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Form BC-126
June 1954

CARD # 1

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COMM. TV

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

KREY-TV 7-21-58

1st C O 8-23-56 (Started 8-28-56) NDEA

X ~~KREY-TV (Ltr. 4-10-56~~ off. 5-1-56)

Date first licensed 1-20-58 (Off. # 405)

Call letters X ~~KREA~~

Station Location: Montrose, Colorado

XYZ TELEVISION, INC. (BALCT-304 9-21-66 EFF: 11-1-66) SATELLITE OF KREX-TV

X WESTERN SLOPE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (BALCT-302 5-19-66 EFF: 6-1-66)

X BLACK CANON BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (BALCT-74 9-11-58 EFF: 1-1-59

Name of licensee X WESTERN SLOPE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

X Flat Top Mountain, 2 miles N.E. of city limits (BLCT-1087, 7-18-62)

Transmitter location Table Mountain, 2¼ miles Northeast of Montrose City, Nr. Montrose, Colorado XX

Main studio location -- NONE

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

## "SATELLITE" ~~KFXJ-TV~~ KREX-TV

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From-- To-- |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BPCT-2042 | 2-23-56 | CH 10 | V-0.204 kw | U | 4-23-56 |
| AH 70 feet. | | 192-198 | A-0.102 kw | | 10-23-56 |
| CP for a new TV B/C Station. | | | | | |
| BMPCT-3857 | 5-10-56 | same | V-0.617 kw | U | 4-23-56 |
| AH 80 feet. | | | A-0.308 kw | | 11-9-56 |
| Mod.of CP(BPCT-2042)to chg. ERP,install new transmitters, chg. type of antenna & make minor equipment chgs. | | | | | |
| WIRE | 8-23-56 | Pending filing of Lic. Appl.,auth.gr.to Opr. KFXJ-TV, Temp.Per.End. 11-9-56 Comm. basis accord.CP BMPCT-3857. | | | |
| BMPCT-4364 | 11-9-56 | same | same | same | 4-23-56 |
| Mod.CP(BPCT-2042,as mod.)to extend completion dt 2-1-57 | | | | | |
| WIRE | 11-9-56 | PENDING FILING LIC. APPL. EXT. AUTH. OPR. COMM. BASIS ACCORD. MPCT-4364 to 2-1-57 | | | |
| BMPCT-4509 | 1-30-57 | Same | Same | Same | 4-23-56 |
| Mod.ofCP(BPCT-2042 as mod.-EXT. compl. date | | | | | 3-1-57 |
| WIRE | 1-31-57 | PENDING FILING LIC.APPL. EXT.AUTH.OPR. COMM BASIS ACCORD MPCT-4509 to 2-1-57 | | | |
| BLCT-580 | 1-20-58 | CH #10 | V-0.617 kw | U | 1-20-58 4-1-59 |
| AH: 80 feet | | 192-198 | A-0.308 kw | | |
| License to cover CP (BPCT-2042,as mod).& specify SL | | | | | |
| ~~[illegible]~~ | ~~[illegible]~~ | ~~[illegible]~~ | ~~[illegible]~~ | ~~U~~ | ~~[illegible]~~ |
| ~~[illegible]~~ | | ~~[illegible]~~ | ~~[illegible]~~ | | ~~[illegible]~~ |
| ~~[illegible]~~ | | | | | |
| ~~[illegible]~~ | | | | | |
| BALCT-74 | 9-11-58 | Voluntary assignment of license to BLACK CANON BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. EFF: 1-1-59 | | | |
| COMMISSION | 3-25-59 | DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL APPLICATION | | | |
| BRCT-405 | 4-15-59 | CH #10 | V-0.617 kw | U | 4-15-59/4-1-62 |
| AH: 80' | | 192-198 | A-0.308 kw | | |
| RENEWAL OF LICENSE | | | | | |
| BPCT-2768 | 6-6-60 | CH #10 | V-3.09 kw | U | 8-6-60 2-6-61 |
| AH: 80' | | 192-198 | A-1.55 kw | | |
| CP to change ERP, type of transmitters. | | | | | |
| WIRE | 9-29-60 | PENDING FILING LIC. APPL., AUTH. GR. OPR. KREY-TV TEMP. PER. END. 10-29-60 ACCORD. CP BMPCT-5511. | | | |

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COMM. TV

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters KREY-TV

Station location .....

