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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

KRBK-TV
XXMUV-TV (9-6-71)
X K R A Q (1-1-69)
X KRAK-TV

KRBK-TV
EFF: 4/2/81

Date first licensed January 15, 1976 (#784) Call letters

KOPLAR COMMUNICATIONS OF CALIFORNIA, INC. (AL gr. 1-28-81)
X A.J.P. BROADCASTING, INC. AND TANDEM BROADCASTING, INC., A JOINT VENTURE, D/B AS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BROADCASTING, INC. (AL 6-9-80 Eff.:
X CHANNEL 31, INC. DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION (BALCT-600 grted. 8-25-76, EFF: 8-25-76
X CHANNEL 31, INC. (ML 8-10-76)
X GRAYSON TELEVISION CO., INC. (BAPCT-467 gr. 12-9-70 EFF: 12-30-70)

Station location SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Name of licensee X HERCULES BROADCASTING COMPANY

1.7 mi. due E. of Walnut Grove, Calif. (Doc. 19511 3-7-73)

Transmitter location X3.5 MILES SOUTH OF EL DORADO, CALIFORNIA

corner of Canterbury Rd., and Roual Oak Drive, Sacramento, Calif.
XXXXXbe determined, Sacramento, Calif. (Doc. 19511 3-7-73)

Main studio location X3326 EL CAMINO AVENUE, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPCT-3812	7-31-68	CH.15	V-490 kw	U	9-31-68
Docket No.	17779	476-482	A-89.1 kw		3-31-69
AH:1120' MSL: 2531'. CP FOR A NEW COMM.TV B/C STATION.					
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ISSUED WITH CALL LETTERS					
BAPCT-467	12-9-70	Vol A/P			
BMPCT-6993	12-9-70	MP (BPCT-3812) ext. date)			6-9-71
BAPCT-467	12-9-70	Vol. A/P			
BMPCT-7313	10-8-71	MP (BPCT-3812)ext. date (L)			4-8-72
EBSA	5-15-72				
1st. Report & Order adopted 9-13-72, released 9-19-72 in Doc.19511 modifying CP to specify oper. on Ch-31 on cond. that permittee submit all nec. info.for mod. of CP for Ch-3					
DOC.19511	3-7-73	Ch-31	V-447kW	Unl.	9-31-68
&BMPCT-7386		572-578	A-89.1kW		9-7-73
AH:1470' MSL:1503' Engr. Data chging. Ch, ERP, TL, SL, type trans., ant., & HAAT; and extended completion date.					
BMPCT-7488	-28-73	Ch. 31	V. 537 kw	U	9-31-68
BMPCT-7489		572 - 578	A. 107 kw		2-28-74
AH: 1020' MSL: 1061.1 MP(BPCT-3812 as mod.) to chg ERP, specify SL, chg. trans, ant, HAAT & to extend completion date					
BMPCT-7525 (1)	3-21-74	MP(BPCT-3812 as mod) to extend completion date to			9-21-74
BRCTV-197 (2)	8-30-74	Remote control authority			
Wire	10-3-74	Re tendered lic. appl. Pending filing additional measurement data establishing compliance 73.689(b)(2), auth. grtd. oper. temp. per. end. 1-3-75 accord. BMPCT-7489. Advise when oper. commences.			

Form BC 126
June 1954

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COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters KMUV-TV

Station location SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

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
WIRE	12-31-74	Re tendered lic. appl., and let Atty 31. Pend. filing additional measurement date est. compliance with Sec. 73.689(b)(2) rules, est. auth. grtd. oper KMUV-TV temp. per. end. 2-3-75, accord. CP BMPCT-7489.			
Wire	2-3-75	Above auth. extended to			3-3-75.
Wire	3-3-75	Above auth. extended to			4-3-75.
WIRE	3-28-75	Pend. act. on appl. for transmitter type accept., ext. auth. grtd. oper. KMUV-TV temp. per. end 5-3-75 accord. CP BMPCT-7489, Auth. also grtd. oper without visual harmonic filter during this period subject to causing no interference to other auth. services.			
Wire	5-29-75	Above auth. extended to			7-3-75.
WIRE	7-8-75	Pend. Act. on application trans. type accept., ext. auth. grtd. oper. KMUV-TV temp. per. end. 8-3-75 accord. CP BMPCT-7349. Auth. grtd. oper at. reduced pwr. and without visual harmonic filter during this per. subj. to causing no interference to other auth. services.			
WIRE	9-15-75	Above auth. extended to			10-3-75.
WIRE	10-3-75	Above auth. ext. to 11-6-75.			
WIRE	11-4-75	Re tendered lic. appl., auth. grtd. oper. KMUV-TV main trans. and ant. on program test accord. Sect. 73.629 rules and CP BMPCT-7489.			
BLCT-2453	1-15-76	Ch. 31	V. 537 kW	U	12-1-77
AH: 1020'	MSL: 1061.1'	572-578	A. 107 kW		
Lic(BPCT-3812, as mod) for a new station.					
BMLCT-812 (1)	8-12-76	Mod of Lic to chg name			
BALCT-600	8-25-76	Involuntary assignment of license			
BSTV-45	4-24-79	Subscription Television			10-24-80
BSCT-784 (2)	4-8-80	Mod. Lic. to chg. Aur. TPO. Cond: Aur. TPO measured at diplexer output port.			
BRCT- 784	7-14-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE(S)			12-1-80

