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June 1954
Card # 1.

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

(SEE CARD TWO FOR NAME)

Date first licensed 6-23-60 Call letters K Y M S (Ltr. 7-6-64) X K F I L

LOCATION: SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

Name of licensee

x SOUTHWESTERN BROADCASTERS, INC. (BALH-1134 9-16-68 EFF: 9-30-68)
GEORGE W. SMITH (AL-6-4-64 EFF: 7-17-64
x A. J. BUMB, TRUSTEE IN BANKRUPTCY (AL 8-9-63; EFF: 11-15-63
X GUS S. MALPEE, tr/as KFIL BROADCASTING COMPANY (MPH 12-16-
x GUS. S. MALPEE, (BAPH-209 9-2-59) EFF: 9-28-59)
x PHILLIP F. BRESTOFF

Transmitter location

Lincoln & Washington Streets, Adjacent to Freeway, Santa Ana, Calif.
X SE Corner of Vista Avenue & Batavia Street, 1.5 mi. NNW of Orange, Calif.
1748 W. Katella Ave., Katella Commerce Center, Orange, California (MLH-1-23-81
X 1601 N. Bristol, Santa Ana, California (BSH 4-4-69)
X 1660 E. 1st St., Santa Ana, Calif. (RCH 10-29-64)(RCH & RH 10-30-64)
X13922 Tustin Avenue (Suite "F") Santa Ana, California (BRCH 2-2-61)
X102½ East Fourth Street (MP-11-12-59)

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Main studio location ~~to be determined~~, Santa Ana, California

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Channel & Freq.	ER Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BPH-2374	4-9-58	106.3mcs. Ch. 292	1kw. HAAT:	U 145 ft.	6-9-58 12-9-58
Construction Permit for a new FM Broadcast Station.					
BMPH-5356	12-12-58	Extension of completion date to 5-9-59			
BMPH-5462 (2)	4-30-59	Mod. of c.p. for extension of completion date.			to 8-9-59
BMPH-5561 (3)	7-23-59	Mod. of CP(BPH-2374, as mod.) for extension of completion date to 11-8-59.			
BAPH-209 EFF:	9-2-59 9-28-59	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to: GUS S. MALPEE			
BMPH-6063 (4)	11-12-59	Mod. of CP(BPH-2374 as mod.) to specify Studio location and ext.compl. date to 2-8-60			
BSCA-210 6	12-2-59 41kc	Sub. Communications Authorization on Multiplex Basis to			(see auth.).
BMPH-6081 HAAT:145'	12-16-59	106.3mcs Ch. 292	1-kw(horiz.) 925-w(vert.) TPO:680-w.	U	6-9-58 2-8-60
Mod.of CP(BPH-2374,as mod)to chg. T.loc., specify S. & RC locations,chg type trans. and make chg. in antenna system.					
BLH-1519	6-23-60	Lic. to cover cp(BPH-2374, as mod.) which authorized a new FM b/c station.		6-23	12-1-62
BRCH-303 (1)	2-2-61 & R.C Point	Mod. of license to change studio loc. to 13922 Tustin Ave. (Suite "F", Santa Ana, California			
Letter	3-22-62	Auth. remain silent remains effective pending action renewal application.			
	11-28-62	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
Wire dated 9-2-62 & rec'd 9-4-62 giving notification that Station resumed oper. as of 9-2-62.					
Wire	4-23-63	Auth. remain silent thru 7-15-63.			
Wire	7-25-63	Ext. auth. remain silent thru 10-15-63.			
BALH-616 BASCA-122 EFF:	8-9-63	Involuntary assignment of license and SCA to A. J. Bomb, Trustee in Bankruptcy.			
Wire	10-4-63	Ext. auth. remain silent thru 1-15-64.			

