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REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE

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Patent No. 1,100,189

Date first licensed 10-8-48Call letters KCZH  
LOCATION: HOUSTON, TEXAS

KCOH, INC. (AL 11-27-78 EFF: 12-29-78)

\*CALL OF HOUSTON, INC. (MP 2-10-48)

Name of licensee x LEY SMALL BROADCASTING CO.

8232 Kerr Street (re-described) (EP 6-20-57) (Lic. 8-28-57)

Transmitter location x Four blocks east of intersection of Kerr and McCarty Streets,  
Houston, Texas (CP & MP 5-15-47) (Lic. 10-8-48)

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5011 Alameda, Houston, Texas (BRC 7-9-63)

X 11th Floor, M &amp; M Bldg., No. 1 Main Street, Houston, Texas (Lic. 10-8-48)

Main studio location x To be determined, Houston, Texas (CP & MP 5-15-47)

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
P-4182 Letter 11-11-46	9-12-46	1430	1kw	Daytime	granted subject to filing MP for approval of T site and antenna (Conditional Clause)
P-4182 BMP-2513	5-15-47	1430kc	1kw	Daytime	7-15 1-15-48 Mod. of C.P. (4182) approval of antenna, T. site, change studio location and mounts FM antenna on AM tower. (Conditional Clause)
BMP-3463	12-30-47	Mod. CP (4182 as mod.)			for extension of completion date. (CONDITIONAL) 7-15 5-14-48
MP-3582	2-10-48	Mod. CP (4182 as mod)			to change name of permittee corp. from Lee Segal B/Cing Co. to Call of Houston, Inc. (CONDITIONAL CLAUSE) 7-15 5-14-48
P-2545	3-3-48	Mod. CP (4182 as mod.)			to change type of transmitter. (CONDITIONAL CLAUSE) 7-15 5-14-48
TC-414	4-29-48	Vol. relinquishment of control of permittee corp. by sale of 66 2/3% of stock of William L. Smith to E. C. Hughes and Ed. F. Hoffman. 166 2/3 shares of common stock - 66 2/3%			
P-3811	4-26-48	Mod. CP (4182 as mod)			for ext. of completion dates. (COND. CLAUSE) 7-15 7-14-48
442	10-8-48	1430	1kw	Daytime	10-8 11-1-50 Lic. to cover CP (4182 as mod) for a new station and specify studio site.
109	10-23-50	1430	1kw	Daytime	11-1 11-1-53
1077	4-5-51	Vol. acquisition of control of lic. corp thru sale of 83 shares of common stock.			
4-11-51					
R-2109	10-7-53	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			11-1-53 8-1-56
TC-1849	1-12-55	Vol. transfer of control to Robert C Hecker			
FF:	2-5-55				
R-2109	7-2-56	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1 8-1

Form BC-126

June 1954 #2

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters ..... KCOH

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period	
					From-	To-
BP-11348	6-20-57	1430	1kw	Day	8-20-57	2-20-58
		CP to install new xstr (Gates BCL7) & operate by RC from 11th Fl. W&M Bldg. 1 Main St				
BL-6717 (1)	8-28-57	<del>1430</del>			license to cover CP (BP-11348) which auth. new trans. & operate trans. by RC	
BR-2109	7-3-59	1430	1kw	Day	8-1	8-1-62
BP-13745	1-29-60	1430kc	250w	Aux.	3-29	9-29-60
		CP to install a new transmitter (Western Electric-451-A1) at location of present transmitter, 8232 Kerr St., Houston, Texas to be used as an aux. transmitter on 1430kc with power of 250w for auxiliary purposes only.				
BP-15,317	3-8-62	1430kc	1kw	Day	5-8-62	
		CP to make chgs in antenna system & ground system.				
BL-9179 (1)	5-17-62	License to cover CP (BP-15317) which auth. chgs. in ant. and ground system.				
BR-2109	7-24-62	1430kc	1kw	Day	8-1	8-1-65
BP-15703	10-1-62	1430kc	250w	Aux.	12-1	6-1-63
		CP to install new aux. trans. (GATES BC-250GY) to be operated on 1430kc, 250w, loc. same as main, for aux. purposes only, trans. to be operated by remote control from studio location.				
BRC-2266 (1)	7-9-63	Mod. of license to change studio loc. and remote control point to 5011 Alameda, Houston, Texas.				
BZ-5015 (2)	8-23-63	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.				
BRC-2329 (1)	9-25-63	Mod. of CP (BP-15,703) to change studio location and remote control point to 5011 Alameda Street, Houston, Texas.				
BL-10,273	11-7-63	1430kc	250w	Aux	11-7	8-1-65
		Lic. to cover CP (BP-15,703) which auth. instl. a new aux. trans.				
BR-2109	12-15-65	Renewal of license (aux) 12-15 2-1-67				
	12-15-65	1430kc	1kw	Daytime	12-15	2-1-67
BR-2109	10-24-67	Renewal of License <del>main and aux.</del> 10-24 8-1-68				

Expired of its own terms.

