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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

First C.O. 5-7-54
(started 8-2-54)

K I I I (1-16-64)
X ~~KVDO-TV (Let-6-25-54)~~

Date first licensed 8-1-56 (Off. No. 195)

CH 3

Call letters X KVDO
(Sta. Loc. Corpus Christi, Tex)

Name of licensee SOUTH TEXAS TELECASTING COMPANY, INC. (BALCT-43, 4-3-57) EFF: 4-9-57
X COASTAL BEND TELEVISION COMPANY

Transmitter location
15 miles southwest of Corpus Christi, Near Petronila, Texas (BMPCT-5935 1-9-64)
X 2 miles south of Petronila, Near Corpus Christi, Texas (BPCT-2793, Docket #13941 11-7-63)
X 409 South Staples St. Corpus Christi, Texas (BLCT-363 8-1-56 not a move)
X Intersection Agnes St & Staples St. Corpus Christi, Texas
x 1118 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas
4750 S. Padre Island Dr., Corpus Christi, Tex.
z 4750 Lexington St., Corpus Christi, Tex. (10-21-64 Lic.)
x CORNER OF LEXINGTON BOULEVARD AND EVERHART ROAD, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS (BMPCT-5945 2-26-64)
X "TO BE DETERMINED", Corpus Christi, Texas (BMPCT-5925, 11-7-63)
X 2 miles south of Petronila, Near Corpus Christi, Texas (BPCT-2793, Doc. #13941 11-7-63)
X 409 South Staples Street, Corpus Christi, Texas (BLCT-363 8-1-56 not a move)
X Intersection Agnes St & Staples St. Corpus Christi, Texas

Main studio location x 1118 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas

FCC-65

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPCT-1066	1-6-54	Ch# 22,	518-524	mc.	3-6-54
		ERP.---		U	9-6-54
		Vis.21.4	Kw		
		Aur.11.5	Kw		
Construction Permit for a new commercial TV b/c station					
BMPCT-1848	3-16-54	ERP Vis-20.4	kw		3-6-54
		Aur-11	kw		9-6-54
Mod CP(BPCT-1066) to chg ERP,transmitter,SL,install new transmitters,& A.S. other equipment chgs.					
5-7-54 STA Opr. Comm basis accordance CP BMPCT-1848 pending filing of License application. Period Ending 9-6-54					
BMPCT-2398	8-17-54	Same	Same	Same	3-6-54
Mod. of CP(BPCT-1066, as mod.) to ext. comp. date.					3-6-55
WIRE	8-20-54	EXT STA Opr. Comm. basis accord CP BMPCT-2398 pending filing of Lic.Appl. Per.End. 3-6-55.			
BMPCT-2445	9-14-54	same Vis-16.6kw		same	3-6-54
		Aur-8.91kw			3-6-55
Mod.CP(BPCT-1066,as mod)to chg. ERP.					
BMPCT-2895	3-4-55	same	x same	same	3-6-54
Mod.CP(BPCT-1066,as mod.)to extend completion date 9-6-55					
WIRE	3-3-55	EXT STA Opr. Comm. basis accord CP BMPCT-2398. Period Ending 9-6-55.			
BLCT-363	8-1-56	CH # 22	V-16.6 kw	U	8-1-56 8-1-59
AH 310 ft.		518-524	A-8.91 kw		
License to cover CP (BPCT-1066, as mod)specify TL & SL					
BALCT-43	4-3-57	Voluntary assignment of license to SOUTH TEXAS TELECASTING COMPANY,INC. EFF: 4-9-57			
Comm. Wire 8-8-57 Authority suspend operation 60 days from August 5, 1957.					
*CANCELLED by Ltr. from atty Paul Dobin on 8-9-57					
COMM. WIRE 10-10-57 NO OBJECTION SUSPEND OPERATION FOR ADDITIONAL PERIOD-XX ENDING 1-5-58					
WIRE	1-3-58 NO OBJECTION SUSPEND OPERATION FOR ADD. PERIOD ENDING JULY 5, 1958.				
WIRE	7-7-58 NO OBJECTION SUSPEND OPERATION KVDO-TV FOR ADDITIONAL PERIOD ENDING 10-5-58.				
COMM.LTR. 10-16-58 AUTHORITY TO REMAIN SILENT REMAINDER OF NORMAL LICESE PERIOD UNTIL AUGUST 1, 1959.					

