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Form BC-126
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K M E L (EFF: 4-25-77)
FM BROADCAST

K Q U P (EFF: 4-29-77)

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

X K F R C-FM * (EFF: 8-29-73)
X K K E E (EFF: 10-12-72)
X K F M S (EFF: 11-18-68)

Date first licensed 7-20-61

Call letters X K F R C-FM

LOCATION: SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Name of licensee
KMEL, INC. (MLH-10-3-77)
X KIOB, INC. (ALH gr 3/16/77 EFF: 4/29/77
X RKO GENERAL, INC. (MPH-12-17-59)
X RKO Teleradio Pictures, Inc.

Transmitter location
Radio Road, Daly City, California (BLH-10-31-69)
X Television Peak, 2.8 mi. SE of Daly City, San Mateo, California (BMPH/7/17/59)
X Atop San Bruno Mountain, San Bruno Mountains, California

Main studio location
2300 Stockton St., San Francisco, CA (SH-9-6-77)
X 415 Bush St., San Francisco, California (MP-11-14-58)
X 1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Ch. 291
HAAT: 1160'

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BPH-2303	5-7-58	106.1mc	71 kw	U	7-7-58/1-7-59
Construction Permit for a new FM Broadcasting Station					
BMPH-5332 HAAT: 1,160',	11-14-58	106.1mc. Ch. 291	71kw. TPO: 10 kw.	Unl.	1-14-59 7-14-59
Mod. Construction permit(BPH-2303) to change ant-trans. location, chg. studio location, chg. r-c point, make changes in antenna system.					
BMPH-5539 (1)	7-10-59	Mod. of CP(BPH-2302 as mod.) for extension of completion date to 1-14-60.			
BMPH-5536 #2	7-17-59	Mod. CP(BMPH-5332) to change ant-trans. location, erp and haat 69kw, HAAT 1210			to 1-14-60
BMPH-6092 (3)	12-17-59	Mod. of CP(BPH-2303 as mod.) to change name of permittee to RKO GENERAL, INC.			
BMPH-6110 #4	2-12-60	Mod of CP (BMPH-5332 as mod.) for extension of completion date July 14,1960.			
BMPH-6324 (5)	6-30-60	Mod. of CP (BMPH-5332 as mod.) for extension of completion date to 10-15-60.			
BMPH-6334 HAAT:1290' TPO: 10kw.	8-3-60	Mod. of CP(.BPH-2303) to incr. HAAT and make changes in antenna system. 106.1mcs. 69kw., Ch.291		Unl.	7-7-60 10-15-60
BMPH-6428 (1)	9-27-60	To extend completion date to 12-15-60			
BLH-1728 HAAT:	7-20-61 1290 ft.	106.1mc Ch. 291	69kw TPO:10kw	Unl	7-20-61 12-1-62
License to cover CP(BPH-2303, as mod.) which authorized a new FM broadcast station.					
	11-28-62	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BRH-1190	1-31-63	Renewal of license			1-31 12-1-65
BRH-1190	11-5-65	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-68
BRH-[illegible]	1-[illegible]-66	Req. of Subsidiary Communications Authorization on 4 freq. of 67Kcs.			
BLH-1190 (2)	1-28-66	Mod. of license to change transmitter (GATES FM-10A mod. by Moseley Assoc. exciter GI-3 FM stereo Gen. + SCG-4 FM subcarrier gen.)			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters ~~KK~~ K M E L
~~KK~~ Q U P
~~KK~~ K F R C-FM