BALCT-800305KH 6-9-80 VOL. A1

CARD NO. 3 COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed .....

Call Letters KMUV-TV

Station Location SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Name A.J.P. BROADCASTING, INC. AND TANDEM BROADCASTING, INC., A JOINT VENTURE, D/B AS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BROADCASTING, INC.

Transmitter Location 1.7 MILES DUE E. OF WALNUT GROVE, CALIFORNIA

Main studio location CORNER OF CANTERBURY ROAD, AND EQUAL OAK DRIVE, SACRAMENTO, CA

Form BC-126
December 1978

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BRCT-800801KZ INCLUDES RENEWAL OF	12-15-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE{S} GRANTED STV.	12-1-83
BPCT=801231KI CP TO MAKE CHGS.	2-3-81 IN ERP:	TRANS.,ANT.SYST.,& HAAT	8-4-82

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FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters ~~KRAK-TV~~ K R A Q
X NEW

Name HERCULES BROADCASTING COMPANY
c/o Manning Slater, President 3326 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, Calif. 95860

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-3812 Rec'd Filed:	7-8-66 7-13-66 8-16-66	Construction Permit for a New Comm. TV B/C Station: CH.#15, 476-482 mcs. ERP: Vis. 493 kw (HORZ) Aur. 98.6 kw (HORZ) Unlimited Hours TL: 3.5 miles South of El Dorado, Calif. SL: 3326 El Camino Ave.,Sacramento,Calif. (RCA TTU-30A) AH: 1120 feet REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 73.613 OF RULES. STATION LOCATION: SACRAMENTO, CALIF. McKenna & Wilkinson,Atty. Hammett & Edison, Engr. (San Francisco,Calif)	GRANTED	D-17779 JUL 31 1968
			MEMO. OPINION & ORDER #19199 adopted by Review Board 7-9-68 EFF 7-31-68	
AMENDED Rec'd Filed Press	2-16-68 2-19-68 2-16-68	AMENDED (Order) to change officers; and stock (shares issued and stockholdings). AMENDED (Order) 5-16-68 re legal (other business interest).		

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

c/o Mr. Manning Slater
Box 6347
Sacramento, California
482-7100 Area Code 916

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FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KRAQ

GRAYSON TELEVISION CO., INC.

Name HERCULES-BROADCASTING COMPANY -

CH-15 Sacramento, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-6993 R & F Press PN Rec'd #496600 $30	3-4-69 3-6-69 MAR 13 1969 3-6-69	Mod.(BPCT-3812) to extend completion date to 9-30-69. McKenna & Wilkinson, Atty. (Thomas N. Frohock) AMENDED 8-8-69 to update information. AMENDED 11-24-69 to update inforamtion. AMENDED 1-7-70 to update information	GRANTED Condition: subject to comsummation of assignment.	12-9-70
BAPCT-467 R & F #595330 $150 PRESS: PN REC'D:	4-14-70 4-21-70 4-21-70 APR 30 1970 5-12--70	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Grayson Television Co., Inc. Attys.: Thomas N. Frohock (McKenna & Wilkinson)(Assignor) Robert J. Buenzle (Smith, Pepper, Shack & L'Heureux)(Assignee) Amended 8-18-70 re legal. Amended 10-16-70 re financial.	GRANTED EFF:	12-9-70 12--30-70

