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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 1-9-48 See Card #2 Call letters KCBN (8-14-63)
X JOHN L. BREEGE (AL #23-58) EFF: 5-1-58) X KDOT Eff: 2-22-57
X RADIORENO, INC. (AL 1-17-57; EFF: 1-10-57) Location: Reno, Nevada
X KWRN, INC. (AL 10-8-52, EFF 10-30-52)
X NEVADA RADIO-TELEVISION, INC. (AL- 5-25-51 EFF: 7-1-51)
X KENYON BROWN (AL 4-12-51 Eff: 4-30-51)
Name of licensee X RENO NEWSPAPERS, INC.

2620 East North Street, Reno, Nevada (P800121AN 5-7-80)

X On East 2nd, approx. 3/4 mile east of Reno, Nevada (Lic. 10-19-53)

Transmitter location X On County Road, Approx. 3/4 mile E. of Reno, Nevada. (CP & MP 10-1-47).....

475 East Moana Lane, Reno, Nevada (ltr. 2-1-78)

(Lic. 1-9-48)

X 111 North Virginia Reno, Nevada (BS 5-6-71)

X 674 North Arlington Street, Reno, Nevada (ERC 12-22-65)

X 320 Wonder Street, Reno, Nevada (ERC 12-2-63)

X 6 West Commercial Row, Reno, Nevada (ERC-7-31-59)

X 236 North Virginia (Second Floor) Reno, Nevada (ERC-1337)

X 17 South Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada (Lic. 10-19-53)

Main studio location X 123-127 No. Center Street, Reno, Nevada. (CP & MP 10-1-47) Lic. 1-9-48).....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
B5-P-5426	3-27-47	1490kc	250w	U	
	Letter 6-1-47. C.P. for new station granted subject to filing MP for approval of antenna and T. site.				
B5-P-5426 BMP-2794	10-1-47	1490	250w	U	12-1 6-1-48
	Mod. CP (5426) to make changes in T equipment, and for approval of antenna and T sites.				
BL-2844 BZ-2695	1-9-48	1490	250w	U	1-9 8-1-48
	Lic. to cover CP (5426 as mod) for a new station and determine operating power by direct method.				
BR-1808	7-6-48	1490	250w	U	8-1 8-1-51
BTC-855	12-29-49	Vol. acquisition of control of licensee corp. thru sale of 1,550 shares of common stock from Merritt C. Spidel to John Ben Snow.			
	EFF: 1-5-50				
AL-1132	4-12-51	Vol. AL from Reno Newspapers, Inc to Kenyon Brown.			
	Eff: 4-30-51				
BAL-1201	6-25-51	Vol AL from Kenyon Brown to Nevada Radio-Television, Inc.			
	EFF: 7-1-51				
BR-1808	7-25-51	1490	250w	U	8-1 10-1-53
BTC-1194	10-31-51	Vol. relinquishment of control of licen- see corp. by Kenyon Brown thru sale of stock to DONALD W. REYNOLDS			
	11-9-51				
BP-8249	9-3-52	1230	250w	U	11-3 5-3-53
	CP to change frequency				
BAL-1436	10-8-52	Vol. assignment of license to			
	10-30-52	K W R N, INC.			
	EFF				
BAP-179	11-12-52	Vol. assignment of C.P. to			
	12-1-52	K W R N, INC.			
	EFF				
BR-1808	9-2-53	1490kc	250w	Ua	10-1-53 10-1-56
BL-4997	10-19-53	1230	250w	U	10-19 10-1-56
	Lic. cover CP (BP-8249) change in frequency.				
BR-1808	9-19-56	Renewal of license			10-1 10-1-59

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Call letters -KWRN^{KCBN}XKDOT

B. B. C., INC. (AL 7-17-63; EFF: 8-2-63)
 XKDOT, INC. (AL 7-22-59 Eff 7-23-59)
 (XXXXXXXXXX)

Name of licensee X RADIORENO, INC. (AL 1-17-57; EFF: 1-18-57)

