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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-29-63Call letters K H D N

BIG HORN BROADCASTING, INC. (AL 4-3-73 EFF: 5-2-73)

X HARDIN BROADCASTING CO.

Station location Hardin, MontanaX EMPIRE BROADCASTING CORPORATION (VOL AL & APL 8-4-70 EFF: ~~NCT CONSUMMATED~~)

X HARDIN BROADCASTING CO. (AP 9-25-62 EFF: 12-19-62)

BERTHOLF

Name of licensee D. GENE WILLIAMS AND DELBERT/d/b as BIG HORN COUNTY MUSICASTERSTransmitter location 1.4 mi. SE of Hardin, Montana (BP 10-26-61)

Same as transmitter (Ltr. 6-24-76)

ZIP 59034

X 408 North Center Avenue, Hardin, Montana (BMP 12-27-62)

Main studio location X Vaughn-Ragsdale Building, Hardin, Montana (BP 10-26-61)

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BP-13399	10-26-61	1230kc	250w	U	12-26 6-26-62
CP for a new standard broadcast station.					
BP-13399 (1)	2-5-62	Mod. of	CP(BP-13399)	to assign call	letters.
BMP-10336	7-19-62	Mod. of	CP(BP-13399)	for an extension	of completion date.
12-26-62					
BAP-604 EFF:	9-25-62 12-19-62	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Hardin Broadcasting Co.			
BMP-10721 (3)	12-27-62	Mod. of	CP(BP-13,399 as mod.)	to change type trans. to COLLINS 300-J-2	make changes in antenna system; chg. studio & remote control point loc. to 408 North Center Avenue, Hardin, Montana.
BMP-10114	4-10-63	1230kc	250w, 1kw-LS	U	6-10 12-10-63
CP to increase daytime power to 1kw and change type trans. (COLLINS 20-V) (Cond'1).					
BL-9907	4-29-63	1230kc	250w	U	4-29 4-1-65
Lic. to cover CP (BP-13,399 as mod) which auth. a new standard b/c station.					
BTC-4335 EFF:	8-8-63 9-3-63	Voluntary relinquishment of positive control of licensee corporation by Conrad E. Bales thru sale of stock to Henry S. Ruegamer.			
BL-10,210	9-30-63	1230kc	250w-1kw	U	9-30 4-1-65
Lic. to cover CP (BMP-10,114) which auth. incr. daytime power and instl. new trans. spec. type trans. as Collins 20-V-2. Cond'1					
Ltr. BR-4202	11-19-64 4-29-65	Auth. oper. sign-off 8:pm thru 2-1-65 Renewal of License - 4-29 4-1-66			
Wire	10-13-65	Auth. to sign-off 6pm thru 1-15-66			
Wire	1-10-66	Ext. auth. to sign-off 6pm thru 4-15-66			
Wire	6-16-66	Above auth reins&ext thru 9-1-66.			
Wire	9-16-66	Above ext. thru 12-15-66.			

Form BC 126  
June 1954

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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters K.H.D.N.

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-	
BML-2222 (1)	9-7-67	Mod. of license to change hours of operation to Specified Hours. Mon-Sat: 6AM to 6PM Sun: 8AM to 6PM M.S.T.				
BP-18037	3-22-68	1230kc	250w, 1kw	45 U	11-22-68	
		CP to make changes in ant. system (Cond'1).				
BP-18510	3-21-69	1230kc	250w, 1kw	45 U	11-21-69	
		CP to replace expired permit BP-18037.				
BR-4202(L) BML-2255 BL-12,385	8-4-70	Renewal of license ML chg. hrs. from SH to Un. Lic. (BP-18,510) re-instated; changes 1230kc, 250w-1kw-LS, Unlimited			4-1-71	
BAL-767 BAL-6434	8-4-70	VOL. AL		EFF: NOT	COMPLETED	
BR-4202(S)	3-31-71	RENEWAL			4-1-74	
EBSA EBSA	6-12-72 6-12-72	Supersede to add stn. location.				
WIRE	10-31-72	re authority for 7:00pm sign off granted thru February 1, 1973.				
BAL-7685	4-3-73	VOL AL	EFF:			
WIRE	6-6-73	authority for 7:00pm sign-off granted thru 7-15-73,				
BML-2471 (L)	10-17-73	ML to change to Specified Hours- 7:00 pm sign-off.				
BR-4202(L)	4-9-74	RENEWAL			4-1-77	
Ltr.	6-24-76	Chg. SL to TL				
BR-4202(L)	4-29-77	Renewal of License			4-1-80	
BTC-8552	3-9-78	Vol. TC	EFF: 4-21-78			

AUG 1955

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name ..... D. GENE WILLIAMS AND DELBERT BERTHOLF d/b as  
 ..... BIG HORN COUNTY MUSICASTERS .....  
 (P.O. W. 411 33rd Ave., Spokane, Washington)

Call  
 Letters ..... NEW K.H.D.N. ....