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June 1954

COMM. TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

K I I I (1-16-64)

Date first licensed

Call letters X KVDO-TV

Station location Corpus Christi, Texas

Name of licensee SOUTH TEXAS TELECASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter location See card # 1

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	Period To
COMM.	7-29-59	ACTION ON RENEWAL DEFERRED				
Docket #13941		CH.#3	V-100 kw	U		1-7-64
BPCT-2793	11-7-63	60-66	A- 50 kw			7-7-64
AH: 620' MSL: 749'						
CP to chg. CH.TL,SL,type of trans.,antenna system,equip.AH.						
BMPCT-5925	12-6-63	CH.#3	V-100 kw	U		1-7-64
AH: 620' MSL:749'		60-66	A- 50 kw			7-7-64
Mod. CP (BPCT-2793) to change studio location.						
BMPCT-5935	1-9-64	CH.#3	V-100 kw	U		1-7-64
AH: 660'		60-66	A- 50 kw MSL;749'			7-7-64
Mod.CP (BPCT-2793,as mod)to chg. TL,type of trans.Ant. ant. structure,AH.						
BTC-4445	1-17-64	Voluntary transfer of positive control of licensee corporation from Dr. J.A. Garcia, et al to Clinton D. McKinnon. EFF: 2-7-64				
BMPCT-5945	2-26-64	CH.#3	V-100 kw	U		1-7-64
AH: 860' MSL:949'		60-66	A- 50 kw			8-26-64
Mod.CP (BPCT-2793,as mod)to chg. ant.structure,AH,specify SL						
WIRE	5-4-64	RE TENDERED LIC. APPL. PENDING COMPLETION OF MEASUREMENTS AUTH. GR. OPERATE KIII ACCORD. CP BMPCT-5945. ADVISE. BEGAN: 5-4-64				
BRCT-195	Renewal	CH#22 DISMISSED AS MOOT 5-22-64. Authorized to operate on CH.#3, Docket#13941, CP & BMPCT-5945 above				
BLCT-1363	10-21-64	CH.#3	V-100kw	U		10-21-64
AH:860' MSL:~~860'~~ 949'		60-66Mc	A-50kw			8-1-65
License to cover CP(BPCT-2793)as mod						
	ACTION ON RENEWAL DEFERRED 7-21-65					
BRCT-195	7-30-65	same	same	same		8-1-65
RENEWAL OF LICENSE						8-1-68
BMLCT-569	3-16-66	same	same	same		3-9-66
			A-15.5			8-1-68
Mod. of Lic. to reduce Aural ERP						
BTC-5359	6-21-67	Voluntary transfer of control of Lic. corporation from Clinton D McKinnon to Clinton D McKinnon, Michael Dee McKinnon and Clinton Dan McKinnon as a Family GroupEFF:				

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June 1954

COMM. TV.

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed See Card # 1

Call letters KIII

Station location

Name of licensee SOUTH TEXAS TELECASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter location SeeCard # 1

Main studio location See Card # 1

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BRCT-195	7-22-68	(L) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-71
BRCT-195	8-13-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-74
EBSA	5-15-72				
Wire BPCT-4723 & per.end.7-13-74 accord.steps 1 thru 3 your req. Advise when oper.commences under each step this auth.	6-13-74	Pending compl.construction accord. filing lic. appl. authority grtd. oper. temp.			
BPCT-4723	6-12-74	CP to chg ant.		U	8-12-74 12-12-75
BRCTV-195 Wire sent; not issued; to be issued with Renewal.	8-30-74	Remote control authority.			
Wire oper. PTA accord. 73,629 & BPCT-4723.	7-18-74	Re tendered lic. appl., auth. grtd.			
BLCT-2306 BRCT-195	11-25-74	Lic.(BPCT-4723) for chgs. Renewal of license			8-1-77
BRCT-195	9-7-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE(S)			8-1-80
BTCTV-790515KF	7-9-79	VOL. TC			
BRCT-800401LB	-7-31-80	-Renewal of license(S)			8-1-83