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-
BPH-6210 HAAT: 1290'	4-15-68	106.1mc, ch#291 CP install new ant; chg. TPO;	ERP: 69kw TPO: 8.8kw	Unl.	6-15-68 12-15-68
BLH-4092 HAAT: 1290'	9-16-68	106.1mc ERP: 69kw Unl Ch#291 TPO: 8.8kw (RC) Lic. to cover CP(BPH-6210)			12-1-68
BRH-1190(L) BRSCA-669	3-13-69 3-13-69	Renewal of License&NDEA Standard of SCA			3-13 12-1-71 3-13- 12-1-71
BPH-6700 HAAT:1,290' (h&v)	5-5-69	106.1mc. ERP:69kw(h&v) ch#291 TPO: 19.5kw CP install new trans; install circular polarized ant; chg. TPO; (RC)		Unl.	1-5-70
BLH-4489 HAAT:1290' (H&V)	10-31-69	LICENSE TO COVER CP (BPH-6700) 106.1mcs	TPO:19.5kw ERP:69kw(H&V)		12-1-71
BLH-4574(L)	1-30-70	lic. to use former Main Trans. for Auxiliary Purposes Only.			12-1-71
EBSA	5-25-72				
BTC-7097	3-27-73	VOL. TC EFF: NOT CONSUMMATED LTR 8-8-73			
BPH-9053 HAAT: 1140	7-3-74 ft. H&V)	106.1 mhz ERP: 23.5kw(H&V) CP install new auxiliary antenna			7-30-75
BPH-9252 HAAT: 1290ft(H&V)	12-30-74	106.1mhz ERP:69kw(H&V) CP mke chgs. in transmission line & in TPO.		U	12-30-75
BRH-1190(L)	4-2-75 (cond'l re anti-trust action & EEO complaint)	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.)			12-1-77
BLH-6754(L)	8-14-75	Lic.(BPH-9053)-new aux. antenna			12-1-77
BLH-6755(L)	8-14-75	Lic.(BPH-9252)-changes, main			12-1-77
BALH-2405	3/16/77	Vol ALH EFF: 4/29/77			
BSH-6755 (1)	9-6-77	SL/RC loc. chg.			
BSH-6754 (1)	9-6-77	SL/RC loc. chg.			

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June 1975

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters K M E L

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-
BMLH-592 (2)	10-3-77	ML chg	corp name		
BRH-1190	7-14-78	(L)REN. OF LIC. (MAIN & AUX. ANTENNAS)			TRANS. & 12-1-80
BTCH781212EF	12-22-78	VOL. TC		EFF: 12-28-78	
BRH800801B2 (S)	11-17-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-83

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters NEW

Name RKO TELERADIO PICTURE, INC. Station Location: San Francisco, Calif.
PO: 1313 North Vine Street, Hollywood 28, Calif.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-2303 Recd Filed	10-25-57 11-8-57 11-8-57	CP for new FM broadcast station: Freq. 106.1 mc Ch 291 ERP. 70.66 kw U T-L. Atop San Bruno Mtn., San Mateo County S-L. 1000 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, Cal. HAAT:1173.6' Remote Control Point: Studio location.	GRANTED HAAT': 1,160' ERP: 71kw	5-7-58

FORM BC-121 #2
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters ~~XXXX~~ NEW K F R O-FM

Name RKO TELERADIO PICTURE, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-5332 Rec'd Filed	10-20-58 10-27-58 10-27-58	Modification of c.p. (BPH-2303 which author= ized a new FM broadcast station) to change antenna-transmitter location from 2.8 mi. S.W. OF Daly City, San Bruno Mountains, San Mateo, California to Television Peak, 2 miles S.E. of Daly City, San Bruno Mountains, San Mateo, California (site of KTVU television tower); change studio location from 1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California to 415 Bush Street, San Francisco, California and change antenna system. Ralph L. Walker, Atty.	GRANTED ERP: 71 kw. HAAT: 1,160'	11-14-58
BMPH-5536 Rec'd & Filed	6-10-59 6-12-59	Modification of c.p.(BPH-2303 as modified which authorized a new FM Broadcast Station) to change ERP from 71kw to 68.99kw and change HAAT from 1160' to 1218.5' and change antenna-trans. location to Television Peak, 2.8 mi. SE of Daly City, San Mateo, Calif. Pierson, Ball & Dowd, Attys (Robert Hodson)	GRANTED HAAT: 1,210' ERP: 69 kw.	7-17-59