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-13,399	8-7-59	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1230kc Power - 250w Hours of operation - Unlimited east Trans. location - 1.4 miles South/of Hardin, Montana Studio location - Vaughn-Ragsdale Bldg. Hardin, Montana Remote Control - Same as studio STATION LOCATION - HARDIN, MONTANA  Engr.- David L. Dodd, Billings, Montana	GRANTED	10-26-61
Rec'd	8-10-59		After Hearing	
Filed	8-10-59		Docket No. 13977 Order Issued.	

Gates BC-250T

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call K H D N  
Letters ..unassigned.....

D. GENE WILLIAMS AND DELBERT BERTHOLF d/b as

Name BIG HORN COUNTY MUSICASTERSHARDIN, MONTANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-10,114 Rec'd Filed	1-12-62 1-15-62 1-15-62	<del>Modification of CP (BP-13,399, which auth. a new standard broadcast station)</del> to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw and change type transmitter (Collins 20-V) Samuel Miller (12-26-62) Atty. Mallyck & Bernton Eng. J. B. Hatfield, Seattle, Wash.	GRANTED Cond'l re: IV stations. Permittee shall submit with the applic. antenna resistance measurements.	4-10-63 250w Class
SEE CARD #3	FOR AMENDMENT			
BMP-10336 R. & F.	6-4-62 6-7-62	Modification of CP (BP-13,399 which auth. new stan broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 6-26-62 to 12-26-62 Atty-Sam Miller	GRANTED:	7-19-62 to 12-26-62
BAP-604 Rec'd Filed	8-10-62 8-13-62 8-13-62	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Hardin Broadcasting Co. Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	9-25-62 12-19-62

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTINGCall  
Letters H.H.P.H.Name Hardin Broadcasting Co.  
Hardin, Montana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-10,721 R. & F.	12-12-62 12-17-62	Mod. of CP (BP-13,399 as mod., which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to change type trans. to Collins 300-J-2; make changes in antenna system; change studio & remote control point location from Vaughn-Ragsdale Building, Hardin, Montana to 408 North Center Avenue, Hardin, Montana.	GRANTED	12-27-62
BMP-10,114 (CONT'D) AMENDMENT R & F	12-20-62 12-26-62	AMENDED to change applicant name to "HARDIN BROADCASTING CO." (BAP-604 gr 9-25-62)  Atty. - Samuel Miller		

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Call Letters K H D NName HARDIN BROADCASTING CO.  
Hardin, Montana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-9907 R. & F.	12-19-62 12-21-62	Lic to cover CP(BP-13,399 as mod) which auth a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED	4-29-63
BL-10,210 Rec'd Resub R. & F.	6-13-63 7-12-63 7-7-15-63	Lic to cover CP(BEP-10,114) which auth incr. daytime power and install new transmitter. specify type trans. as Collins 20-V-2.	<del>RETURNED</del> not dated Granted	<del>7-9-63</del> --- condl 9-30-63
BTC-4335 R & F	7-17-63 7-22-63	Voluntary relinquishment of positive control of licensee corporation by Conrad E. Bales thru sale of stock to Henry S. Ruegamer.	GRANTED EFF	8-8-63 9-3-63
BR-4202 Rec'd Filed	1-3-65 1-5-65 1-5-65	Renewal of license	GRANTED	4-29-65
Ltr. dated 9-16-65 from licensee re early signoff thru March B/C 9-21-65				
Tele. 1-3-66 Re: operate 6am to 6pm until FCC Form 301 filed. B/C Fac. 1-7-66.				

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Letters ..... K H D N .....Name ..... Hardin Broadcasting Co.  
Hardin, Montana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BML-2222 Rec'd Prop. Rec'd Resub. R. & F.	4-2-66 4-18-66 7-1-67 7-5-67 7-18-67 7-20-67	Mod of license to change hours of operation from Unlimited to Specified Hours, Mon-Sat: 6:00am to 6:00pm Sun: 8:00am to 6:00pm M.S.T.	<del>Returned</del> <del>Not signed properly,</del> <del>insufficient data.</del> <i>Refill</i> <del>Returned</del> <del>Not signed by an officer</del> GRANTED	4-29-66-
BZ- Rec'd AUG 17 1967	7/15/66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power.	Returned insufficient data, re Comm. telegram	7/28/66 not signed or dated, 7/27/66
BP-18,037 R. & F. MAR 5 1968	5-5-67 5-8-67	CP to make changes in antenna system (increase height; install series resistor). enr-Vir N. James, Denver, Colo.	GRANTED	3-22-68

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\* EMPIRE BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL not consummated)

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Name \* HARDIN BROADCASTING CO.

