUNICATIONS OF HOUSTON, Inc.
Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-7370 R & F #659381 \$200 CODE: 015 Press; FEB 1 1971 PN REC'd: 3-3-71	1-25-71 1-28-71 1-28-71 1971 3-3-71	CP chg. Trans. loc. to: One Shell Plaza, Houston, Texas; install new Trans(CCA-FM- 20,000DS); Ant(SPECIAL BROAD BAND CIRCULAR); make chgs. in ant. system(incr.hght); chg. TPO: 19.666kw; ERP: 96.39kw(h&v)(MAX-100kw) & chg. HAAT: 787' (h&v). 29° 45' 32" - 95° 22' 03" Atty - Ronald A. Siegel(Cohn & Marks) Engr- Ralph E. Dippell, Jr.	GRANTED COND'L Section 73.317(a)(12) through 73.317(a)(14) of the Commission's rules. Req. grant fee \$1800.00 Fee paid 5-10-71 #W004492.	4-20-71
BRH-003 R & F P.N. PRESS JUN 21 1971	4-12-71 4-27-71 4-27-71	Renewal of License Atty: Ronald A. Siegel (Cohn & Marks)	GRANTED	7-29-71

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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104.1mhz

Name GCC COMMUNICATIONS OF HOUSTON, INC.
Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-5374 R & F W 032244-\$50 PTA PRESS	1-7-72 1-13-72 1-13-72 2-3-72 MAR 8 1972	Lic.(BPH-7370) for changes. Transmitter: CGA, FM-25,000DS. AC-068 Atty: Cohn and Marks (Ronald A. Siegel)	GRANTED	3-23-72
BRH-993 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	4-29-73 5-3-74 " " MAY 24 1974	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Ronald A. Siegel, Atty.	GRANTED	7-31-74
BTC-7813 R & F FEE PD: \$200 # 452643 CODE 047 PN filed	7-16-75 7-21-75 AUG 6 1975 8/18/75	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Alexander M. Tanger and General Cinema Corpora- tion to Lake Huron Broadcasting Corporation Atty for transferor - Cohn & Marks for transferee - McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner AMENDED 9-16-75 to reflect BTC-7813(316) AMENDED 10-8-75 chge transferor to GCC Communications of Philadelphia, Inc.	GRANTED EFF: fee nec Fee Pd	10/8/75 COND 10/31/75 11/25/75 W 501407

RE: BTC-7813 - Transferee is licensee of KENR(AM), Houston
Tex. & WKNX (Articles etc on file)

AMENDED 9-16-73 to reflect pending BTC-7843

BTC-7813 9/24/75 AMENDED - Sec II, par. 6, Sec II par 19(c)

File # BP-6447 denied, broadcast int of Paul C.
Souder and supplemental to applicants bal sheet

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters K R B E

Name GCC Communications of Houston, Inc.
Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-7843 R & F FORM 316 (SEE FOR FEE PD) SEP 19 1975	8-28-75 9-5-75 AM WGKA	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Alexander M. Tanger and General Cinema Corporation to GCC Communications of Philadelphia, Inc. Atty - Cohn & Marks (R. Siegel)	GRANTED EFF: no fee req	9/23/75 9/30/75
 				

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104.1 mhz

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May 1976

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters K R B EName GCC COMMUNICATIONS OF HOUSTON, INC.
HOUSTON, TEXAS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-993 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-16-77 4-1-77 " MAY 7 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Jas. R. Cooke, Atty.	GRANTED	7-29-77
BPH-10675 R & F PRESS AUXILIARY ANTENNAS and TRANSMITTERS	5-6-77 5-20-77 AUG 22 1977	CP install Aux. Trans {CSI, FM-3000E} & {CCA, FM-3000DS} with CSI, FM-20E exciter} each to be used with new Aux. Antennas {JAMPRO, JA-1A, 1 sect } & {ERI, 1053-12CP, 12 sects H&V}. Also, install CSI, FM-3000E driver to existing main Trans {CCA, FM-25000DS} for use with present main Ant {ERI, 1050-12CP, 12 sects H&V}. All of the above to be used for Auxiliary Purposes ONLY Atty. James R. Cooke Engr. Robert M. Silliman	GRANTED	8-29-77
352	AD-23-78	Approved 4/3/79 PTA 4/5/79		

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104.1MHz.

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May 1976

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Letters K R B EName GCC COMMUNICATIONS OF HOUSTON, INC.
HOUSTON, TEXAS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH781117AJ PRESS DEC 20 1978		Construction Permit to Replace Expired Permit (BPH-10,675).	GRANTED TO	2-14-79 4-1-79
BLH-781023AH PTA: PRESS: JUN 25 1979	4-5-79	License to cover (BPH-10675) FOR CHANGES Atty: Steven A. Lerman	Gr.	6-27-79
BRH800327US PRESS APR 24 1980		RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN, AUX. & ANT.) Atty. Steven A. Lerman (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner)	GRANTED	7-18-80
BPH- 800929AK ACCEPTED DEC 28 1980 Amended	11-7-80 FEB 29 1981 4-8-81	Construction permit to chg. TL; Senior-Rep-2, 2 mi. SE of Missouri City, Texas, inc. HAA, H&V, chg. type transmitter and make chgs. in antenna system. 29-33-16-95-30-29 Atty: Steven A. Lerman Environmental Statement (SEE OVER)	GRANTED:	10-7-81

Amended 7-20-81

Chg. TL: 140 Ft. S of FM 2234 0.6 mi. E of Missouri City, Texas
chg. ERP: 95.0 kW (H) 95.0 kW (H); HAAT: 1919' H&V
100.0 kW (M) 100.0 kW (M)

and make chgs. in antenna system & chg. type transmitter

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MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305

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.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) 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 radio station history.