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BAL-2528 EFF:	1-17-57 1-18-57	Voluntary assignment of license to RADIORENO, INC.			
BTC-2511 EFF:	6-11-57 7-10-57	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licenses corporation by Gerald A. Simmonds and Sidney M. Simmonds (as a family group) thru the purchase of stock by Sidney M. Simmonds from James F. Hadlock.			
BAL-2989 EFF:	4-23-58 5-1-58	Voluntary assignment of license to John L. Breece.			
BRC-1337	8-26-58	1230kc	250w	Un	8-26 10-1-59
	Modification of license to change Studio Location and operate transmitter by Remote Control from 236 North Virginia, (Second Floor), Reno, Nevada				
ERC-1502	7-31-59	1230kc	250w	Un	7-14 10-1-59
	Modification of license to change Studio location and Remote Control Point from (Second Floor), 236 N. Virginia Ave., Reno, Nevada TO 6 West Commercial Row, Reno, Nevada AND operate transmitter by Remote Control from 224 North Arlington Avenue, Reno, Nevada, to be operated by Employees of Station KDOT only (Washoe Telephone Answering Service) (2 Remote Control Points).				
BAL-3530 Eff:	7-22-59 7-23-59	Voluntary assignment of license to KDOT, INC.			
EP-14232	7-21-60 3-21-61	C. to install new trans. (Collins 300 1230kc 250w Un. 9-21-60 3-21-61			
BK-1808	1-18-61	renewal of license 1-18 10-1-62			
BRC-1896 (1)	8-1-61	Mod. of license to change remote control point to 105 Lake Street, Reno, Nevada (Secondary Remote Control Point) By Employees of the Station only.			
BZ-4651	6-7-62	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.			
Wire ext. gr	11-14-62 to 11-15-63	Auth. remain silent thru 1-20-63. (re cond' l on BAL-4666) LTR 9-13-63			

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Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Tim. Div.	Period From - To
BR-1808	7-17-63	1230kc	250w	U	(Cond'1) 7-17 10-1-65
BAL-4686 EFF:	7-17-63 8-2-63	Voluntary assignment of license to B. B. C., Inc. (Cond'1)			
Ltr. dated 10-24-63 & rec'd 10-25-63 giving notification per Sect. 3.48(a)(5) Rules that a Bauer 707 trans. is now installed & in oper.					
Ltr. dated 10-30-63 & rec'd 10-31-63 giving notification that Station resumed operation 10-30-63.					
BRC-2369	12-2-63	1230kc	250w	U	12-2-63 10-1-65
Mod. of license to change studio loc. and remote control point to 320 Wonder Street, Reno, Nevada.					
BR-1808	9-10-65	1230kc	250w	U	10-1 10-1-68
BRC-2793 (1)	12-22-65	Mod. of license to change studio loc. and remote control point to 674 North Arlington Street, Reno, Nevada.			
BP-16028	4-13-66	1230kc	250w, 1kw-LS	U	6-13 12-13-66
CP to increase daytime power to 1kw (Cond'1).					
BL-11,423	10-24-66	1230kc	250w, 1kw-LS	U	10-24 10-1-68
Lic to cover CP(BP-16,028) which auth increase daytime power.					
BZ-6268 (1)	1-9-67	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power			
BR-1808(L)	10-21-68	Renewal of License & NDEA			
BS-1808(1)	5-6-71	Mod. of lic. to chng. SL & RC to 111 North Virginia, Reno, Nevada.			
BTC-6589	7-29-71	VOL. TC	EFF:	8-27-71	
BR-1808(L)	9-30-71	RENEWAL	& NDEA		10-1-74
EBSA	5-25-72				
BTC-7540	9-30-74	VOL. TC	EFF:		
BR-1808(S)	12-24-74	RENEWAL			
BR-1808(L)	9-12-77	Renewal			
BR-1808(L)	9-12-77	Renewal (Supersedes to chge SL) & RC			

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Station location

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Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BS-1808	4-25-78	Mod. of license "Antenna shared	license	to delete with KONE"	10-1-80
BP800121AN (L)	5-7-80	1230khz CP to chg. TL &	25kw	1kw Unl. share ant	5-7-81 str. w KBET
BR 800602	ZR 9-22-80	(S)	RENEWAL		10-1-83