Name of licensee BLACK CANON BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter location Flat Top Mountain, 2 miles N.E. of city limits

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From-- To-- | GR. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WIRE | 11-15-60 | PEND. FILING LIC. APPL. EXTENSION AUTH./ | | | | |
| OPER KREY-TV TEMP PER END 11-22-60 ACCORD.C.P. BMPCT-5211 | | | | | | |
| BMPCT-5511 | 9-20-60 | CH #10 | V-3.09 | kw U | | 8-6-60 |
| AH: 80' | | 192-198 | A-1.55 | kwMSL:6392.5' | | 2-6-61 |
| Mod.CP (BPCT-2768) to change type transmitters. | | | | | | |
| WIRE | 10-28-60 | PENDING FILING LIC. APPL., EXTENSION | | | | |
| AUTH. GR. OPR. KREY-TV TEMP. PER. END. 11-15-60 ACCORD.CP | | | | | | |
| BMPCT-5511. | | | | | | |
| WIRE | 11-22-60 | RE LIC BLCT-1087 AUTH. GR. OPERATE | | | | |
| KREY-TV ON PROG.TEST ACCORD SEC.3.629 & CP BMPCT-5511 | | | | | | |
| BLCT-1087 | 7-18-62 | Ch.10 | V:3.09 | kw U | | 7-18-62 |
| AH: 80' | | 192-198 | A:1.55 | kw MSL6392.5' | | 4-1-65 |
| License to cover CP(BPCT-2768, as mod.) redescr. TL | | | | | | |
| BRCT-405 | 3-23-62 | same | same | same | | 4-1-62<br>4-1-65 |
| RENEWAL OF LICENSE | | | | | | |
| BRCT-405 | 3-4-65 | same | same | same | | 4-1-65 |
| RENEWAL OF LICENSE | | | | | | 4-1-68 |
| BMLCT-485 | 2-9-66 | same | same | same | | 2-9-66 |
| | | | Aur-.617 kw | | | 4-1-68 |
| Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP. | | | | | | |
| BALCT-302 | 5-19-66 | Voluntary assignment of License to | | | | |
| WESTERN SLOPE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. EFF: 6-1-66 | | | | | | |
| BALCT-304 | 9-21-66 | Voluntary assignment of License to | | | | |
| XYZ TELEVISION, INC. EFF: 11-1-66 | | | | | | |
| BRCT-405 | 7-3-68 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L) | | | | 6-1-71 |
| EBSA | 5-15-72 | | | | | |
| BRCT-405 | 8-11-72 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S) | | | | 4-1-77 |
| BTC-[illegible]83 | 8-11-72 | Vol. TC | | | | |
| BRCT-405 | 3-28-74 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S) | | | | 4-1-77 |
| BRCT-405 | 1-12-78 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S) | | | | 4-1-80 |
| BTC-781205LD 1-25-79 Involuntary transfer of control. | | | | | | |
| BRCT-800502KF 7-31-80 Remote control authority | | | | | | |

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June 1975

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COMM. TV

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters KREY - TV

Station location .....

Name of licensee BLACK CANON BROADCASTING COMPANY , INC.

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From-- To- |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BRCT-791203LF | 3-25-80 | Renewal of license(S) | | | 4-1-83 |

Card # 1

FORM A-170

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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