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CARD#2

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters X K F I L

SBI OF SANTA ANA, INC. (AL: 6-15-79 EFF:

Station location SANTA ANA, CALIF.

xSOUTHWESTERN BROADCASTERS, INC. (AALH 11-29-72 EFF: 12-1-72)
X Southwesthern Broadcasters, Inc., debtor in Possession (8-24-71
x JOHN P. STODD, RECEIVER(AELH-8-7-71

Name of licensee XA. J. BUMB, TRUSTEE IN BANKRUPTCY (AL 8-9-63)

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
Ltr.	1-13-63	Ext auth remain silent thru 4-15-64.			
Ltr.	4-23-64	Above auth reins & ext. to 7-15-64.			
BALH-660 & BASCA-143	6-4-64	Vol. assignment of Lic. & SCA to GEORGE W. SMITH.			EFF:7-17-64
Ltr.	7-8-64	Ext auth remain silent thru 9-15-64.			
Wire	7-24-64	No objection resume oper.			
BRCH-553	10-29-64	Mod. of Lic. to chg. studio loc. & RC point to 1660 E. 1st St., Santa Ana, Calif.			
Wire sent.	XXXXXXXXXX.	XXXXX issued with Renewal.			
BRCH-553 & BRH-1030	10-30-64	106.3mcs Ch.#292	ERP:1kw(H) 925w(v)	Unl. TPO:680w	10-30-64 12-1-65
HAAT:145'	Mod. & Renewal of Lic.				
BRSCA-210	10-30-64	Renewal of SCA to			12-1-65.
BPH-4693 HAAT:130'(H) 125'(V)	12-16-64	106.3mcs Ch.#292	ERP:3kw(H) 2.80kw(V)	Unl. TPO:2.05kw	2-16-65 8-16-6
	CP to install new trans. TPO & ERP; and decr. HAAT. (Cond'l)				
BLH-2800 (1)	6-17-65	Lic. to cover CP(BPH-4693) which auth. install new trans.; incr. TPO & ERP; and decr. HAAT; (show trans. as Composite)			
SCA not renewed per atty 9-13-68.					
BALH-1134 EFF:	9-16-68 9-30-68	VOL. AL			
BRH-1030(L)	11-26-68	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-71
BSH-1030(1) (Applic.)	4-4-69	To chg. studio loc. & remote control point to 1601 N. Bristol, Santa Ana, California.			
BPH-6823 HAAT:130'	9-5-69 (H&V)	106.3mc CP ant,	TPO:1.65kw ERP:3kw (H&V) TPO., ERP., HAAT.		11-15- 5-5-70
BPH-7211(1) HAAT: 130'	8-21-70 (H&V)	106.3mc	ERP: 3 kw (H&V) TPO: 1.65 kw		10-21-70 8-21-71
	CP to replace expired permit (BPH-6823) chg ant, tran, ERP:, TPO:, & HAAT:				

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Card No. 3

Date first licensed .....

Call letters K Y M S

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
BAPLH-120	4-7-71	INVOL. APLH				
BAPLH-126	8-24-71	INVOL. APLH				
BLH-5218 HAAT: 130'	9-30-71 (h&v)	Lic. (BPH-7211) for changes 106.3mc ERP: 3kw(h&v) TPO: 1.65kw				12-1-71
BTC-6798	3-29-72	Vol acq. of positive TC			EFF: 4-4-72	
EBSA	5-22-72					
BALH-1762	11-29-72	VOL ALH				
BRH-1030(L)	12-20-72	Renewal				12-1-74
BPH-8780	2-12-74	CP to install new trans. COMPOSITE				2-12-75
BRH-1030(S)	1-31-75	Renewal of License				12-1-77
BLH-6510(L)	2-24-75	Lic.(BPH-8780)-Changes				12-1-77
BLH-6510(L)	2-24-75	Supersede to correct TPO.				
BRH-1030	4-21-78	(S) REN. OF LIC.				12-1-80
BALH790604EP	6-15-79	VOL. AL		EFF:		
BMLH801219AD (1)	1-13-81	Mod. of Lic. to chg SL&RC.				
BRH800724UG (L)	11-17-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE				12-1-83

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters ~~NEW~~ KFIL

Station Loc. Santa Ana, Calif.

Name PHILLIP F. BRESTOFF

PO: 1400 Braeridge Drive, Beverly Hills, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-2374 Recd Filed	2-15-58 2-19-58 2-19-58	CP for new FM b/c station: Freq. 106.3 mc Ch 292 ERP 1 kw U HAAT 57.1' T-L SE corner of Vista Ave. & Batavia St., 1.5 mi. NNW of Orange, California S-L To be determined, Santa Ana, California RC. To be same as Main Studio	GRANTED HAAT:	4-9-58 145 feet.
BMPH-5356 Rec'd Filed	11-26-58 12-1-58 12-1-58	Modification of construction permit (BPH-2374 which authorized a new FM Broadcast Station) for an extension of completion date from 12-9-58 to 5-9-59.	GRANTED to 5-9-59	12-12-58
BMPH-5462 Rec'd Filed	4-2-59 4-8-59 4-8-59	Modification of c.p. (BPH-2374 as mod., which authorized a new FM Broadcast Station) for extension of completion date from 5-9-59 to 10-9-59.	GRANTED to	4-30-59 8-9-59
BMPH-5561 R & F	7-6-59 7-9-59	Mod. of c.p.(BPH-2374,as mod., which authorized new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 8-9-59 to 11-8-59.	GRANTED to	7-23-59 11-8-59

