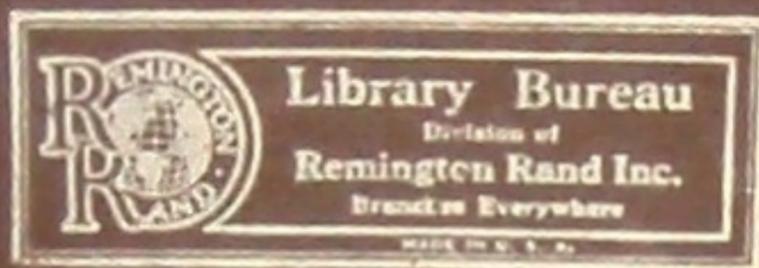


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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed ..... 10-13-48

Call letters ..... K B Y R

Station location: Anchorage, Alaska

NORTHERN TELEVISION, INCORPORATED (AL 7-14-65: EFF. 8-16-65)

x RADIO ANCHORAGE, INC. (AL 6-16-54 EFF: 7-3-54)

x JACK H. WHITE, RECEIVER (AL 2-10-54 EFF: 12-19-53)

x KEITH CAPPER, RECEIVER (AL 7-2-52, EFF 10-10-51)

x FORREST RYSON, RECEIVER (AL 4-12-50 EFF: 9-27-50)

Name of licensee x KEITH CAPPER tr/as THE ALUTIAN BROADCASTER

1007 W. 32nd Ave., Anchorage, Alaska (Redesc. BP 7-7-66)

x West 32nd Ave., near Spenard Ave., Anchorage, Alaska (BP 5-5-66)

x 32nd &amp; Spenard Road, Anchorage, Alaska (re-described Lic. 3-26-56)

Transmitter location x Spenard Road, Anchorage, Terr. of Alaska. (CP &amp; MP 2-25-48) (Lic. 10-13-48)

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1007 W. 32nd Ave., Anchorage, Alaska (Redesc. BP 7-7-66)

x Same as trans.

x 32nd &amp; Spenard Road, Anchorage, Alaska. (re-described Lic. 3-26-56)

x Spenard Road, Anchorage, Alaska (AL 4-27-50)

Main studio location x Aleutian Athletic Club on 4th Ave., Anchorage, Terr. of Alaska.

(CP &amp; MP 2-25-48) (Lic. 10-13-48)

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To..
B-P-4989 Letter	1-30-47 3-21-47	1240	250w	U	
	CP for new station granted subject to filing MP for approval T site and antenna				
BP-4989 BMP-3407 Letter	2-25-48	1240	250w	U	4-25 10-25-48
	Mod. CP (4989) for approval of antenna and T site.				
Letter	8-25-48	Waiver of Sec. 3.30(a) of Rules to permit use of studio at T site pending completion of main studios at Anchorage, Alaska. For period of 60 days.			
BL-3188	10-13-48	1240	250w	U	10-13 8-1-49
	Lic. to cover CP (4989 as mod) for a new station. (COND. CLAUSE)				
Tele.	10-22-48	Extension of waiver 3.30(a) to permit use of studio at T site pending completion of main studios at Anchorage, Alaska, for a period not to exceed 60 days, from 10-25-48.			
Ltr.	1-18-49	Ext. of waiver SEC 3130(a) to permit use of studio at T site pending completion of main studios at Anchorage, Alaska.			
**					12-24 2-24-49
BP-6949	4-6-49	1450	250w	U	6-6 12-6-49
	CP to change frequency				
BS-2104	7-27-49	Extension of license			8-1 12-1-49
Telegram	9-1-49	Waiver of Sec. 3.30(a) of rules to permit use of studio at transmitter site for a period ending in no event later than 12-1-49.			
BS-2104	11-30-49	Extension of license			12-1 3-1-50
BS-2104	2-21-50	Extension of license			3-1 6-1-50
BPL-56	4-13-50	Invol. APL from Keith Capper tr/as The Aleutian Broadcaster to Forrest Hyson, Receiver.			
EFF: 9-27-50					
BS-2104	5-31-50	Extension of license			6-1 9-1-50
BSL-1408	4-27-50	1040	250w	U	4-27 6-1-50
	Mod. of Lic. to change studio location. (COND. CLAUSE)				
BS-2104	8-31-50	Extension of license			9-1 12-1-50

\*\*Forfeiture: in accord. Sec. 1.314(a) - Ltr. 1-23-49

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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters KBIR