COMMERCIAL TV

Form BC-121 CARD#3
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KMUV-TV ~~K-R-A-Q~~

Name GRAYSON TELEVISION CO., INC.
CH-15 SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-7313 R & F #005227 $50 AC: 069 PRESS:	4-30-71 5-6-71 5-6-71 MAY 24 1971	MP(BPCT-3812 as mod.) to extend completion date to 6-1-72. Atty.:RJBuenzle(Smith & Pepper) Amended 10-1-71 to update info.	GRANTED	10-8-71
BMPCT- Received Filed #035934 $50 AC: 062 PRESS: PN REC'D: GRANT FEE: $22500 GRANT FEE PAID:	1-15-72 1-26-72 1-26-72 2-18-72	MP(BPCT-3812 as mod.) to chg. ERP to Vis. 861kw, Aur. 172.2kw; TL to 1.7 mi. E. of Walnut Grove, Calif. (38-14-20 121-28-52); SL to To be determined, Sacramento, Calif.; type trans. to Ampex TA-30BT; type ant. to Ampex BR-40; make chgs. in ant. structure; and HAAT 1462 ft. REQUEST WAIVER OF FILING AND GRANT FEES. Atty.: Robert J. Buenzle (Smith & Pepper) Engr.: Silliman, Moffet & Kowalski	RETURNED Request of Applicant	4-7-72

Form BC-121 CARD#4
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters KMUV-TV

Name GRAYSON TELEVISION CO., INC.
CH-15 SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-7386 R & F #048409 $50 AC: 069 PRESS:	3-8-72 3-7-72 3-7-72 APR 4 1972	MP(BPCT-3812 as mod.) to extend completion date to August 8, 1973. Atty.: Robert J. Buenzle (Smith & Pepper)	GRANTED Issued with Engr. Data	3-7-73
	SEP 27 1972	Engr. Data filed 9-21-72 in accordance with First Report and Order in Docket No. 19511, Adopted 9-13-72 and Released 9-19-72, modifying CP(BPCT-3812 as mod.) to chg. freq. from Ch-15, 476-482mcs to Ch-31, 572-578mcs; and chg. ERP to Vis. 279.3kw(H), Aur. 55.85kw(H); TL to 1.7 mi. due E. of Walnut Grove, Calif. (38-14-20 121-28-52); SL to To Be Determined, Sacramento, Calif.; type trans. to Ampex TA-30BT; type ant. to Ampex BR-40; make chgs. in ant. structure; and HAAT 1466.55 ft. Atty.: Robert J. Buenzle (Smith & Pepper) Engr.: Silliman, Moffet & Kowalski	GRANTED Issued with BMPCT-7386	3-7-73

Engr. Data filed 9-12-72:

PETITION TO DENY filed 10-6-72 by George H. Shapiro (Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn) on behalf of Camellia City Telecasters, Inc. (KTXL).

MOTION TO STRIKE PETITION TO DENY filed 10-20-72 by Robert J. Buenzle on behalf of KMUV-TV.

REPLY TO MOTION TO STRIKE PETITION TO DENY filed 11-2-72 George H. Shapiro on behalf of KTXL.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO STRIKE filed 11-14-72 by Robert J. Buenzle on behalf of KMUV-TV.

ERRATUM filed 11-15-72 by Robert J. Buenzle on behalf of KMUV-TV.

Form BC-121
September 1969

CARD #5

COMM. TV.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KMUV-TV

Name GRAYSON TELEVISION CO., INC.
CH-31 SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-7488 R&F #219966 $50 AC: 058 PRESS:	7-27-73 7-31-73 7-31-73	MP(BPCT-3812 as mod.) to extend completion date to May 1, 1974. Atty: Robert J. Buenzle (Smith & Pepper)	GRANTED	8-28-73
BMPCT-7489 R&F #219972 $50 AC: 058 PRESS:	7-27-73 7-31-73 7-31-73 AUG 9 1973	MP(BPCT-3812 as mod.) to chg. ERP Vis. 716.2kW; Aur. 143.24kW; specify SL: corner of Canterbury Rd., and Royal Oak Drive, Sacramento, Calif. chg. type trans. CCA TA-30BT; type ant. RCA TFU-36J chg. ant. struct. (decr hght) and HAAT: 1024.55feet. Atty: Robert J. Buenzle (Smith & Pepper)	GRANTED	8-28-73

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Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KMUV-TV

Name GRAYSON TELEVISION CO., INC.

