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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Card # 1 First C.O. 11-17-54(Started 11-20-54)

COMM. TV B/C

KTRK TV(Let-10-15-54)

Date first licensed 3-20-57(Off. No. 291)

CH 13

Call letters X K T L J
(Sta. Loc. Houston, Texas)

Name of licensee

CAPITAL CITIES COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (ML 7-12-73)
X CAPITAL CITIES BROADCASTING CORPORATION. (BALCT-321 gr. 6-14-67 EFF: 7-18-67)
X HOUSTON CONSOLIDATED TELEVISION COMPANY (BAP-96 Gr. 6-16-54 Eff: 6-18-54)
xHOUSTON TELEVISION COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter location

Blue Ridge Road, 4 miles SW of Almeda, near Almeda, Texas(BMPCT-2240 7-7-54)
X3016 Post Oak Road, Houston, Texas

Main studio location

3310 Bissonnet and Westchester Streets, Houston, Texas(Ltr. 3-9-65)
X 4513 Cullen Boulevard, Houston, Texas(BLCT-256
x To be determined(BMPCT-2240, 7-7-54)
X 3016 Post Oak Road, Houston, Texas

FCC-65

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	Period To
BPCT-1723	2-23-54	Ch. # 13 210-216mc	V315kw A158kw	U	4-23-54	10-23-54
CP for a new Comm. TV B/C Station.						
BRPCT-96 EFF:	6-17-54 6-18-54	Vol. assignment of CP to Houston Consoli-dated Television Company.				
BMPCT-2240	7-7-54	Same	V316kw A170kw	Same	4-23-54	1-6-55
Mod. of CP(BPCT-1723)to chg. trans. & studio loc., Aur. ERP, install new transmitters & ant. system & make other equipment changes.						
WIRE	11-17-54	STA Opr. Comm. basis accord CP BMPCT-2240 pending filing of Lic. appl. Per.End. 1-6-55.Notify Comm. (COMM.ACTION).by wire when operation begins.				
BLCT-256 AH:960'	3-20-57	CH #13 210-216	V-316 kw A-170 kw	U	3-20-57	8-1-59
License to cover CP(BPCT-1723,as mod).						
BRCT-291	7-29-59	same RENEWAL OF LICENSE	same	same		8-1-59 8-1-62
BRCT-291	7-12-62	same	same	same		8-1-62 8-1-65
RENEWAL OF LICENSE						
BRCT-291	7-15-65	same	same	same		8-1-65 8-1-68
RENEWAL OF LICENSE						
BMLCT-561	3-9-66	Same	Same A-39.8 kw	Same		3-9-66 8-1-68
Mod. of lic. to reduce Aural ERP & change type of transmitter.						
BMLCT-561	3-9-66	Same	Same A-39.8 kw	Same		3-9-66 8-1-68
SUPERSEDES AUTHORIZATION OF SAME DATE						
BPCT-3828	10-19-66	Ch.13 FOR EMERGENCY, MAINT. & TEST. PURPOSES ONLY.				
CP to install an Aux. Vis. Power Amp.						
WIRE	11-17-66	RE TEMPORARY LIC. APPLY. AUTH. GR. OPER. WIRE-TV AUX. VISUAL AMPLIFIER ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD SEC. 73.929 RULES AND CP BPCT-3828.				

Form BC 126
June 1954

COMM. TV.