X FORREST HYSOM RECEIVER  
X KEITH CAPPER Tr/as THE ALEUTIAN BROADCASTER

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location X Spenard Road, Anchorage, Terr. of Alaska

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BS-2104	11-29-50	Extension of license			12-1 3-1-51
BS-2104	2-28-51	Extension of license			3-1 6-1-51
BS-2104	5-23-51	Extension of license			6-1 9-1-51
BS-2104	8-24-51	Extension of license			9-1 12-1-51
BS-2104	11-28-51	Extension of license			12-1 3-1-52
BS-2104	2-27-52	Extension of license			3-1 6-1-52
BS-2104	5-21-52	Extension of license			6-1 9-1-52
BAL-1389	7-2-52	Involuntary assignment of license to			
EFF	10-10-51	KEITH CAPPER, RECEIVER			
Telegram	8-20-52	Action on renewal deferred and continued operation auth. until final determination on renewal.			8-13-52
BAL-1716	2-10-54	Involuntary AL to JACK H. WHITE,			
EFF:	12-19-53	RECEIVER.			
BAL-1784	6-16-54	Vol. AL to RADIO ANCHORAGE, INC.			
EFF:	7-3-54				
BR-2104	7-28-54	1240kc	250w	U	7-28 3-1-57
BP-10115	1-19-56	1270kc	1kw	U	3-19-56 9-19-56
		CP to change freq. power, install new trans., and make changes in antenna system			
BL-6080	3-26-56	1270kc	1kw	U	3-26-56 2-1-57
		Lic. to cover CP (BP-10,115) to change freq., inc. power; install a new transmitter & make changes in the antenna system.			
BTC-2280	11-8-56	Vol. relinquishment of negative control			
EFF:	12-11-56	by J. Chester Gordon, Josephine M. Gordon, as a family group and Urgel Goodwin Bell and Virginia May Bell, as a family group, thru sale by each stockholder of 16 shares equally to Eugene Pournelle and Ruth Pournelle.			
BZ-3806 (1)	11-16-56	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.			
TELEGRAM	1-31-57	Action on renewal deferred 1-30-57 and continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal applic.			

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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters K.B.Y.R......

Station location .....

Card #3

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BTC-2477 EFF: 5-29-57	4-30-57	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by J. Chester Gordon and Josephine Gordon, through the purchase of stock from Urgel G. Bell and Virginia May Bell.			
BR-2104	3-6-57	1270kc	1kw	U	3-6 2-1-60
	1-27-60	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-2104	3-30-60	Renewal of license			3-30 2-1-63
	1-30-63	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.			
BR-2104	3-29-63	1270kc	1kw	U	3-29-63, 2-1-66
BAL-5424 EFF: 8-16-65	7-14-65	Voluntary assignment of lic. to Northern Television, Incorporated			
BP-17067	5-5-66	1270kc	1kw	U	7-5 1-5-67
	CP to change ant-trans. & studio loc., and make changes in ant. system (increase height).				
BR-2104	3-9-66	1270kc	1kw	U	3-9 2-1-69
BP-17,067 (1)	7-7-66	Mod. of CP(BP-17,067) to redesc. Ant.-trans. & studio loc.			
BMP-11,964 (2)	1-23-67	Mod of CP(BP-17,067 as mod) for ext. of completion date to			7-5-67
BMP-12,104 (3)	7-20-67	Mod. of CP(BP-17,067 as mod) for ext. of completion date to			9-5-67
BMP-12,151 (4)	9-14-67	Mod. of CP(BP-17,067 as mod) for ext. of completion date to			11-5-67
BL-11,824	12-20-67	1270kc	1kw	U	12-20 2-1-69
	Lic. to cover CP(BP-17,067 as mod.)				
BR-2104(5)	1-30-69	Renewal of License			2-1 2-1-72
BP-18,918	3-5-71	700kc	500w 1kw	U	3-5-72
	CP to change frequency to 700kc and decrease nighttime power to 500w.				
BL-12,924(L)	5-18-71	Lic. (BP-18,918) for changes			2-1-72
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-2104(S)	5-31-72	RENEWAL			2-1-75

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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters     K B Y R    