CH-31 SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-7525 R &F #278438$50 AC: 058 PRESS:	1-30-74 2-12-74 2-12-74 MAR 14 1974	MP(BPCT-3812 as mod.) to extend completion date. Atty: Buenzle ,Robert (Smith & Pepper)	GRANTED	3-21-74
BRCTV-197 R & F #305153 $50. AC: 058 PRESS:	4-9-74 4-19-74 4-19-74 JUN 14 1974	Request auth. to operate transmitter by remote control from W. corner of Canterbury Road & Royal Oak Dr., Sacramento, CA. Atty. Robert J. Buenzle (Smith & Pepper)	GRANTED	8-30-74

Form BC-121
September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION
Call Letters K M U V-TV

Name CHANNEL 31, INC.
XGRAYSON TELEVISION CO., INC.
CH-31 Sacramento, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-7561 R & F #347241 $50. AC: 058 PRESS:	9-17-74 9-20-74 9-20-74 OCT 30 1974	MP (BPCT-3812, as mod.) to extend completion date to Atty: Robert J. Buenzle (Smith & Pepper)	DISMISSED	AS MOOT 11-15-74 (Lic. on file)
BLCT- 2453 R & F #348956 $50. AC: 058 PRESS:	9-20-74 9-24-74 92-4-74 7 JAN 1976	License to cover (BPCT-3812, as mod1) for a new station. ~~Atty: Robert J. Buenzle (Smith & Pepper)~~ AMENDED 10-3-74 re Engineering.	GRANTED	1-15-76
BMLCT-812 R & F #592254 $100 AC: 001 PRESS:	7-1-76 7-13-76 7-13-76 11 AUG 1976	Mod. of Lic. to chg. name to Channel 31, Inc. Atty.: Norman E. Jorgensen	GRANTED	8-12-76

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

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COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KMUV-TV

Name CHANNEL 31, INC., DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION.
XCHANNEL 31, INC.

Ch-31 SACRAMENDTO, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BALCT-600 R&F #597694$100 AC: 047 PN RECD PRESS (Form 316)	7-12-76 7-28-76 7-28-76 16 AUG 1976	Involuntary assignment of license to Channel 31, Inc., Debtor-In-Possession. Atty.: Norman E. Jorgensen	GRANTED EFF:	8-25-76 8-25-76
BRCT-784 R&F PN RECD PRESS	7-25-77 8-1-77 8-1-77 AUG 23 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Carl Northrop No Contours filed:	GRANTED 7-14-80 CONDITIONAL	

OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR COMMISSION INQUIRY INTO THE EMPLOYMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF 295 DESIGNATED BROADCASTING LICENSEES AND 16 BROADCAST HEADQUARTERS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE UTITED STATES AND PETITION TO PREVENT CONTINUING EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MINORITIES AND WOMEN IN VIOLATION OF COMMISSION RULES AND POLICIES filed 6-23-77 by Norman Jorganson on behalf of Channel 31, Inc. Debtor-in-Possession.

THIS GRANT IS CONDITIONED UPON CONSUMATION OF THE TRANSACTION APPROVED IN THE APPLICATION {BALCT-800305KH} for the ASSIGNMENT OF LICENSE FROM CH. 31, Inc. UHF Television Station KMUV-TV {Ch. 31}, Sacramento, California from Ch. 31, Inc., Debtor-in-Possession, to A.J.P. Broadcasting, Inc. and Tandem Broadcasting, Inc., A Joint Venture d/b as Northern California Broadcasting, Inc.. Failure to meet this condition will render the grant of the renewal of license application for KMUV-TV null and vaid, and will cause the renewal application to revert to pending status.

COMMERCIAL TV

Form BC-121 CARD#9
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KMUV-TV

Name CHANNEL 31, INC., DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION
CH-31 SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BALCT-691 R&F PN RECD PRESS Form 314	3-29-78 3-31-78 4-21-78 APR 1 1978	Voluntary assignment of license to Sacramento Television, Inc. Attys.: Assignor-Norman E. Jorgensen Assignee-William S. Reyner, Jr. (Hogan & Hartson) Amended 5-10-78 re ownership & financial Amended 7-10-78 re legal	DISMISSED 9-17-79 REQUEST OF APPLICANT	
BSTV-45 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	5-10-78 5-10-78 JUN 1 3 1978	Request authority to install Subscription Television equipment. (Filed by Sacramento Television, Inc.) CONTINGENT ON GRANT OF BALCT-691. Atty.: William S. Reyner, Jr. (Hogan & Hartson) Amended 6-2-78 re legal Amended 6-22-78 re legal AMENDED 4-20-79 to show Channel 31, Inc., Debtor-In-Possession as applicant.	4-24-79	

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

BALCT-691

PETITION TO EXPEDITIOUS COMMISSION ACTION; DEMONSTRATED HARDSHIP filed 6-26-78 by Norman Jorgensen on behalf of Channel 31, Inc., Debtor-In-Possession.