KREY-TV 7-21-58
Comm TV B/C

Call X ~~KREX~~

Letters ~~NEW~~

Name WESTERN SLOPE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

(P.O. ~~Box 30, Grand Junction, Colorado)~~ Sta. Location Montrose, Colorado

~~PO- P.O. Box 120, Montrose, Colorado DALCT pr. 9-11-58~~

PO. P.O. BOX 120, REX G. HOWELL, PRESIDENT, MONTROSE, COLORADO by WIRE 1-7-59

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BPCT-2042<br>Recd & filed | 10-3-55<br>10-7-55 | CP for a new comm TV b/c station;<br>Freq: Ch # 10, 192-198 Mcs.<br>ERP: Vis. 0.186 kw, Aur. 0.093 kw<br>Hours of operation: Unlimited<br>T-L: 2¼ Miles NE of Montrose City Limits, Montrose, Colorado<br>S-L: Hillcrest Manor, Grand Junction, Colo.<br>(Vis & Aur. RCA-TT-100-AH) (-91)<br>Filed by Neville Miller, Atty.<br>(Dual Programming with KFXJ-TV) | GRANTED | 2-23-56 |
| Amended<br>Recd.&Filed<br>1st | 12-12-55<br>12-14-55 | Amended to submit new Section V-C and V-G Forms, to change coordinates of transmitter location (no change in description) make antenna and minor equipment changes.(73 Ft.)<br>Filed by Neville Miller, Atty. | | |
| AMENDED<br>RECD & FILED<br>2nd. | 1-17-56<br>1-20-56 | AMENDED to change ERP from Vis. 0.186 KW, Aur. 0.093 KW to Vis. 0.202 KW, Aur. 0.101 KW, change type transmitters & antenna & make Minor equipment changes. (RCA TTL100A ) (73 ft)<br>Filed by Neville Miller, Atty. | | |

Edward F. Lorentz, Engr.

FORM A-170 CARD #2 APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING COMM TV B/C

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call Letters KFXJ-TV XKREX

Name WESTERN SLOPE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Montrose, Colorado

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BMPCT-3857<br>Recd & Filed | 4-4-56<br>4-5-56 | Mod. of C.P. (BPCT-2042, which auth. a new Comm TV B/C Station) to change ERP from Vis. 0.204 kw, Aur. 0.102 kw to Vis. 0.616 kw, Aur. 0.308 kw, install new transmitters, change type of antenna and make other minor equipment changes. (85')<br>(Vis. & Aur. Gates, BT-100A)<br>Filed direct. | GRANTED | 5-10-56 |
| BMPCT-4364<br>Recd.& filed<br>Ext. # 2 | 11-1-56<br>11-5-56 | Mod. of CP(BPCT-2042,as mod.,which auth. a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 11-9-56 to 2-1-57.<br>Filed direct. | GRANTED | 11-9-56 |
| BMPCT-4509<br>Recd.-filed<br>Ext. # 3 | 1-21-57<br>1-24-57 | Mod. of CP(BPCT-2042,as mod.,which auth. a new Comm. TV B/C Station)to extend completion date from 2-1-57 to 3-1-57.<br>Filed direct. | GRANTED | 1-30-57 |

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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

Call Letters KREY-TV 7-21-58 ~~KFXJ-TV~~

Name BLACK CANON BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
x WESTERN SLOPE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
Montrose, Colorado

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BLCT-580<br>Recd & filed | 2-18-57<br>2-25-57 | License to cover CP (BPCT-2042 as mod., which authorized a new commercial TV B/C station and to specify studio location as Hillcrest Manor, Grand Junction, Colorado<br>Filed direct | GRANTED | 1-20-58 |
| BMPCT-4925<br>Recd & Filed | 11-8-57<br>11-13-57 | Mod. of CP (BPCT-2042, as mod.) to make minor equipment change.<br>Filed direct. | Dismissed as unnecessary - Letter 11-22-57 | |
| BALCT-74<br>Rec.& filed | 8-8-58<br>9-2-58 | Voluntary assignment of license to: Black Canon Broadcasting Company, Inc.<br>Filed direct | GRANTED<br>EFF: 1-1-59 | 9-11-58 |

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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM TV B/C

Call Letters KREX-TV

Name BLACK CANON BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
Montrose, Colorado

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BRCT-405<br>Recd & Filed | 12-29-58<br>12-31-58 | Renewal of License.<br>Filed direct. | GRANTED | 4-15-59 |
| BPCT-2768<br>R & F | 3-24-60<br>4-4-60 | Construction permit to change ERP from Vis. 0.617 kw, Aur. 0.308 kw to Vis. 3.08 kw, Aur. 1.540 kw, change type of transmitters to ~~Gates BT5000H~~ and make equipment changes.<br>Filed direct | GRANTED | 6-6-60 |
| Amended<br>R & F | 5-2-60<br>5-4-60 | Amended to change type of transmitters to RCA TTL-500 AH. | | |
| BMPCT-5511<br>Rec & Filed | 8-27-60<br>8-31-60 | Modification of CP (BPCT-2768, which authorized changes in existing station) to change type transmitters from RCA TTL-500AH to Gates BT500CH.<br>Filed direct | GRANTED | 9-20-60 |