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
Comtel	10-30-74	STA operate	50watt	Armed Forces	Radio
		transmitter to carry KF		programs to Valdez,	
		Alaska pending submit. appl. for 1kw permanent			
		oper. (using KEEI call) thru 1-30-75			
Comlet	1-21-75	STA operate	50w	AM transmitters at 18	
		const. camps along trans-Alaska oil pipeline.			
		(See petitions back of card 12)			
<del>SP-2104(s)</del> M&O	5-6-75	Set Aside Comlet 1-21-75 and grant			
		STA operate the stns. for 90 days.			
Comtel	1-9-76	Auth. comtel 10-30-74 reinstated &			
		extended thru 3-24-76			
Comtel	1-13-75	Use call KEEI for 50w oper. Valdez			
Comtel	3-26-76	Auth. comtel 10-30-74 ext. 6-24-76			
Comtel	8-2-76	Auth. comtel 10-30-74 ext. 11-3-76			
BR-2104(s)	8-12-75	Renewal			2-1-78
Comlet	6-26-75	Auth. operate 50w AM trans. at 18			
CANCELLED		Alaskan oil pipeline sites.			
7-20-77					
COMTEL	11-30-76	Auth. comtel 10-30-74 ext. to 1-6-77			
COMTEL	1-14-77	Auth. comtel 10-30-74 ext. to 1-21-77			
COMTEL	2-1-77	Auth. comtel 10-30-74 ext. pending			
		action on BP-20,731 (using KEEI call)			

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call

Letters K B Y RName KEITH CAPPER tr/as THE ALEUTIAN BROADCASTER

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-3407 Rec'd Filed	11-17-47 11-21-47 11-21-47	Mod. of C.P. (BP-4989, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna and transmitter location at Spenard Road, Anchorage, Alaska.	GRANTED	2-25-48



Raytheon BA-250, Transmitter

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call

Letters K.B.Y.R.Name KEITH CAPPER, tr/as. THE ALEUTIAN BROADCASTERS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-3188 Rec'd Filed	5-22-48 6-1-48 6-1-48	License to cover C. P. (EP-4989, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED re waiver	10-13-48 3.60
EP-6949 Rec'd Filed	9-24-48 9-28-48 9-28-48	Construction Permit to change frequency from 1240 kc to 1450 kc.	GRANTED	4-6-49 Forfeiture in accord. Sec. 1.314(a) - Ltr. written 1-23-50
Rec'd	9-24-48 9-28-48	Mod. of C. P. (EP-4989, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from: 10-25-48 <u>TO:</u> 1-25-49.	<del>Dismissed</del> Program Test authorized	<del>9-30-48</del> <del>6-2-48</del> Retired to closed files Program Test authorized 6-2-48

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters K B Y RName FORREST HYSOM, RECEIVER (APL 4-13-50)  
KEITH CAPPER tr/as THE ALEUTIAN BROADCASTERS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2104 Rec'd	7-7-49 7-11-49	Renewal of license (see amendment card 4a) amend. filed 6-2-52 in name of Keith Capper, Receiver for Keith Capper	GRANTED	7-28-54
BAPL-56 Rec'd Filed	11-23-49 11-28-49 11-28-49	Involuntary assignment of license and construction permit from Keith Capper tr/as The Aleutian Broadcaster to Paul A. Odlaug, Receiver.	GRANTED to Forrest Hysom, Receiver EFF: 9-27-50	4-13-50
BML-1405 Rec'd Resub. & Amend Rec'd Filed	11-23-49 11-28-49 1-16-50 2-20-50 2-20-50	Modification of license to change studio location from Aleutian Athletic Club on 4th Avenue, Anchorage, Territory of Alaska to Spenard Road, Anchorage, Territory of Alaska  Amended to change name of applicant from Paul A. Odlaug, Receiver to Forrest Hysom, Receiver for Keith Capper tr/as The Aleutian Broadcaster	<del>Returned</del> <del>Incomplete</del> <del>move to Spenard, Alaska</del> GRANTED re waiver of Sect. 3.30c to identify location as Anchorage, Alaska.	<del>12-15-49</del> <del>Req. to</del> <del>4-27-50</del>
Rec'd. Resub.	11-26-51 12-3-51 2-27-52	Renewal of license FCC Form 303  Ret. 3-4-52 same reason as before plus fact that 316 was ret'd. (see #5)	RET. 12-6-51 as signed by unauthorized person (Keith Capper) - see BAPL-56 - reason for submission unknown	

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FORM 94

Name  Jack H. White, Receiver (AL-1716 2-10-54) FORREST HYSOM, RECEIVER (APL-7-12-50)Name  KEITH CAPPER tr/as THE ALEUTIAN BROADCASTERS

Call

Letters K-B-Y-R

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2104	(Con't from card #4)			
Amend	7-8-54	Amended to change applicant name to:	<b>GRANTED</b>	7-28-54
Red'd	7-13-54	Radio Anchorage, Inc.		
Filed	7-13-54			