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

 Call KWRN
 Letters New
Name RENO NEWSPAPERS, INC.(PO 123-127 No.Center Street., Reno, Nevada)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B5-P-5426 Rec'd Filed	10-31-46 11-8-46 11-8-46	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1450 1490 kc Power: 250w Hours of operation: Unlimited Trans. location: To be determined-Reno, Nevada Studio location: 123-127 No.Center Street, Reno, Nevada Filed by Reed T. Rollo, Atty.	DOCKET # 8097. Removed From Hearing and Granted 3-27-47. Subject to filing MP for approval of antenna and T. site. Letter 6-3-47 Issued with MP 2794	
AMENDED Recd. Filed	2-1-47 2-7-47 2-14-47	AMENDED to change frequency from 1450 kc to 1490 kc		

Transmitter- RCA 250-L

Richard E. Coon, Engr.
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call

Letters KWRN

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Name RENO NEWSPAPERS, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BNP-2794 Rec'd Filed	5-15-47 5-26-47 5-26-47	Mod. of C.P. (B5-P-5426, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to make changes in transmitting equipment, and for approval of antenna and transmitter location at On County Road, approx. 3/4 mile East of Reno, Nevada. (Reed T. Rollo, Atty.)	GRANTED	10-1-47

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Call
Letters W. H. R. N.Name RENO NEWSPAPERS, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-2844 Rec'd Filed	11-25-47 12-1-47 12-1-47	License to cover C.P. (B5-P-5426, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	1-9-48
BR-1808 Rec'd	5-24-48 6-3-48	Renewal of license Filed by Reed T. Rollo atty.	GRANTED	7-6-48
BTC-855 Rec'd Filed	11-3-49 11-10-49 11-10-49	Voluntary acquisition of control of licensee corporation thru sale of 1,550 shares of common stock from Merritt C. Speidel to John Ben Snow. E. D. Johnston, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	12-29-49 1-5-50

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KENYON BROWN (AL 4-12-51)

Call
Letters KVRNName RENO NEWSPAPERS, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-1132 Rec'd Filed	12-26-50 1-8-51 1-8-51	Voluntary assignment of license from Reno Newspapers, Inc. to Kenyon Brown. Reed T. Rollo, Atty.	GRANTED Eff: 4-30-51	4-12-51
BR-1808 Rec'd Filed	5-25-51 6-1-51 6-1-51	Renewal of License (Filed by James A. McKenna, Jr. Atty.)	GRANTED	7-25-51
BAL-1201 Rec'd Filed	6-5-51 6-11-51 6-11-51	Voluntary assignment of license from Kenyon Brown to Nevada Radio-Television, Inc. James A. McKenna, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	6-25-51 7-1-51
BP-8249 Rec'd Filed	9-13-51 9-14-51 9-14-51	Construction permit to change frequency from 1490kc to 1230kc. James A. McKenna, Jr., Atty. C. M. Daniell, Engr.	GRANTED	9-3-52
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	8-14-52 8-15-52 8-15-52	AMENDED re: new officers and stockholders.		

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KENYON BROWN (AL 4-12-51)Call
Letters ~~KWRN~~ KDOT

Name: RENO NEWSPAPERS, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-1194 Rec'd Filed	9-13-51 9-21-51 9-21-51	Voluntary relinquishment of control of licensee corporation by Kenyon Brown thru sale of 50% stock to Donald W. Reynolds James A. McKenna, Jr. Atty.	Granted Eff.	10-31-51 11-9-51
BAL-1436 Rec'd Filed	8-19-52 8-29-52 8-29-52	Voluntary assignment of license to KWRN, Inc. Andrew G. Haley, Atty. Haley and Doty represent station as per letter dated September 23, 1952.	GRANTED EFF	10-8-52 10-30-52
BAP-179 Rec'd Filed	10-4-52 10-13-52 10-13-52	Voluntary assignment of construction permit/KWRN, Inc. Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED EFF	11-12-52 12-1-52

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FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

RADIORENO, INC. (AL 1-17-57; EFF:

Call

Letters K-W-R-N K D O TName KXWRN, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-4997 Rec'd Filed	4-24-53 4-27-53 4-27-53	License to cover construction permit (BP-8249) which authorized change in frequency.	GRANTED	10-19-53
BR-1808 Rec'd Filed	7-1-53 7-2-53 7-2-53	Renewal of License	GRANTED	9-2-53
BR-1808 Rec'd Filed	7-2-56 7-5-56 7-5-56	Renewal of license	GRANTED	9-19-56
BAL-2528 Rec'd Filed	12-4-56 12-7-56 12-7-56	Voluntary assignment of license to Radioreno, Inc. Edward R. McKenna, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	1-17-57 1-18-57