Card # 1

FORM A-170

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COMM TV B/C (U)

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

KVDO-TV

Call KVDO

Letters ~~NEW~~

Name COASTAL BEND TELEVISION COMPANY

x (P.O. ~~1111 Antelope Street,~~ Corpus Christi, Texas)

~~(1035 Wilshire Place,~~ Corpus Christi, Texas) see card 4

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-1066 Recd Filed	7-16-52 7-24-52 7-24-52	CP for a new Commercial TV B.C station FREQ: Ch # 22, 518-524 Mc. ERP: ~~Vis 20.5 kw Aur. 10.25 kw~~ Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: 1118 Leopard, Corpus Christi, Texas T-L: 1118 Leopard, Corpus Christi, Texas (Vis & Aur. ~~RCA-TTU-1B) (317.6')~~	GRANTED (Order-Doc. 10578)	1-6-54
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	6-13-53 6-16-53 6-16-53	Amended to increase capitalization; change directors, stockholders; ERP from Vis. 20.5 kw, Aur. 10.25 kw to Vis. 21.3 kw, Aur. 11.5 kw; antenna height above average terrain from 317.6' to 316.6'; type antenna; type trans. (GE TT-20A); and other equipment (Filed by Paul Dobin, Atty.)		

Card # 2
FORM A-170
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C
Call Letters KVDO-TV
KVDO

Name COASTAL BEND TELEVISION COMPANY
Corpus Christi, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-1848 Recd & filed	1-30-54 2-3-54	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1066 which authorized a new commercial TV b/c station) to change ERP from Vis. 21.4 kw, Aur. 11.5 kw to Vis. 20.46 kw, Aur. 11.02 kw, change transmitter and studio location from 1118 Leopard, Corpus Christi, Texas to Intersection Agnes St. & Staples Street, Corpus Christi, Texas, install new transmitters and antenna system and make other equipment changes. (316') (RCA-TTU-1B) Filed by Paul Dobin, Atty.	GRANTED	3-16-54
BMPCT-2398 Recd.&Filed	8-3-54 8-9-54	Mod. of CP(BPCT-1066, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 9-6-54 to 3-9-55. Filed Leonard H. Marks, Atty.	GRANTED	8-17-54
BMPCT-2445 Recd.&Filed	8-27-54 8-30-54	Mod. of CP(BPCT-1066, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to change ERP from Vis. 20.4 kw, Aur. 11 kw to Vis. 18.80 kw, Aur. 10.18 kw. (316') Filed by Paul Dobin, Atty.	GRANTED	9-14-54

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Card # 3

FORM A-170

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

Name SOUTH TEXAS TELECASTING COMPANY, INC. (ALCT-4-3-57, Eff. 4-9-57) xCOASTAL BEND TELEVISION COMPANY

Corpus Christi, Texas

Call Letters KVDO-TV

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-2895 Recd.&Filed	2-8-55 2-10-55	Mod. of CP(BPCT-1066, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 3-6-55 to 9-6-55. Filed by Paul Dobin, Atty.	GRANTED	3-4-55
BLCT-363 Recd & filed	8-23-55 8-25-55	License to cover construction permit (BPCT-1066 as modified, which authorized a new comm TV b/c station, and to specify transmitter and studio location as 409 S. Staples Street, Corpus Christi, Texas (not a move) Filed by Stanley B. Cohen, Atty.	GRANTED	8-1-56
BALCT-43 Rec'd Filed	3-18-57 3-19-57 3-19-57	Voluntary assignment of license to South Texas Telecasting Company, Inc. Paul Dobin, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	4-3-57 4-9-57

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FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call K I I I (-1-16-64)
Letters ~~KVDO-TV~~