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters KTRK-TV

Station location Houston, Texas

Name of licensee HOUSTON CONSOLIDATED TELEVISION COMPANY

Transmitter location SEE Card # 1

Main studio location See Card # 1

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BLCT-1632	12-21-66	CH-13	FOR EMERG. TEST		12-21-66
Aux. Vis.	Amplifier	210-126	& MAINT. ONLY		8-1-68
License to cover CP(BPCT-3828)					
BALCT-321	6-14-67	VOLUNTARY ASSIGNMENT OF LICENSE TO CAPITAL CITIES BROADCASTING CORPORATION. EFF:			
BRCT-291	7-22-68	(L) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-71
MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA					
BRCT-291	7-22-68	(L) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-71
AUX. VISUAL AMPLIFIER					
BSCT-291	10-27-70	Ch-13	V-316kw	Unl.	10-27-70
AH:960' MSL:---		210-216mcs	A-39.8kw		8-1-71
ML to delete "HAZ" markings. (Main Trans. & Ant.)					
BRCT-291	7-29-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (s)			8-1-74
EBSA	5-15-72				
BMLCT-764	7-12-73	ML to chg. name			
Main Trans. & Ant.(1); Auxiliary Visual Amplifier (1)					
BPCT-4713	8-16-74	Ch. 13	V. 316 KW		10-16-74
AH: 960' MSL: ---		210-216	A. 39.8 KW		2-16-76
Main Trans. & Ant.		CP to chg Trans.			
Ltr. rec'd. 8-19-74 surrendering Auxiliary Visual Amplifier license for cancellation.					
BRCT-291	7-31-74	Renewal of license (S)			8-1-77
BRCTV-222 (1)	11-19-74	Remotecontrol authority			
BLCT-2320	10-21-74	Ch. 13	V316 KW	U	8-1-77
AH: 960' MSL: ---		210-216	A 36.3 KW		
Lic.(BRCT-4713) for chgs. Main Trans. and Ant.					
BLCT-2320	10-21-74	Superseding license			8-1-77
Correct SL and power division of ant.					
BLCT-2508	10-21-74	Ch. 13	For emer. test and main purposes only		8-1-77
Lic. to utilize former main Trans. as Aux. trans. at main. loc.					

BC-126 #3
June 1975

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters KTRK-TV

Station location .....

Name of licensee see card #1

Transmitter location see card #1

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To
BRCT-291	4-6-78	CH-13	V.316kw	Unl	
AH:960' MSL	--	210-216	A.36.3kw		8-1-80
Renewal of license (Main Trans. & Ant.) (L)					
BRCT-291	4-6-78	CH-13	V.----	FOR EMERG.	8-1-80
AH: --			A.--	TEST & MAINT.	
Renewal of license for Aux. Trans				PURPOSES ONLY	
BRCT-80041LK	7-18-80	Renewal of license(S)			8-1-83

FORM A-170
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV

Call Letters KTLJ

Name HOUSTON TELEVISION COMPANY, INC.
(P.O. 3005 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-1723 Rec'd Filed	6-8-53 6-10-53 6-10-53	C.P. for a new Comm. TV B/C Station FREQ.: Ch. #13, 210-216 mcs. ERP: Vis. 316 kw, ~~Aur. 229 kw~~ Hours of Operation: Unlimited S-L: ~~To be determined, Houston, Texas~~ T-L: ~~Intersection of Aldine Road and Airline Drive, 12.5 miles North of the center of Houston, Texas~~ ~~(10431)~~ (Vis. & Aur. GE TT-26-A) (Filed by Harold Mott, Atty.)	GRANTED Order Docket No. 10754	2-23-54
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	10-27-53 10-30-53 10-30-53	Amended to change ERP from Vis. 316 kw, Aur. 229 kw to Vis. 316 kw, Aur. 158 kw; antenna height above average terrain from 1043' to 646'; transmitter and studio locations from Intersection of Aldine Rd. and Airline Drive, 12.5 miles North of the center of Houston, Tex. and To be determined, Houston, Tex., respectively, to 3016 Post Oak Road, Houston, Texas; and other equipment.		

Oscar Reed, Jr., Engr.

Card # 2

FORM A-170

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

Call Letters KTRK TV X KTLJ

Name HOUSTON CONSOLIDATED TELEVISION COMPANY
x HOUSTON TELEVISION COMPANY, INC.
Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAPCT-96 Recd Filed	4-21-54 4-23-54 4-23-54	Voluntary assignment of CP from Houston Television Company, Inc. to Houston Consolidated Television Company. Filed by Earl R. Stanley Atty. for assignee Filed by Harold E. Mott, Atty for assignor	GRANTED EFF:	6-16-54 6-18-54
BMPCT-2240 Recd & filed	6-24-54 6-25-54	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1723 which authorized a new Comm. TV b/c station) to change transmitter and studio location from 3016 Post Oak Road, Houston, Texas to Blue Ridge Road, 4 miles SW of Almeda, Texas, and To be determined, Houston, Texas, respectively, change Aur. ERP from 158 kw to 170 kw, install new transmitters and antenna system and make other equipment changes. (957) (Vis & Aur. RCA-TT-50 AH) Filed by Wm. P. Sims, Jr. Atty.	GRANTED	7-7-54

FORM A-170 CARD #3 APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call Letters KTRK-TV