INFORMAL OBJECTIONS filed 8-1-78 by James Freeman on behalf of Subscription Television of America, Inc.

REPLY TO INFORMAL OBJECTION filed 8-25-78 by Jay Ricks on behalf of CanWest Capital Corp., Universal Subscription Television, Inc., and Sacramento Television, Inc.

INFORMAL OBJECTION filed 8-31-78 by Seymour Chase on behalf of American Subscription Television Companies

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE OF CARL B. HILLIARD, JR. TO INFORMAL OBJECTION filed 9-1-78 by E. William Henry on behalf of Hilliard.

COMMENTS RE"INFORMAL OBJECTIONS" filed 9-11-78 by Benito Gaguine on behalf of Boston Heritage Broadcasting, Inc.

REPLY TO INFORMAL OBJECTION filed 9-18-78 Jay Ricks for KMUV-TV.

OPPOSITION filed 9-29-78 by Seymour Chase for American Subscription.

REPLY filed 10-25-78 by Sy Chase for AST.

Ltr. 11-1-78 filed by Jay Ricks & William Reyner for CanWest Capital Corp., Universal Subscription TV, Inc., & Sacramento TV, Inc.

Ltr. 4-24-79 from WEJohnson to Ch-31, Inc.: This is to advise you that the Commission has this day granted your application (BSTV-45) for authority to operate subscription television (STV) over the facilities of your new television station on Channel 31, Sacramento, California. The STV system your application proposes is the Blonder-Tongue Laboratories, Inc., System 4745. This system received advanced approval from the Commission on July 30, 1971. The date of required completion of construction for the STV transmitting facilities authorized herein is 18 months from the date of this letter. This letter will serve as your authorization. This action is taken pursuant to authorized delegated under Section 0.281 of the Commission's Rules.

CARD#10

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

KOPLAR COMMUNICATIONS OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

KRBK-TV

X A.J.P. BROADCASTING, INC. AND TANDEM BROADCASTING, INC. A JOINT VENTURE, D/B AS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BROADCASTING, INC.

Call Letters: XKMUV-TV

Name: X CHANNEL 31, INC., DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION

CH-31

Station Location: SACRAMENTO, CA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BALCT-800305KH R & F (Form 314) PN REC'D	3-4-80 3-4-80 3-31-80	Voluntary assignment of license to A.J.P. Broadcasting, Inc. and Tandem Broadcasting, Inc., A Joint Venture, d/b as Northern California Broadcasting, Inc. AMENDED 6-6-80 re financial Attys.: S-Norman E. Jorgensen B-William P. Bernton (Glaser, Fletcher & Johnson)	GRANTED 6-9-80
BRCT-800801KZ R & F PN REC'D	7-25-80 8-1-80 8-1-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: JOHN G. JOHNSON, JR. {JORGENSON, JOHNSON AND NORTHROP}	GRANTED 12-15-80 INCLUDESSTV RENEWAL.
BALCT-801113KE (Form 314)		Voluntary assignment of license to Koplar Communications of California, Inc. Atty.: William Bernard (Assignor) Herbert D. Miller, Jr. (Assignee)	GR. 1-28-81 Eff. 4-2-81
BPCT-801231KI (o)		CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 1963kW(Max), Aur. to 196.3kW(Max); chg. trans. to Townsend TA100NE & and make chgs. to the ant. system;HAAT 1024.5'. CONTINGENT ON GRANT OF BALCT-801113KE.	GRANTED 2-3-81

Form BC-121
March 1979

Informal request for expedited processing of assignment application {ltr.} 5-7-80 by Norman E. Jorgensen for Channel 31, Inc., Debtor-In-Possession.

Ltr. 12-3-80 by William P. Bernton for KMUV-TV, requesting Mod. & Extn. of Temporary Operating Authority.

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.