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Name **JOHN L. BREECE**
x RADIORENO, INC.Call
Letters **KDOT**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRC-2511 Rec'd Filed	5-28-57 5-31-57 5-1-57	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Gerald A. Simonds and Sidney M. Simonds (as a family group) through the purchase of stock by Sidney M. Simonds from James F. Hadlock McKenna & Wilkinson, Attys. (David S. Stevens)	GRANTED EFF:	6-11-57 7-10-57
BAL-2989 Rec'd Filed	3-17-58 3-24-58 3-24-58	Voluntary assignment of license to John L. Breece. Edward P. McKenna, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	4-23-58 5-1-58
BRC-1337 Rec'd Filed	8-12-58 8-18-58 8-18-58	Modification of license to change Studio location, and operate transmitter by Remote Control from 236 North Virginia (Second Floor) Reno, Nevada. Eugene L. Burke, Atty.	GRANTED	8-20-58

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Call KCBN (8-11-63)
 Letters X K D O T

Name ~~JOHN J. BRANN~~ KDOT, Inc

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-3530 Rec'd. Filed	6-18-59 6-25-59 6-25-59	Voluntary assignment of license to KDOT, Inc.	GRANTED EFF:	7-22-59 7-23-59
ERC-1502 Rec'd Filed	7-27-59 7-28-59 7-28-59	Modification of license to change Studio location and Remote Control Point from (Second Floor), 236 North Virginia Avenue, Reno, Nevada <u>TO</u> 6 West Commercial Row, Reno, Nevada <u>AND</u> to operate transmitter by Remote Control from 224 North Arlington Avenue, Reno, Nevada, to be operated by Employees of Station KDOT only (Woshoe Telephone Answering Service) 2 Remote Control Points	GRANTED	7-31-59
BR-1808 Rec'd/Filed	9-25-59 9-28-59	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	1-18-61
EP-14232 Rec'd Resubmitted Rec'd Filed	6-8-60 6-14-60 7-5-60 7-7-60 7-7-60	Construction permit to install a new trans (Collins 300 J2) Atty - Spearman & Roberson	Return Notary-signature-omitted GRANTED	6-28-60 7-21-60

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Call Letters KCBN (8-11-63)
XKDOT

Name KDOT, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRC- 1896 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	7-5-61	Modification of license to change Remote Control Point to 105 Lake Street, Reno, Nevada. (Secondary Remote Control Point) (By Employees of the Station only).	RETURNED	7-14-61
	7-11-61		Signed by General	
	7-25-61		Manager	
	7-27-61		GRANTED	8-1-61
	7-27-61			
BZ- 4651 Rec'd Resub Rec'd & Filed	8-28-61	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	RETURNED	9-14-61
	3-16-62		Incomplete	
	3-19-62		GRANTED	6-7-62
BR-1808 Rec'd & Filed	7-20-62	Renewal of license	GRANTED	7-17-63
	9-4-62		Cond'l re: EAL-4686	
	9-4-62		be consummated in 20 days & resume operation within 90 days.	

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call K C B N
Letters X K D O T

Name B. B. C., INC.
 KDOT, INC.
RENO, NEVADA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-4686 Rec'd Filed	11-30-62 12-6-62 12-6-62	Voluntary assignment of license to B. B. C., Inc. Forbes W. Blair, Atty.	EFF: 8-2-63 GRANTED *** Cond'l re: consumpt within 20 days and resume oper. 90 days	7-17-63
<p>Letter 9-6-63 (Forber W. Blair, Esq.) requesting 30 day extension on condition on BAL-4686 to resume operation. Alford 9-10-63. - ltr. 9-13-63 granted extension to 11-15-63 to resume operation ***Ltr. 9-13-63 granted extension of condition re resumption of operation to 11-15-63</p>				
BRC- 2369 Rec'd Resub. R & F	11-14-63 10-24-63 11-14-63 11-18-63	Modification license to change studio location and remote control point to 320 Wonder Street, Reno, Nevada. Forbes W. Blair, Atty.	Revised application - 11-14-63 Not checked GRANTED	12-2-63

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Call
Letters K C B NName B. B. Co., INC.
Reno, Nevada 89503