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FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KREY-TV

Name BLACK CANON BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

CH. 10 Montrose, Colorado zip 81401

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BLCT-1087<br>Rec.&filed | 11-15-60<br>11-21-60 | License to cover CP (BPCT-2768 as modified, which authorized changes in existing station) and redescribe transmitter location as Flat Top Mountain, Montrose, Colorado | GRANTED | 7-18-62 |
| BRCT-405<br>R&F | 12-23-61<br>12-29-61 | Renewal of license<br>Filed direct | GRANTED | 3-23-62 |
| BRCT-405<br>RECD.&FILED | 12-28-64<br>12-31-64 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE<br>MILLER & SCHROEDER, ATTY | GRANTED | 3-4-65 |
| BMLCT-485<br>R & F | 1-12-66<br>1-25-66 | Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 1.55 kw to 0.616 kw.<br>Miller & Schroeder, Atty. | GRANTED | 2-9-66 |
| BALCT-302<br>Rec. & filed | 4-20-66<br>4-22-66 | Voluntary assignment of license to Western Slope Broadcasting Company, Inc.<br>Miller & Schroeder, Atty. | GRANTED<br>EFF: | 5-19-66<br>6-1-66 |

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

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COMM.TV B/C

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KREY-TV

XYZ TELEVISION, INC. (BALCT-304 9-21-66)
Name X WESTERN SLOPE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
CH. 10, Montrose, Colorado

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BALCT-304<br>R&F | 4-28-66<br>5-3-66 | Voluntary assignment of license from Western Slope Broadcasting Company, Inc. to, XYZ Television, Inc.<br>(Contingent on Grant of BALCT-302) | GRANTED<br>EFF: | 9-21-66<br>11-1-66 |
| AMENDED<br>R & F | 6-20-66<br>6-22-66 | AMENDED TO REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.636 OF COMMISSION RULES. | | |
| BRCT-405<br>R & F | 12-30-67<br>1-2-68 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE<br>Miller and Schroeder ( A. H. Schroeder), Atty. | GRANTED | 7-3-68 |
| JAN 17 1968 | | | | |
| Haley, Bader & Potts now atty. for KREY-TV per ltr. 6-27-68<br>Engr.data filed 7-2-70 | | | | |
| BRCT-405<br>Rec:<br>Filed<br>PN Recd<br>PRESS | 12-8-70<br>1-4-71<br>1-18-71<br>1-4-71<br>FEB 1 1971 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE<br>Haley, Bader & Potts | GRANTED | 8-11-72 |

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

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September 1969

COMMERCIAL TV

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KREY-TV

Name XYZ TELEVISION, INC.
CH-10 MONTROSE, COLORADO

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BTC-6683<br>R & F<br>#008096 $1000<br>AC: 051<br>PRESS:<br>PN REC'D:<br>GRANT FEE: *<br>GRANT FEE PAID:<br>*Subject to a future determination. | 9-23-71<br>9-29-71<br>9-29-71<br>OCT 6 1971<br>10-21-71 | Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Forrestville Realty Corp,, John W. English, Otilie English, et al, to Rex G. Howell.<br>REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTIONS 73.35, 73.240 AND 73.636 OF THE RULES.<br>Atty.: Haley, Bader & Potts<br>Amended 12-27-71 re Stockholdings of John W. English and Richard Lyons. | GRANTED<br>EFF:<br>COMMISSION ACTION | 8-11-72 |
| BRCT-405<br>R & F<br>PN Rec'd:<br>PRESS: | 12-10-73<br>12-28-73 | Renewal of License | GRANTED | 3-28-74 |

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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters KREY-TV

Name XYZ TELEVISION, INC.
Ch-10 MONTROSE, COLORADO

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BRCT-405 | 11-8-76 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE | GRANTED | 1-12-78 |
| R&F | 12-1-76 | Atty.: Lois Schwartz | | |
| PN RECD | 12-1-76 | ~~XXX~~ CONTOURS: 3-3-77 | | |
| PRESS | 21 DEC 1976 | Amended 1-19-77 re clarify its response to Ques. 16, Sec. IV. | | |
| | | Amended 3-3-77 re programming | | |
| X | | Amended 4-6-77 re programming | | |