Name HOUSTON CONSOLIDATED TELEVISION COMPANY

Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
PETITION Recd.	11-18-54 11-18-54	PROTEST, PETITION FOR TEMPORARY STAY, AND PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION of Special Temporary Authorization for Commercial Operation of Station KTRK-TV granted 11-17-54, filed by Arthur W. Scharfeld and Theodore Baron, Attys., behalf Gulf Television Co. (KGUL-TV)	in part DENIED (Memorandum Opinion & Order)	(For Temporary Stay only) 11-24-54 Memo. Opin. & Order 12-15-54, dismissing Petition
PETITION Recd.	11-22-54 11-22-54	OPPOSITION TO ABOVE PETITION FOR TEMPORARY STAY, ONLY filed by Harold E. Mott and W. Erwin James, Attys. behalf Station KTRK-TV	SEE ABOVE ACTION	
OPPOSITION Recd.	11-29-54 11-29-54	To Protest and Petition for Reconsideration (filed 11-18-54 behalf KGUL-TV), filed by Harold E. Mott, Atty., behalf KTRK-TV	SEE ABOVE ACTION	
(REPLY TO OPPOSITION Recd. 11-29-54) Dated 11-30-54 Recd. 11-30-54		Filed by Theodore Baron, Atty. behalf KGUL-TV.	SEE ABOVE ACTION	

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FORM A-170

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

Call Letters K T R K-TV

Name HOUSTON CONSOLIDATED TELEVISION COMPANY

Houston, Texas zip 77001

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLCT-256 Recd.&Filed	12-13-54 12-13-54	License to cover CP(BPCT-1723, as mod.,) which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station. Filed by Harold E. Mott, Atty.	GRANTED	3-20-57
BRCT-291 Recd.&Filed	4-28-59 5-4-59	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Filed by Francis X. McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED	7-29-59
BRCT-291 Recd.&Filed	4-30-62 5-2-62	RENEWAL OF LICENSE John A. Rafter, Atty.	GRANTED	7-12-62
BRCT-291 Recd&Filed	4-23-65 5-3-65	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Atty.	GRANTED	7-15-65
BMLCT-564 R & F	2-21-66 2-23-66	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 170 kw to 41 kw Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Atty.	GRANTED	3-9-66
BPCT-3828 R & F AUX. VISUAL AMPLIFIER	8-1-66 8-17-66	CP to install an Auxiliary Visual Power Amplifier. Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Atty.	GRANTED	10-19-66

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FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KTRK-TV

Name X CAPITAL CITIES BROADCASTING CORPORATION
HOUSTON CONSOLIDATED TELEVISION COMPANY

CH-13 Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLCT-1632 R & F Aux. Visual Amplifier	11-9-66 11-14-66	License to cover CP(BPCT-3828) which auth. installation of an Auxiliary Visual Power Amplifier. Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Attys. Robert M. Sutton, Engr.	GRANTED	12-21-66
BALCT-321 R & F	3-22-67 3-24-67	Voluntary assignment of license to CAPITAL CITIES BROADCASTING CORPORATION Atty for assignor - Dow, Lohnes & Albertson for assignee - J.Roger Wollenberg WILMER, CUTLER & PICKERING (J. Roger Wollenberg) atty. per ltr. 1-4-68	GRANTED EFF:	6-14-67 7-18-67
BRCT-291 Rec'd&Filed 1.- MAIN TRANS.& ANTENNA 2.-AUX. VIS. AMPLIFIER P.N. PRESS	5-2-68 5-3-68 MAY 15 1968	RENEWAL OF LICENSE WILMER, CUTLER & PICKERING(Joel Rosenbloom), Atty. Amended 5-31-68 re Programming(Staffing)	#426057$180. GRANTED	5-3-68 7-22-68

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

Card #6

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KTRK-TV

Name CAPITAL CITIES COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
XCAPITAL CITIES BROADCASTING CORPORATION
CH.13 HOUSTON, TEXAS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
Engr. data file 5-27-70				
BRCT-291 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	4-29-71 4-30-71 MAY 19 1971 4-30-71	Renewal of License (Main Trans. & Ant.) (Auxiliary Visual Amplifier) Atty.:DRAnderson(Wilmer,Cutler)	GRANTED	7-29-71
BMLCT-764 R & F PRESS: (Fee with AM)	6-1-73 6-1-73 JUL 3 1973	Mod. of Lic. to chg. name to Capital Cities Communications, Inc. Atty.: Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering	GRANTED	7-12-73
BPCT-4713 R & F #285939$50 AC: 058 PRESS:	2-25-74 3-1-74 3-1-74 MAR 20 1974	CPto chg. type trans. Gates Radio Co. BT-25/25H. Atty: Joel Rosenbloom (Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering)	GRANTED	8-16-74