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-16,028 V. & F.	10-29-63 11-4-63	CP to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw Atty: Welch, Rott & Morgan Engr: Cecil Lynch, Modesto, Calif.	GRANTED Cond'l res 250w Class IV stations.	4-13-66
BR-1808 R & F	6-28-65 7-8-65	Renewal of License Forbes W. Blair, Atty.	Antenna resistance meas. GRANTED	9-10-65
BRC-2793 Rec'd Filed	12-7-65 12-17-65 12-17-65	Modification of license to change studio location and remote control point to 674 North Arlington Street, Reno, Nevada. Forbes W. Blair, Atty.	GRANTED	12-22-65
BL-11,423 Rec'd Filed	7/1/66 7/12/66 8/2/66	Lic. to cover CP (BP-16,028) which auth. increase daytime power. Atty: Welch & Morgan	GRANTED	10-24-66
BZ-6268 R & F	10/21/66 10/27/66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. Engr: Ron Oakley, Reno, Nevada	GRANTED	1-9-67

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1230kc

Call
Letters K C B NName B. B. C., INC.
RENO, NEVADA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1808 R.&F. 440378 \$75 AUG 9 1958	6-28-68 7-1-68 7-1-68	RENEWAL OF LICENSE -ATTY-Lester W. Spillane, S.F., Calif	GRANTED	10-21-68
12-15-70 Annual filing fee \$36.00 paid #650077				
BR-3589 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 #506291 CODE 047 Also \$50 #506292 CODE 070 MET'D not req for aux. stations JUN 15 1971	4-30-71 5-24-71	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Richard W. Brown to Howard B. Levine & Lorraine Walker Levine, Joint Tenants (SEE OVER FOR AMENDMENTS) Atty - Robert L. Heald	GRANTED	7-29-71
Pub. notice filed 6-28-71			Req. grant fee \$2,960.00 Eff: 8-27-71. Grant Fee Paid. 048, 9-10-71. W-003024	
BR-1808 R & F FN PRESS: 7-22-71	6-15-71 7-1-71 7-1-71	Renewal of license Atty - Farrand, Maltz & Spillane	GRANTED	9-30-71

RE: BTC-6589 - AMENDED 7-21-71 re programming (transferee)

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1230 kc

Call
Letters K C B NName B. B. C., INC.
RENO, NEVADA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR -1808 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	6-27-74 7-1-74 " JUL 15 1974	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	12-24-74
BTC-7540 Rec'd Filed Fee: \$250 .047 Press: SEP 30 1974	8-13-74 9-13-74 9-13-74 345387	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Howard B. Levine & Lorraine Walker Levine, Joint Tenants <u>to</u> Lorraine Walker Levine. Robert J. Rawson, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	9-30-74 10-15-74
BR-1808 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	5-24-77 5-27-77 " JUN 7 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-12-77

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1230 kHz.

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Call Letters
K C B NName B.B.C., INC.
Reno, Nevada

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BS-1808		Mod. of license to delete "antenna shared with KONE"	GRANTED	4-25-78
BP-800121AN PRESS: (0) APR 02 1980		CP to chg. TL to: 2620 East Nonth St., Reno, Nevada; share ant. structure with KBET(AM). (39 32 16 - 119 46 49) Atty: Lester W. Spillane	GRANTED	5-7-80
BR800602ZR PRESS AUG 7 1980		Renewal of License Atty. Lester W. Spillane (Farrand, Malti, Spillane, Cooper & Carpenter) AMENDED 9-12-80 re: ascert. of comm. needs & problems	GRANTED	9-22-80

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1230KHz.

Call Letters: K C B N

Name: B.B.C., INC.

Station Location: RENO, NEVADA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMP801215AG PRESS (9) JAN 23 1981	JAN 23 1981	Mod. of CP (BP-800121AN) To chg. type Trans. & chg. Ant. Current. 39° 31' 48" 119° 46' 58" Atty. Lester W. Spillane (San Francisco, Calif.)	<u>DISMISSED 1-22-81</u> <u>as unnecessary.</u> <u>See Comtel dated</u> <u>1-22-81.</u>
BZ-810602AB R & F DM PRESS JUN 09 1981	6-2-81	DIRECT MEASUREMENT Atty: ---	GRANTED 6-5-81

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 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 12th 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.