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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FORM BC-121 #2
AUG 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters KFIL

Name PHILLIP F. BRESTOFF
Santa Ana, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAPH-209 Rec'd. Filed	7-20-59 7-21-59 7-21-59	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Gus S. Malpee.	GRANTED EFF:	9-2-59 9-28-59
BMPH-6063 R & F	10-12-59 10-19-59	Modification of C. P. (BPH-2374 as modified, which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 11-8-59 to _____.	GRANTED to	11-12-59 2-8-60
BSCA-210 R & F	10-12-59 10-19-59	Request to establish a new SCA, multiplex basis to be operated on sub-carrier frequencies of 41kc.	GRANTED	12-2-59

FORM BC-121 #3
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KFIL

Name GUS S. MALPEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-6081 R & F	11-6-59 11-9-59	Modification of C. P. (BPH-2374 as modified, which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change transmitter location from Southeast corner of Vista Ave. & Batavia St. 1.5mi. NNW of Orange, California to Lincoln & Wash. sts. adjacent to freeway, Santa Ana, California, specify studio and remote controllocation as 102 1/2 E 4th. St. Santa Ana, Calif, chg. type transmitter (Gates FM 1B) and make changes in antenna system. & chg applicant name to Gus S.Malpee tr/as KFIL Broadcasting Company.	GRANTED	12-16-59
BLH-1519 Rec'd Filed	1-27-60 1-29-60 1-29-60	License to cover construction permit (BPH-2374, as mod.) which authorized a new FM broadcast station.	GRANTED	6-23-60

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters K F I L

Name GUS S. MALPEE, tr/as KFIL BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCH-303 Rec'd Filed	1-16-61 1-26-61 1-26-61	Mod. of license to change studio location and Remote Control Point from 102½ E. 4th Street, Santa Ana, California to 13922 Tustin Avenue (Suite "F"), Santa Ana, California.	GRANTED	2-2-61
BALH-543 BASCA-94 Rec'd Filed	7-10-62 7-12-62 7-12-62	Voluntary assignment of license and SCA to "M" Broadcasting Company. Atty. - Joseph Brenner, Beverly Hills Calif.	DISMISSED 5-3-63 Req. of atty	
BRH-1030 Rec'd & Filed BRSCA-210 Rec'd & Filed	10-22-62 10-30-62 10-30-62 10-22-62 10-30-62 10-30-62	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AND SCA *See Amendment Card #5	GRANTED	10-30-64

TELEGRAM 7-15-63 requesting auth. remain silent period 90 days. R & T. 7-23-63.

FORM BC-121 #5
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KFIL

Name GUS S. MALPEE, tr/as KFIL BROADCASTING COMPANY
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BALH-616 BASCA-122 R & F X	7-11-63 7-12-o3	Involuntary assignment of license and SCA to A.J. Bumb, Trustee in Bankruptcy.	Granted EFF:	8-9-63 11-15-63
K Ltr. dated 9-23-63 & rec'd 9-27-63 requesting ext. auth. remain silent for 120 days pending filing of application for transfer of lic. - R&T 9-30-63 (Current auth. remain silent expires: 10-15-63)				
Ltr. dated 10-5-63 & rec'd 10-11-63 requesting auth. (ext.) remain silent pending action on above application for assignment - Renewal & Transfer (Rm7302) 10-15-63 (Current auth. remain silent expires: 10-15-63)				
Amendment BRH-1030 Rec'd	10-21-63	Re: Amended to Change Name To; A.J. Bumb, Trustee in Bankruptcy		
BRH-1030 Rec'd & Filed	Amended 10-20064	Amended to change applicant to: George W. Smith.		