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AUG. 1955

Call Letters K F R C -FM

Name X RKO TELERADIO PICTURES, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-5539 R. & F.	6-15-59 6-16-59	Modification of construction permit (BPH-2303 as mod., which auth. a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 7-14-59 to 1-14-60. Pierson, Ball & Dowd, .(Robert E. Hodson)	GRANTED to	7-10-59 1-14-60
BMPH-6092 R & F	11-20-59 11-23-59	Modification Of C. P. (BPH-2303 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change name of permitteeto RKO GENERAL, INC. Atty's: Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED	12-17-59
BMPH-6110 R & F	12-4-59 12-9-59	Modification of C. P. (BPH-2303 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 1-14-60 to 7-14-60. Atty's: Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED	2-12-60 to 7-14-60

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KFRC-FM

Name RKO GENERAL, INC.
San Francisco, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-6324 R & F	6-8-60 6-15-60	Modification of C. P. (BPH-2303 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 7-14-60 to 10-15-60. Atty's: Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED:	6-30-60
BMPH-6334 R & F	6-9-60 6-15-60	Modification of C. P. (BPH-2303 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to increase HAAT from 1210' to 1286.5', & make changes in antenna system. Atty's: Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED HAAT: 1290'	8-3-60
BMPH-6428 R & F	9-12-60 9-13-60	Modification of C.P. (BPH-2303 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 10-15-60 to 12-15-60. Atty's: Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED to	9-27-60 12-15-60

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KFRC-FM

Name RKO GENERAL, INC.
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLH-1728 R & F	11-17-60 11-22-60	License to cover C.P. (BPH-2303 as modified) which authorized construction of a new FM Broadcast Station. Atty. Hodson	GRANTED	7-20-61
BRH-1190 Rec'd Filed	8-17-62 8-31-62 8-31-62	Renewal of license Atty.: Robert Hodson	GRANTED	1-31-63
BRH-1190 Rec'd Filed	8-26-65 8-31-65 8-31-65	Renewal of license Atty- Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED	11-5-65
BSCA-669 R & F	12-27-65 12-28-65	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67kcs. Harrison T. Slaughter, Atty.	GRANTED	1-28-66

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KFMS
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Name RKO GENERAL, INC.
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-6210 R & F #415807 $30 APR 5 1968	3-22-68 3-22-68 3-22-68	CP install new ant(Jampro-JA-8B, 8 sections); chg. TPO 8.81kw; Atty - Harrison T. Slaughter(Pierson, Ball etc.) Engr: -----	GRANTED	4-15-68
BLH-4092 R & F #436969 $30 PT SEP 11 1968	6/19/68 6/20/68 6/20/68 6/28/68	License (BPH-6210) install new ant. & chng. ERP. Atty: Harrison T. Slaughter	Granted	9-16-68
BRH-1190 BRSCA-669 R.&F. #455593 $270 SEP 30 1968	8-23-68 8-27-68 8-30-68 8-30-68	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA Attys:Pierson,Ball & Dowd(William S. Green)	GRANTED condl re approp.action arising in pend.civil action Docket No.16679	3-13-69

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters K F M S

Name RKO GENERAL, INC.
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-6700 R & F #507100 $30 PRESS: APR 29 1969	4-11-69 4-17-69 4-17-69	CP install new trans(Visual-DFM-20B); install circular polarized ant(Jampro-JSCP-7, 7 sects); chg. TPO: 19.46kw; Atty.: Harrison T. Slaughter(Pierson, Ball &	GRANTED	5-5-69
BLH-4489 R&F $30 #545730 PT	9-24-69 9-29-69 9-29-69 10-8-69 OCT 30 1969	License cover CP (BPH-6700) Harrison Slaughter, Atty.	GRANTED	10-31-69
BLH-4574 Recd. #545728 $30. AMEND 11-3-69 PTA JAN 28 1970	9-24-69 9-29-69 9-29-69 Engr. 69 11-12-69	Lic. to use former Main Trans: Gates FM-10A, Mod. to employ Mosley, Type LPE-10 excited, SCG-3 Stereo generator and SCG-4 Sub-carrier Generator for Auxiliary purposes only.	GRANTED	1-30-70