Hardin, Montana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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ER-4202 R & F #415475 #75 Press APR 17 1968	3-18-68 3-21-68	Renewal of license AMENDED 5-14-68 re: Programming; financial data	GRANTED	8-4-70
Broadcast Bureau by letter of May 10, 1968 notified Radio Station KHDN, Hardin, Mont. of apparent liability of \$200.				
BML-2255 Rec'd & F. #428208 \$75 PN mailed 5-28-68	5-7-68 5-14-68 5-14-68 MAY 31 1968	ML to change hours of operation from S. H. to Unlimited.	GRANTED (ISSUED WITH RENEWAL) & BL-12,3850	8-8-69
The Commissioner by Memo. Opinion and Order adopted 6-26-68 ordered KHDN, Hardin, Montana to pay forfeiture of \$200.				
BAL-6434 R & F FEE PD: \$75 AUG 12 1968	7-19-68 7-26-68	Voluntary assignment of license to EMPIRE BROADCASTING CORPORATION Atty - Mark Fields (See Over) AMENDED 8-21-68 to include BP-18027 (ent. chgs) Fee pd \$30 #415437 FILE NO. BAP-767 ALSO ASSIGNED. AUG 27 1968	GRANTED EFF: NOT CONSUMMATED Pub. notice filed 8-21-68 LTR 1-14-71	8-4-70

CONTACT: JERRY HERSMAN (PHONE: CODE 406; 665-1277)  
ADDRESS: 408 N. Center Ave., Hardin, Montana

BAL-6434:

AMENDED 7-28-69 to make changes in stockholders and financing.

Amended 10-7-69. Re: Other interests.

AMENDED 12-23-69 Re: Management Agreement.

AMENDED 2-6-70 Re: BAL-6434 Re: Re management Statement re management filed 4-13-70(reply to ltr 4-3-70)

AMENDED 6-4-70 - legal data re transfer(Unauth?)

AMENDED 6-12-70 - engr. data re KPWD (assignee is license of KPWD)

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 FORM BC-121  
 AUG. 1955

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 Call  
 Letters ..... K H D N .....

 Name Hardin Broadcasting Co.,  
Hardin, Montana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-18,510 Rec'd & F. #494962 \$30 MAR 18 1969	2-28-69 3-3-69 3-3-69	CP to replace expired permit BP-18,037 which auth changes in antenna system (increase height; install series resistor). Requests waiver of Sec. 1.534 atty-Samuel Miller (Mark E. Fields)	GRANTED	3-21-69
BL-12,385 Rec'd #496330 \$30 Amended; R&F Amended; R&F Filed FT JUN 25 1969	3/2/69 3/5/69 3/5/69 4/1/69 6/9/69 6/9/69 6/11/69	Lic. (BP-18,510 as reinstated) for changes.  Re update CP Re engr. data Atty: Mark Fields Engr: Vir James, Denver, Colorado	GRANTED	8-4-70 (ISSUED WITH BML-2255 and EE-4202)
The Commission by letter of 2-26-70 notified KHDN of apparent liability of \$700.				

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Call  
Letters K H D N

Name  BIG HORN BROADCASTING, INC.  
 HARDIN BROADCASTING CO.  
HARDIN, MONTANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4202 R & F PN Recd. PRESS FEB 8 1971	1-2-71 1-11-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 3-22-71 re: balance sheet; programming data	GRANTED	3-31-71
By letter adopted 7-14-71 the Commission notified station KHDN of apparent liability of \$25.00 forfeiture for violation of Section 1.539(a).				
BAL-7685 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 #105279 CODE 047 SEP 22 1972	8-25-72 8-30-72	Voluntary assignment of license to BIG HORN BROADCASTING, INC.  (SEE OVER)	GRANTED Req. Grnt Fee Pd 048	4-3-73 \$ 1,070.00 5-16-73 W186098
Pub. notice filed 3-29-73			EFF: 5-2-73	

RE: BAL-7685 - By-laws nec., NOTED: Proj. Bal sheet??

AMENDED 10-2-72 re: By-laws

Financial & prog. data rec'd 1-5-73(assignee)

~~REC'D 2-1-73 - not signed or dated~~

*filed 2-9-73*

AMENDED 2-26-73 - Security Agreement

AMENDED 3-1-73 - financial data; & programming

Statement re survey filed 3-9-73

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call  
Letters K H D N

Name BIG HORN BROADCASTING, INC.  
HARDIN, MONTANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BML-2471 R & F \$50-518142 AC-056 PRESS: AUG 2 1973	7-9-73 7-12-73 7-12-73	Modification of license to reduce hours of operation for 7:00P.M. sign-off.	OCTOBER	17, 1973
BR-4202 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	12-27-73 1-2-74 " JAN 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 3-29-74 re: EEO	GRANTED	4-974
BR-4202 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-29-76 12-3-76 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	Granted	4-29-77

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Name BIG HORN BROADCASTING, INC.  
Hardin, Montana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC -8552	10-11-77	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Merlyn J. Hedin & Marlene G. Hedin to Robert Rezanka  MUTUALLY CONTINGENT ON GR OF <del>XX</del> of KRWS (FM) (filed simultaneously) (SEE OVER)  Atty - Stambler & Shrinsky (J. Weitzman)	GRANTED	3-9-78
R & F	12-8-77		EFF:	4-21-78
FORM 315 (ALSO SEE FM KRWS)	JAN - 6 - 1978			
PN FILED	1-17-78			
BR 800215 UA		RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
PRESS	MAR 12 1980			

RE: PTC-8552 - Atty was called 1-4-78 - Exh.3 (Bal. sheet)  
not filed (~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ transferee)

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