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955#6

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters: K Y M S / XK F I L

Name: GEORGE W. SMITH
x A. J. BUMB, TRUSTEE IN BANKRUPTCY
Santa Ana California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BALH Rec'd BASCA	10-5-63 10-11-63	Voluntary assignment of license & SCA to Lee T. Floyd.	RETURNED Not signed by assignor or filed in proper name	11-14-63
BALH- 660 BASCA-143 R & F	2-10-64 2-10-64 2-12-64	Voluntary assignment of license to GEORGE W. SMITH /and SCA Atty. - Seymour Chase	GRANTED EFF	6-4-64 7-17-64
Ltr.dated 6-26-64 from S. Chase for ext. remain silent to 9-15-64 R&T 6-30-64				
BRCH-553 R & F	9-30-64 10-22-64	Mod. of license to change studio location and remote control point to 1660 E. First Street, Santa Ana, California. Seymour M. Chase, Atty.	GRANTED Wire sent. Not-issued To-be issued with Ren.	10-29-64

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

FORM BC-121 #7
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KYMS

Name GEORGE W. SMITH
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-4693 R&F	11-23-64 11-27-64	Construction permit to install new trans (Teletronix-FMT-3); decrease HAAT to 132'; increase TPO to 2.027kw; and increase ERP to 3kw(horizontal) and 2.78kw(vertical). Atty: Keller and Heckman	GRANTED Cond'l re submission data accord. Sect. 73.250 re type acceptance trans.	12-16-64
BLH-2800 R&F	2-25-65 3-1-65	License to cover CP (BPH-4693) which authorized install new trans, decrease in HAAT, and increase in ERP and TPO. Atty: Keller & Heckman	GRANTED	6-17-65
BRH-1030 R & F	8-29-65 9-8-65	Renewal of license	GRANTED	12-16-65
BRSCA-210 R & F	8-29-65 9-8-65	Renewal of SCA Atty- Keller and Heckman	GRANTED	12-16-65
BALH-1134 R & F FEE PD:$75 #048180 AUG 12 1968	7-30-68 7-30-68 Pub. notice filed 8-16-68	Voluntary assignment of license to SOUTHWESTERN BROADCASTERS, INC. Atty - R. B. Lubic	GRANTED EFF:	9-16-68 9-30-68

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KYMS

SOUTHWESTERN BROADCASTERS, INC.

Name XGEORGE W. SMITH
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-1030 R&F #454101 $75 SCAnot renewed per atty SEP 17 1968	8-22-68 8-23-68 8-23-68 9-13-68	Renewal of License Attys- Alk and Lubic	GRANTED	11-26-68
BPH-6823 R & F #531948 $30 AUG 29 1969	7-28-69 7-29-69 7-29-69	CP ant(Gates-FMC-4, 4 sects); TPO: 1.645kw; vert. ERP: 3kw; & HAAT 132 ft. Atty - Alk & ~~[illegible]~~ Lubic	GRANTED	9-5-69
BPH-7211 Rec'd Filed #618659 $30. PRESS: AUG 7 1970	7-24-70 7-27-70 7-27-70 7-27-70	CP to replace expired permit(BPH-6823). REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 1.534(b) of the COMMISSION'S RULES. Attys-Alk & Lubic	GRANTED	8-21-70

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

106.3mc

Southwestern Broadcasters, Inc., debtor in Possession

Call Letters KYMS

xJOHN P. STODD, RECEIVER

Name xSOUTHWESTERN BROADCASTERS, INC.

Santa Ana, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAPLH-120 R & F FEE PD: $250 APR 1 1971	3-16-71 3-18-71 #673595	Involuntary assignment of license and CP (BPH-7211 - new antenna) to JOHN P. STODD, / RECEIVER Atty - Molnar & Gammon	GRANTED	4-7-71
BAPLH-126 R & F FEE PD: $250 CODE 054(Form 316) ALSO SEE: KRDS etc AUG 12 1971	8-3-71 8-3-71 #021622	Involuntary assignment of license and CP(BPH-7211) SOUTHWESTERN BROADCASTERS, INC., DEBTOR IN POSSESSION Atty - Alk & Lubic	GRANTED	8-24-71
BLH-5218 R & F #W 024324$50 AC-068 PTA PRESS	8-13-71 8-16-71 8-16-71 SEP 10 1971	Lic.(BPH-7211) for changes. Atty: Alk and Lubic	GRANTED	9-30-71