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FORM A-170

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

FORREST HYSOM, RECEIVER (APL 4-12-50)

Call  
Letters K B Y RName x KEITH CAPPER tr/as THE ALEUTIAN BROADCASTERS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-1389 Rec'd	1-29-52 2-25-52	Involuntary assignment of license to Keith Capper, Receiver	<del>RETURNED:</del> <del>Exhibits dated after</del> <del>date of application</del>	<del>3-4-52</del>
Resubmitted Rec'd Filed	5-7-52 5-9-52 5-9-52		GRANTED EFF	7-2-52 10-10-51
BAL-1716 Rec'd Filed	1-25-54 2-1-54 2-1-54	Involuntary assignment of license to Jack H. White, Receiver.	GRANTED EFF:	2-10-54 12-19-53
BAL-1784 Rec'd Filed	4-16-54 5-6-54 5-6-54	Voluntary assignment of license to Radio Anchorage, Inc.	GRANTED EFF:	6-16-54 7-3-54

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FORM A-170

Call Letters KBYR

Name RADIO ANCHORAGE, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-10,115 Rec'd Filed	9-7-55 9-26-55 9-26-55	Construction permit to change frequency from 1240kc to 1270kc; increase power from 250w to 1kw; install a new transmitter (Collins 20V); and make changes in the antenna system. (Request for waiver of Sect. 1.373 of Rules) John Dunn, Atty., Anchorage, Alaska Grant R. Wrathall, Engr., Aptos, Calif.	GRANTED	1-19-56
BL-608C Rec'd Filed	2-18-56 2-20-56 2-20-56	License to cover construction permit (BP-10,115) which authorized change in frequency, increase in power, installation of a new transmitter and make changes in the antenna system.	GRANTED	3-26-56

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters KBYR

Name RADIO ANCHORAGE, INC.  
Anchorage, Alaska

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-2280 Rec'd Filed	6-30-56 7-9-56 7-9-56	Voluntary relinquishment of negative control of licensee corporation by J. Chester Gordon and Josephine M. Gordon, as a family group and Urgel Goodwin Bell and Virginia May Bell as a family group, through the sale by each stockholder of 16 shares equally to Eugene Fournelle and Ruth Pournelle	GRANTED EFF:	11-8-56 12-11-56
BZ-3806 Rec'd Filed	9-4-56 9-7-56 9-7-56	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	11-16-56
BR-2104 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	11-2-56 11-9-56 12-10-56 12-17-56 12-17-56	Renewal of License	Ret. <del>12-9-56</del> - Re: Section <del>11</del> dated after Section <del>1</del> and Ownership Report. GRANTED	3-6-57

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

NORTHERN TELEVISION, INCORPORATED

Call  
Letters KBYRName \*RADIO ANCHORAGE, INC.ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-2477 Rec'd Filed	4-17-57 4-17-57 4-17-57	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee <del>and its subsidiaries</del> corporation by J. Chester Gordon and Josephine Gordon, through the purchase of stock from Urgel G. Bell and Virginia May Bell.  Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	4-30-57 5-29-57
Received Ret.	9-15-59 9-22-59	Construction permit to side-mount FM antenna on Am tower.	Returned	- Unnecessary
BR-2104 Rec'd & Filed	9-25-59 10-8-59	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	<del>3-30-60</del> 3-30-60
BR-2104 R & F	10-23-62 11-5-62	Renewal of License  Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED	3-29-63
BAL-5424 R & F	4-2-65 4-13-65	Voluntary assignment of license to NORTHERN TELEVISION, INCORPORATED Atty. for assignor - Andrew G. Haley for assignee - Booth & Lovett <small>F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.</small>	GRANTED Subject to disposing of KBYR-FM or eliminate position as major creditor of other FM. Eff:	7-14-65 8-16-65

AUG. 1955

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters KBYRName NORTHERN TELEVISION, INCORPORATED  
Anchorage, Alaska

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-17,067 R. & F.	11-9-65 11-16-65	CP to change ant-trans. & studio location to W. 32 Ave., near Spenard Rd., Anchorage, Alaska, make changes in ant. system (increase height). Atty: Booth & Lovett	GRANTED	5-5-66
BR-2104 R. & F.	1-19-66 1-24-66	Renewal of license  Atty: Joseph Hennessey	GRANTED	3-9-66
BMP-11,964 R & F	12-30-66 1-2-67	Mod. of CP(BP-17,067 which auth chg. ant-trans & studio loc to W. 32 Ave., near Spenard Rd. Anchorage, Alska, make chgs in ant sys(increase height) for ext. of completion date from 1-5-67 to 7-5-67. Atty: Booth & Lovett(Joseph F. Hennessey)	GRANTED to	1-23-67 7-5-67