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September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call Letters KTRK-TV

Name CAPITAL CITIES COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
CH-13 Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCT-291	5-2-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
R & F	5-3-74	Atty: Richard A. Allen ((Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering)	GRANTED	7-31-74
PN Rec'd:	5-2-74			
PRESS:	JUN 3 1974	No Annual Report Filed (Main Trans. & Ant.)		
		AMENDED 7-8-74 re understanding between Licensee and Black Citizens for Media Access, Houston.		
		Amended 8-7-74 re equal employment.		
		Amended 8-5-74 re equal employment.		
		Ltr. 8-19-74 from atty. surrendering license for Auxiliary Visual Amplifier for cancellation.		

BRCT-291

CONSENT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 7-1-74 by Pluria Marshall ~~[illegible]~~ individually and for Black Citizens for Media Access; Thelma Thomas, individually and for Operation Breadbasket of Texas, Inc.; Jan West, individually and for Operation Breadbasket of Texas, Inc.; Errol Warner, individually and for the National Association of Black Accountants.

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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 12-4-75 by Southern Media Coalition, NAACP, Black Colleges

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September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call Letters KTRK-TV

Name CAPITAL CITIES COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
CH-13 Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLCT-2320 Received Filed #340449 $50 AC: 058 PRESS:	8-23-74 8-26-74 8-28-74 8-28-74	License to cover (BPCT-4713) for changes. Atty: Joel Rosenbloom (Wilmer, Cutler. Pickering	GRANTED	10-21-74
BRCTV-222 R & F #349791 $50. AC: 058 PRESS:	9-23-74 9-27-74 9-27-74 OCT 30 1974	Request authority to operate remote control from 3310 Bissonnet Street, Houston, Texas. Atty: Joel Rosenbloom (Wilmer, Cutler)	GRANTED	11-18-74
BLCT-2508 R&F #302063$50 AC: 058 PRESS	4-9-74 4-11-74 4-11-74 28 SEP 1976	License to utilize former Main Trans. (RCA TT-50AHLA) as an auxiliary Trans. at Main Trans. location. Atty.: Joel Rosenbloom (Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering)	GRANTED	10-29-76

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Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters KTRK-TV

Name CAPITAL CITIES COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
Ch-13 HOUSTON, TEXAS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCT-291 R&F PN RECD PRESS	3-31-77 4-1-77 - 4-1-77 APR 15 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Edward Hand (Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering)	GRANTED	4-6-78 (COMMISSION ACTION)
BPCT-780825IB R&F PRESS	8-25-78 SEP - 5 1978	CP to chg. Main Transmitter & antenna Location to ~~½ mi. E. of S. Post Rd. & FM Rd. 2234 intersection, near Houston, Texas (29-34-18 95-27-38)~~; chg. ant. to RCA TCL-16A13 Circular Pol.; utilize existing main trans. & ant. structurefor Aux. Trans. & install Aux. Ant. at former Main Trans. & Ant. site; HAAT 1924 ft. MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION. AMENDED 10-27-80 re eng. to chg. ERP:Vis. 316kW, Aur. 31.6kW, HAAT: 1927.4 ft., trans.: Harris BTD-70H,(BT), trans. loc.: Approx. 4 mi. SE of Missouri City, TX. (29-34-27 95-29-37)		

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

BRCT-291

PETITIONERS FIRST INTERROGATORIES TO STATION filed 7-1-77 by Alvin O. Chambliss on behalf of Black Citizens for Media Access (P.O.Box 826, Oxford, MS)

PETITION TO DENY AND INTERVENE filed 7-1-77 by Pluria Marshall, individually and for the National Black Media Coalition, et al.

Affidavit of David Honig of National Black Media Coalition supporting petition of Marshall.

Letter filed 7-15-77 requesting Commission to Deny Renewal of License by J. H. Painter, III

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 7-25-77 by Stephen Weiswasser on behalf of Capital Cities Communications, Inc.

OPPOSITION OF CAPITAL CITIES COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO PETITION TO DENY AND INTERVENE filed 8-15-77 by J. Roger Wollenberg on behalf of Capital Cities Communications, Inc.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 4-6-78, released 5-10-78 FCC 78-254 84804: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the instant petition to deny IS DENIED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the application of Capital Cities Communications, Inc. for renewal of license of KTRK-TV, Houston, Texas, IS GRANTED.

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.