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106.3mc

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

SOUTHWESTERN BROADCASTERS, INC.
X SOUTHWESTERN BROADCASTERS, INC., DEBTOR IN POSSESSION

Call Letters K Y M S

XJOHN P. STOOD, RECEIVER

Name XSOUTHWESTERN BROADCASTERS, INC.
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-1030 R & F PN Recd. PRESS SEP 21 1971	8-31-71 9-1-71 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE R.B.Lubic,Atty AMENDED 12-10-71 re: to change name of applicant to Southwestern Broadcasters, Inc., Debtor in Possession DEC 29 1971	Granted	12-20-72
BTC-6798 Rec'd &Filed FEE PD: $250 CODE 051 Form 316(SEE KBRN(AM) ETC MAR 9 1972	2-18-72 2-22-72 # 043320	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of lic corp by Arthur J. Shadek and Katherine F. Shadek, Jointly, thru purchase of stock from James Gordon Douglas III Atty - Alk & Lubic AMENDED 3-14-72 - legal & financial (transferee)	GRANTED EFF:	3-29-72 4-4-72
BALH-1762 R & F FEE PD: SEE AM KBRN etc (Form 316) NOV 9 1972	10-24-72 10-30-72	Voluntary assignment of license to SOUTHWESTERN BROADCASTERS, INC. Atty - Alk & Lubic	GRANTED EFF:	11-29-72 12-1-72

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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September 1969

#11

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

106.3mhz

Call Letters K.Y.M.S

Name Southwestern Broadcasters, Inc.
Santa Ana, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-8780 R & F #271806 $50 Code 057 Press	1-14-74 1-21-74 1-24-74 JAN 31 1974	Construction permit to install a new transmitter (Composite). Atty: Robert Bennett Lubic(Alk and Lubic)	GRANTED	2-12-74
BRH-1030 R & F PRESS	7-19-74 7-30-74 AUG 19 1974	Renewal of License Atty: Robert Lubic AMENDED 1-16-75 re: ascert. of comm. needs, Programming & EEO	GRANTED	1-31-75
BLH-6510 R & F W 369778-$50. PTA PRESS	11-29-74 12-2-74 12-2-74-057 12-13-74 JAN 1 1975	Lic.(BPH-8780)-Changes. Transmitter: Composite: COLLINS, Model 310Z-1 exciter, & Model 786V-1 stereo gen., a Teletronix-type FMA-250 driver & Teletronix-type, FMA-3 amp. Atty: Alk and Lubic	GRANTED	2-24-75
Letter dated	9-27-76	Jason L. Shrinsky, Esq. firm of Stambler and Shrinsky now represents station.		

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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FM 106.3

Form BC-121
May 1976
12-60

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters K Y M S

Name SBI OF SANTA ANA, INC.
× SOUTHWESTERN BROADCASTERS, INC.
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-1030	6-13-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
R & F	7-26-77			
PN Recd.	"			
PRESS	AUG 19 1977	Jason L. Shrinsky, Atty.	GRANTED	4-21-78
BALH790604EP Form 316 PRESS JUN 12 1979	5-30-79	Vol. AL to SBI OF SANTA ANA, INC. Atty - James Weitzman (Stambler & Shrinsky) CONTINGENT ON GR OF BAL(H)790604EJ, EK & EL	GRANTED EFF:	6-15-79
BRH800724UG PRESS SEP 10 1980		Renewal of License Atty.: Russell E. Arkin	GRANTED	11-17-80

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

106.3MHz.

Call Letters: K Y M S

Name: SBI OF SANTA ANA, INC.

Station Location: SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMLH801219AD PRESS (0)	JAN 16 1981	Modification of License to change Main Studio & Remote Control Location to: 1748 West Katella Avenue, Katella Commerce Center, Orange, California. REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.1125(a) OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES. Atty. Russell E. Arkin (Shrinsky,Weitzman & Eisen)	GRANTED 1-13-81 COND'L

Form BC-121
March 1979

RECORD OF APPLICATIONS REQUESTING FACILITIES OF BROADCASTING STATION ~~KFIL~~ KYMS

Licensee X A. J. BUMB, TRUSTEE IN BANKRUPTCY
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Date	Call Letters	Name and Location of Applicant	Remarks	Disposition
BPH-	5-11-64	KFIL	Harry M. Yawdik Orange, Calif.		Ret'd 5-13-64

FORM 108-M

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.