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KFRC-FM XKKEE XKFMS

Name RKO GENERAL, INC.
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
Annual filing fee $96.00 paid 11-19-70 #644271.				
BRH-1190	8-31-71	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary)	GRANTED	4-2-75 (cond'l
R & F	9-1-71	PETITION TO DENY AND TO INTERVENE filed 11-1-71 by the Community		
P.N.	9-1-71	Coalition for Media change, the Japanese-American Citizens League,		
PRESS SEP 29 1971		the Oakland Chinese Community Council & the Mission Media Art.		
		ERRATA TO PETITION TO DENY AND TO INTERVENE filed 11-8-71 by Petitioners.		
		REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO"PETITION TO DENY AND INTERVENE" filed 11-8-71 by RKO General, Inc.		
		OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY AND INTERVENE filed 12-6-71 by RKO General, Inc.		
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF		TIME Filed 12-14-71 by Robert Jay Stein for Petitioners		
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF Media Change		TIME TO FILE OPPOSITION filed 1-6-72 by Community Coalition for		
REPLY TO LICENSEE'S OPPO		SITION filed 1-10-71 by petitioners		
		AMENDED 1-26-72 re: litigation		
		AMENDED 3-8-72 re: response to allegations		
		AMENDED 5-10-72 re: statement re pending		
		allegation AMENDED 6-26-72 re: notice of litigation		
		AMENDED 7-10-72 re: violation allegatio		

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BRH-1190 AMENDED 7-14-72 re: litigation
BRH-1190 AMENDED 9-7-72 re: litigation
BRH-1190 AMENED 12-12-72 re: business interests

BRH-1190 Amended 2-8-73 re: business interests
BRH-1190 AMENDED 3-14-73 re: business interests
AMENDED 4-18-73 re: New General Manager
AMENDED 4-30-73 re: business interests
AMENDED 5-10-73 re: anti=trust litigation; business interest
AMENDED 7-2-73 re: litigation & business interests
AMENDED 7-31-73 re: business interests
AMENDED 8-31-73 re: litigation
AMENDED 9-20-73 re: business interests
AMENDED 10-1-73 re: programming
AMENDED 11-12-73 re: anti-trust action; business interests
AMENDED 10-6-73 re: litigation
AMENDED 12-17-73 re: business interests
AMENDED 1-14-74 re: litigation
AMENDED 2-4-74 re: business interests
AMENDED 3-22-74 re: business interests; anti-trust action
AMENDED 3-25-74 re: anti-trust action
AMENDED 4-29-74 re: business interests
AMENDED 5--28-74 re: EEO Complaint
AMENDED 8-30-74 re: EEO complaint
BRH-1190 SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION Filed 8-1-74 as
AMENDMENT to pending renewal application(Pub. Notice 8-1-74

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AMENDED 9-30-74 re: business interests
AMENDED 10-21-74 re: litigation
BRH-1190 AMENDED 11-7-74 re: business interests
AMENDED 11-22-74 re: business interests
AMENDED 12-23-74 re: EEO Complaint & litigation
AMENDED 2-3-75 re: litigation
AMENDED 2-25-75 re: EEO discrimination
AMENDED 2-27-75 re: EEO discrimination
AMENDED 3-4-75 re: litigation
BY MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER released 4-11-75 Petition to Deny denied.