Name SOUTH TEXAS TELECASTING COMPANY, INC.
Corpus Christi, Texas c/o Dr. J.A. Garcia 2921 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas
(Lt. from atty. 2-23-60)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCT-195 Received Filed	6-2-59 6-5-59 6-5-59	Renewal of license (Incomplete) Paul Dobin-atty	DISMISSED As Moot(Auth.oper.on Ch# 3 Pur.to BLCT-1363	5-22-64
BPCT-2793 Recd&Filed	6-28-60 7-6-60	Construction permit to change frequency from CH#22, 518-524 mcs. TO CH#3, 60-66 mcs.; ERP from Vis. 16.6 kw, Aur. 8.91 kw TO Vis. 100 kw, Aur. 50 kw; Transmitter and studio locations from 409 South Staples Street, Corpus Christi, Texas TO 2 miles South of Petronila, Near Corpus Christi, Texas; change type of transmitters from RCA TTU-1B to RCA TT-10AL; type of antenna to RCA TF-12-AL; changes in antenna system and equipment and change antenna height above average terrain to 616 feet. (REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 3.613 OF COMM. RULES) Paul Dobin-atty Page, Creutz, Steel & Waldschmitt-engr	GRANTED Docket #13941 MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER ADOPTED	EFF: 11-7-63
Amended Rec & Filed	7-30-60 8-2-60	Amended to correct geographic coordinates.		

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FORM BC-121 Card # 5
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KJTI (7-16-64) X KVDO-TV

Name SOUTH TEXAS TELECASTING COMPANY, INC.
Corpus Christi, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
Amended BPCT-2793 Recd & filed Cont'd from	9-12-60 9-16-60 card #4	Amended to change stock & stockholders (legal data)	GRANTED Docket 13941	EFF: 11-7-63
Amended Recd Filed	4-19-61 4-25-61 6-12-61	Amended re financial and to furnish a lease purchase agreement, also chg the source of Technical equipment and terms		
BMPCT-5925 Recd.&Filed	11-11-63 11-14-63	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2793, which auth. changes in existing station) to change studio location from 2 miles South of Petronila, Near Corpus Christi, Texas to "To Be Determined", Corpus Christi, Texas. Paul Dobin, Atty.	GRANTED	12-6-63
BTC-4445 Recd.&filed	12-4-63 12-5-63	Voluntary transfer of positive control of licensee corporation from Dr. J. A. Garcia, et al TO Clinton D. McKinnon Cohn and Marks-atty	GRANTED EFF: 2-7-64	1-17-64

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters K I I I (1-16-64) X KVDO-TV

Name SOUTH TEXAS TELECASTING COMPANY, INC.
Corpus Christi, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-5935 R & F	11-30-63 12-4-63	Modification of CP (BPCT-2793, as mod., which authorized changes in existing station) to change transmitter location from 2 miles South of Petronila, Near Corpus Christi, Texas TO S. W. corner of Lot 5, Sec. 19, County Road No. 20, Near Petronila, Texas; change type of transmitters to RCA TT-~~25BL~~; type of antenna to RCA ~~TF-6AL~~; make changes in antenna structure and antenna height above average terrain to ~~651~~ feet. (Request Waiver of Section 3.685 of Comm's Rules) Paul Dobin-atty A-Earl Cullum Jr.engr. of Dallas, Texas	GRANTED	1-9-64
AMENDED R & F	12-6-63 12-11-63	Amended to change type transmitters to RCA TT-25CL; Type of antenna to RCA TF-5CL; and antenna height above average terrain to 657 feet. Paul Dobin-atty A. Earl Cullum Jr.-engr. of Dallas, Texas		

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters K I I I

Name SOUTH TEXAS TELECASTING COMPANY, INC.
Corpus Christi, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-5945 R & F	1-29-64 1-31-64	Modification of CP (BPCT-2793, as modified, which auth. changes in existing station) to make changes in antenna structure and heights; Specify studio location as Corner of Lexington Blvd. and Everhart Road, Corpus Christi, Texas; and change antenna height above average terrain to 857 feet. (Request Waiver of Section 73.685 of Comm's Rules, if applicable) Paul Dobin-atty A.Earl Cullum Jr.-engr. of Dallas, Texas	GRANTED	2. 26-64
BLCT-1363 Recd.&Filed	4-28-64 4-29-64	License to cover CP (BPCT-2793,as mod.,which authorized changes in existing station) and to redescribe studio location as 4750 Lexington Street, Corpus Christi,Texas. Paul Dobin,Atty.	GRANTED	10-21-64

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters K I I I

Name SOUTH TEXAS TELECASTING COMPANY, INC.