AUG. 1955 #10

Call  
Letters K B Y RName NORTHERN TELEVISION, INCORPORATED  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-12,104 R & F  JUL 14 1967	6-23-67 6-30-67	Mod. of CP(BP-17,067 <sup>as mod.</sup> ) which auth chg. ant-trans & studio loc. make chgs in ant sys (increase height) for extension of completion date from 7-5-67 to 9-5-67 Atty. Booth & Lovett (Joseph F. Hennessey)	GRANTED to	7-20-67 9-5-67
BMP-12,151 R & F SEP 5 - 1967	8-25-67 8-25-67	Mod. of CP(BP-17,067 as mod. which auth chg. ant. trans & studio loc., make chgs in ant sys. (incr. height) for extension of completion date from 9-5-67 to 11-5-67 Atty. Booth & Lovett (Joseph F. Hennessey)	GRANTED to	9-14-67 11-5-67
BL-11,824 R & F PTA-11/3/67  DEC 11 1967	10/18/67 10/24/67	Lic. to cover CP (BP-17,067 as mod.) which auth. chng. ant-trans. & studio loc.; chng. ant-system. Atty: Joseph F. Hennessey	GRANTED	12-20-67

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#11

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters K B Y R

Name NORTHERN TELEVISION, INCORPORATED  
Anchorage, Alaska

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2104 R & F \$470462 \$75.00 PRESS DEC 5 1968	11-1-68 11-5-68 11-5-68	Renewal of license  Atty. Robert M. Booth, Jr.  Amended 11-27-68 re financial	GRANTED	1-30-69
BP- 18,918 Rec'd Filed \$200-637222 AC-039 PN filed PRESS: DEC 11 1970 PTA-4-21-71	10-19-70 10-19-70 10-19-70 10-19-70 12-7-70	Construction permit to change frequency to 700kc and decrease nighttime power to 500w.  Atty. <u>Booth</u> and Freret	GRANTED Fee \$1,800.00 paid 4-26-71 #W500235.	3-5-71

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

700 kHz

Call  
Letters KBYR

Name NORTHERN TELEVISION, INCORPORATED  
Anchorage, Alaska

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-12,924 R & F #679222 \$50. AC-067 PTA PRESS MAY 5 - 1971	3-29-71 4-12-71 4-12-71 4-21-71	Lic.(BP-18,918) for changes.  Atty: <u>Booth &amp; Freret</u>	GRANTED Lic. assume resp. to eliminate interference.	5-18-71
BR-2104 R & F P.N. PRESS DEC 1 1971	10-26-71 11-2-71 11-2-71	Renewal of License  Atty: Robert M. Booth, Jr. AMENDED 2-16-72 re: programming; equal empl. program  AMENDED 5-2-72 re: bal. sheet	GRANTED	5-31-72
BR-2104 R & F PN Recd. PRESS OCT 15 1974	9-19-74 10-1-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE J.P.Freret, Atty. AMENDED 10-11-74 re: engineering statement AMENDED 10-24-74 re: Section II submitted	GRANTED	8-12-75

( OVER )

10-10-74 Engr. to be filed later.

re Comlet 1-21-75 STA operate 50w AM transmitters at various const. camps along Alaska pipeline

PETITION FOR STAY filed 2-26-75 by Mallyck & Bernton for KCAM.

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 2-26-75 by Mallyck & Bernton for KCAM.

OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR STAY Filed 3-10-75 by Booth & Freret for KBYR.

OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 3-10-75 by Booth & Freret for KBYR.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR STAY filed 3-17-75 by Mallyck & Bernton for KCAM.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND TO SUPPLEMENT TO OPPOSITION

filed 3-17-75 by Mallyck & Bernton for KCAM.

SUPPLEMENT TO OPPOSITION OF NORTHERN TV, INC. filed 3-17-75 by Booth & Freret for KBYR.

BR-2104 AMENDED 3-27-75 re: financial data

AMENDED 3-31-75 re: EEO

MO&O 5-6-75 set aside action taken 1-21-75 and authorized STA for 90 day operation.

AMENDED 5-8-75 re: personnel changes

AMENDED 7-15-75 re: EEO & ascert. of comm. needs

## 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. 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 – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only one set is known to exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

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.