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Name RKO GENERAL, INC.
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-7097 R & F SEE KHJ FOR FEE PAID FORM 316	2-21-73 3-5-73 MAR 1 9 1973	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from The General Tire & Rubber Company to The General Tire Company Atty - Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED EFF: NOT CONSUMMATED LTR 8-8-73	3-27-73
BPH-9053 R & F #317555 $50 Code 057 Press	6-17-74 6-20-74 6-21-74 JUL 1 9 1974	CP to install an Auxiliary Antenna (Andrews 1303-2A, 3 sects.); ERP: 23.4KW and HAAT: 1140'.	GRANTED	7-30-74
BPH-9,252 R & F #363679 $50 Code 057 PRESS	11-7-74 11-12-74 11-12-74 DEC 1 3 1974	CP to make changes in transmission line; chg. TPO	GRANTED	12-30-74

PHASE 1 REFUND ACTION

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Name RKO GENERAL, INC.
San Francisco, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLH-6754 R & F W 444606-$50.7-2-75-001- PTA PRESS	6-27-75 7-1-75 7-29-75 AUG 4 1975	Lic.(BPH-9053) - new Auxiliary antenna.	GRANTED	8-14-75
BLH-6755 R & F W 308339-$50.5-24-74-057 W 448471-$50.7-14-75-001 PTA PRESS	6-30-75 7-10-75 7-18-75 AUG 4 1975	Lic.(BPH-9252)-Changes, Main.	GRANTED	8-14-75
BTC-8150 R & F See KHJ(AM) for fee pd Code 047 (FORM 316) OCT 13 1976	9/20/76 9/21/76	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from The General Tire & Rubber Company to the individual stockholders Atty - Pierson,Ball & Dowd(Harold Cohen)		

PHASE 1 REFUND ACTION

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

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X K F R C-FM

Name KIOB, INC.
xxRKO GENERAL, INC.
San Francisco, Calif.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BALH-2405 R & F FEE PD: $200 #641070 CODE 047(641070) PN filed	11-24-76 11-29-76 28 DEC 1976 12/28/76	Voluntary assignment of license to KIOB, INC. Atty for assignee -Kirkland, Ellis & Rowe for assignor - Pierson, Ball & Dowd Supplemental ascertainment data filed 12-22-76 AMENDED 2-3-77 - financial data AMENDED 2-7-77 - legal data re ownership(assignor) Statement filed 3-14-77(assignee) re citizenship qualif.	GRANTED EFF:	3/16/77 4/29/77 AMENDED Asset Sale Agreement filed 4-26-77
BTC-8380 R & F FORM 316 Also see KWST(FM) WLOO(FM) & WABX(FM) JUL 14 1977	6/24/77 6/27/77	Voluntary transfer of control of KWST, Inc. (parent corp of licensee) from Century Broadcasting Corporation to Delaware Century Broadcasting Corporation Atty - Kirkland,Ellis & Rowe(Robt. Beizer) Over	GRANTED EFF:	7-19-77 9-2-77

BTC-8380 - Note: BTC-8150(316) still pending(See BALH-2405 gr 3/16/77 for expl.)

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters K M E L

KMEL, INC.
Name X KIOR, INC.
San Francisco, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-1190 R & F P.N. PRESS	7-26-77 7-29-77 7-29-77 AUG 17 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. TRANS. & ANTENNAS) Atty. James R. Bayes (Kirkland, Ellis & Rowe)	GRANTED	7-14-78
BMLH-592 R & F PRESS	9-14-77 9-19-77 SEP 29 1977	ML chg orporate name to: KMEL, INC. Atty. James R. Bayes	GRANTED	10-3-77

-OVER-

Re: BRH-1190 OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 1-6-78
by KMEL, Inc.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters K M E L

Name KMEL, INC.
San Francisco, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTCH781212EF Form 316 (Also see WLOO, WABX and KWST) PRESS	12-5-78 DEC 19 1978	Vol. acquisition of de jure control of Century Broadcasting Corporation (parent corp of licensee) by George A. Collias, Howard Grafman and Anthony C. Karlos thru purchase of stock from Paul V. Vranas, Lola P. Vranas, Sam N. Slouleles, George N. Souleles and Steven Souleles MUTUALLY CONTINGENT ON GR. OF (BTCH781212EG - KSHE) Atty - John Quale (Kirkland & Ellis)	GRANTED EFF	12-22-78 12-28-78
BRH800801B2 PRESS	SEP 17 1980	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Aux Ant & Trans) Atty: James R. Bayes	GRANTED	11-17-80

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.