CH. #3 Corpus Christi, Texas zip 78411

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCT-195 Recd & Filed	4-16-65 5-21-65	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Cohn & Marks, Atty.	GRANTED	7-30-65
BMLCT-569 R & F	2-22-66 2-25-66	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 50 kw to 10 kw and change Aural Transmitter to RCA TT6AL. Roy F. Perkins, Jr. Atty. (Cohn & Marks)	GRANTED	3-16-66
BTC-5359 R & F	5-26-67 6-5-67	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Clinton D. McKinnon to Clinton D. McKinnon, Michael Dee McKinnon and Clinton Dan McKinnon as a Family Group Marcus Cohn, Atty.	GRANTED	6-21-67
BRCT-195 Rec'd&Filed P.N. Press Engr. data filed 7-10-70	4-25-68 5-1-68 MAY 10 1968	RENEWAL OF LICENSE MARCUS COHN (Paul Dobin) Atty. AMENDED 5-24-68 re PROGRAMMING	#425616 GRANTED	$150. 5-1-68 7-22-68

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters K I I I

Name SOUTH T..AS TELECASTING COMPANY, INC.
Ch. 3 Corpus Christi, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCT-195 Rec. & filed PN RECD PRESS	4-25-71 5-3-71 5-3-71 MAY 11 1971	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Ian D. Volner (Cohn and Marks) Amended 7-1-71 re other business interests.	GRANTED	8-13-71
BPCT-4723 R &F #299207 $50 AC: 058 PRESS:	3-29-74 4-2-74 4-2-74 APR 26 1974	CP to change type antenna to GATES TY-50N Atty: Paul Dobin (Cohn & Marks)	GRANTED	6-12-74
BRCTV-195 R&F #302284$50 AC:058 PRESS:	4-11-74 4-12-74 4-12-74 APR 26 1974	Request auth. to operate trans. by remote control from 4750 South Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas. Atty: Allan J. Arlow (Cohn and Marks)	GRANTED Wire sent; not issued; to be issued with Renewal	8-30-74

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COMMERCIAL TV

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters K I I I

Name SOUTH TEXAS TELECASTING COMPANY, INC.
CH-3 Corpurs Christi, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCT-195 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	4-22-74 5-3-74 5-3-74 MAY 30 1974	RENEWAL of LICENSE Atty: Martin J. Gaynes (Cohn and Marks) Annual Report Filed	GRANTED	11-25-74
ELCT-2306 R & F #321424 $50. AC: 058 PRESS: SEP 17 1974	6-28-74 7-1-74 7-1-74	License to cover (BPCT-4723) for changes. Atty: Martin J. Gaynes (Cohn and Marks)	GRANTED	11-25-74
BRCT-195 R&F PN RECD PRESS	3-28-77 3-29-77 3-29-77 APR 15 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Martin J. Gaynes (Cohn & Marks) Amended 6-21-77 re correction to Engr. portion NO CONTOURS FILED:	GRANTED	9-7-77

COMMERCIAL TV

CARD#11

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KIII

Name SOUTH TEXAS TELECASTING COMPANY, INC.

CH-3 CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTCTV-790221KE R & F PRESS: (Form 316)	2-14-79 2-21-79 '79 0326	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Michael D. McKinnon thru purchase of stock from Clinton D. McKinnon. Atty.: Robert B. Jacobi (Cohn and Marks)	DISMISSED REQUEST OF ATTORNEY	5-29-79
BTCTV-790515KF R & F PRESS: PN REC'D: (Form 315)	5-9-79 5-15-79 6-1-79	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Clinton D. McKinnon to Michael D. McKinnon. Atty.: Robert B. Jacobi (Cohn and Marks)	GR. Eff.	7-9-79 9/14/79

CARD NO. 12

APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV
Call Letters: K I I I

Name: SOUTH TEXAS TELECASTING COMPANY, INC.
CH-3

Station Location: CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRCT-800401LB R & F PN REC'D	3-18-80 4-1-80 4-1-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: MICHAEL D. MCKINNON (COHN AND MARKS)	GRANTED7-31-80

Form BC-121
March 1979

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 radio 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.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. 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 television station history.