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 1-12-78, released 2-1-78 FCC 78-22 84074: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the informal objection filed by the Colorado Chapters of the National Organization for Women IS GRANTED to the limited extent indicated herein and IS DENIED in all other respects. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, THat the application for renewal of license of Station KREY-TV IS GRANTED for the period expiring April 1, 1980, subject to the following conditions: That the 1980 Renewal of License application include (a) a list of employees as of the payroll period preceding the filing date of the report, by job title with part-time or full-time status indicated (ranked from the highest paid to the lowest paid), date of hire, sex, and race or national origin; (b) a list of persons hired from the release date of this Order to the payroll period preceding the filing date of the report, indicating their job title and part-time or full-time status, referral source, date of hire, sex, and race or national origin; and (c) details concerning the station's efforts to recruit for each position filled including identification sources used for the purpose of increasing the pool of minority and/or female applicants.

1977 Renewal

INFORMAL OBJECTION TO PREVENT THE CONTINUING EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION IN VIOLATION OF FCC RULES AND POLICIES filed 3-8-77 by The Colorado Chapters of the National Organization for Women (see KWGN-TV cards for addresses)

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 6-22-77, released 7-7-77 FCC 77-433 70236: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the informal objection filed by the Colorado Chapters of the National Organization for Women, IS GRANTED to the extent indicated in paragraphs 6 and 7, supra, and IS DENIED in all other respects. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the application of Station KREY-TV will remain on deferred status pending receipt (and review) of the following information: (i) a list of employees as of the date of this Order by job title with part-time or full-time status indicated (ranked from the highest paid to the lowest paid), date of hire, sex and race or national origin; (ii) a list of all employees terminated during the 12 months preceding the date of this Order indicating their job title and part-time or full-time status, date of hire, sex and race or national origin; (iii) a list of persons hired during the aforementioned 12-month period indicating their job title and part-time or full-time status, date of hire, sex and race or national origin; (iv) details concerning the station's efforts to recruit for each position filled during the 12-month period including identification of sources used for the purpose of increasing the station's pool of minority and/or female applicants; and (v) a list of all employees promoted during the 12 months by sex and race or national origin, indicating the job title formerly held and the job title of the present position. All data called for above should be filed with the Renewal Branch within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. A copy of same is to be served on complainants who will have ten (10) days thereafter in which to file reply comments.

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May 1976

COMMERCIAL TV

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KREY-TV

Name XYZ TELEVISION, INC.
CH-10 MONTROSE, CO

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BTCTV-781205LD<br>R & F<br>PRESS:<br>(Form 316) | 12-1-78<br>12-5-78<br>'79 0109 | Involuntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Rex G. Howell, to The First National Bank of Grand Junction, Personal Representative of the Estate of Rex G. Howell, Deceased.<br><br>Atty.: L. Siegel Schwartz | GRANTED<br>Eff: | 1-25-79 |
| BRCT-<br>791203 LF<br>R & F<br>PN REC'D<br>PRESS | 11-30-79<br><br>12-03-79<br>12-03-79<br>'80 0104 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE<br>ATTY: LOIS R. SCHWARTZ<br>{LOIS R. SCHWARTZ}<br>LETTER 4-2-80 RE. CHG. OF ATTY:<br>DAVID MEYERS {FOWLER & MEYERS, F.C.} | GRANTED | 3-25-80 |
| BRCCT-800502KF<br>PRESS | | Request for auth. to operate by RC from 614 North 1st. St., Montrose, Colorado. | Granted | 7-31-80 |

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

# APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: KREY-TV

Name: XYZ TELEVISION, INC.

CH-10

Station Location: MONTROSE, COLORADO

| File No. | Date | Description | Action and Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| BTCCT-800815KI (Form 315) | | Vol. TC from First National Bank in Grand Junction Personal Representative of the Estate of Rex G. Howell (Deceased) to Lucille Howell, Ruth G. Kendrick and Marlene J. Hoskin.<br>Atty.: David Meyers (Fowler & Meyers)<br>AMENDED 11-14-80 legal<br>AMENDED 12-4-80 re legal<br>AMENDED 12-11-80 re legal<br>AMENDED 12-16-80 re legal | GRANTED 12-30-80<br>Eff. 1-2-81 |

# 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.