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June 1954 #3

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters K C O H

Station location HOUSTON, TEXAS

Name of licensee CALLOP HOUSTON, INC.

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To.
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	396w		
BR-2109(S)	7-31-68	RENEWAL	(MAIN & AUX.)		8-1-71
BR-2109(S)	2-29-72	RENEWAL	MAIN & AUX.		8-1-74
EBSA	6-12-72				
BTC-6903	8-17-72	Invol. TC.			
BZ-8132(L)	8-31-72	Direct Measurement 1430kc	1kw Day 250w Aux		8-1-74
Tel.	12-4-72	Trans. Gates BC-1H.	now installed.		
BTC-7451	12/10/75	Vol. to EFF: 2/27/76			
BR-2109(L)	11-20-75	Renewal of	(Main & Aux.)		8-1-77
LTR.	8-1-77	Use former licensed trans.	as Aux.		
BR-2109(L)	7-21-77	RENEWAL	(MAIN & AUX.)		8-1-80
BAL781108ED	11-27-78	VOL. AL		EFF: 12-29-78	
BR800321UA (S)	7-18-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALT.)			8-1-83

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

 Call KOCH  
 Letters 2 New
Name LEE SEGALL BROADCASTING CO.

(P.O. Citizens State Bank Bldg., Houston, Tex.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B3-P-4182	10-1-45	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: <del>790 kc</del> 1430 kc Power: 1kw Hours of Operation: Daytime Trans. Location: To be determined, near Houston, Tex. Studio Location: San Jacinto Hotel, Main & Walker, Houston, Tex. (Filed by Wm. C. Koplovitz, Atty.; Grant R. Wrathall, Engr.)	<del>Docket No. 7332</del>	
Rec'd	10-8-45		<del>Granted without</del>	
Filed	10-8-45		<del>prejudice subject to</del>	
			<del>right of reinstatement</del>	
			<del>Inter-Order 1-5-46</del>	
			<del>policy</del>	
			<del>Order issued</del>	
			<del>5-23-46</del>	
			Docket No. 7332	
			Granted without hearing	
				9-12-46
			subject to filing MP for	
			approval of T site &	
			antenna and waiver	
			3.50	
			Letter	12-11-46
PETITION TO	REINSTATE			
GRANTED	7-19-46			
AMENDED	7-8-46	AMENDED to change frequency from 790kc to		
Recd.	7-13-46	1430kc		
Filed	7-19-46			



RCA 1-K Transmitter

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call  
Letters KCOHName LEE SEGALL BROADCASTING CO.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
WMP-2513 Rec'd Filed	2-5-47 2-17-47 2-17-47	Mod. of C.P. (B - 4182, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna, for approval of transmitter location at Four blocks east of intersection of Kerr and McCarty Streets, Houston, Texas, and to mount FM antenna on top of AM tower. (Frederick H. Walton, Jr., Atty. - Grant R. Wrathall, Engr.)  <i>red</i> and change studio location from San Jacinto Hotel, Main & Walker, Houston, Texas <u>to</u> To be determined, Houston, Texas.	GRANTED (Conditionally re waiver 3.60)	5-15-47

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters KCOHName Lee Segall Broadcasting Co.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-3463 Rec'd Filed	12-12-47 12-15-47 12-15-47	Mod. of C.P. (B3-P-4182, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 1-15-48 to 5-15-48. Frederick H. Walton, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED re waiver	12-30-47 3.60
BMP-3582 Rec'd Filed	1-15-48 1-26-48 1-26-48	Mod. of C.P. (B3-P-4182, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change name of permittee corporation from Lee Segall Broadcasting Company <u>to</u> Call of Houston, Inc.  Frederick H. Walton, Jr. Atty.	GRANTED re waiver	2-10-48 3.60

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call  
Letters KCOHName Call of Houston, Inc.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-614 Rec'd Filed	1-28-48 2-4-48 2-4-48	Voluntary Relinquishment of Control of Permittee corporation by the sale of 66 2/3 % of stock by William A. Smith <u>to</u> E. C. Hughes and Ed F. Hoffman.  166 2/3 shares of common stock - 66 2/3 %  Frederick H. Walton, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	4-29-48 5-15-48
BWP-3645 Rec'd Filed	2-11-48 2-13-48 2-13-48	Mod. of C.P. (B3-P-4182, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter (Gates BC-1E). Frederick H. Walton, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED re waiver	3-3-48 3.60

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call  
Letters KCOHName CALL OF HOUSTON, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-3811 Rec'd Filed	4-16-48 4-19-48 4-19-48	Mod. of C.P. (B3-P-4182, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from: 5-14-48 to: 7-14-48.  (Frederick H. Walton, Jr., Atty.)	GRANTED re waiver	4-26-48 3.60
BL-3142 Rec'd Filed	5-1-48 5-3-48 5-3-48	License to cover C.P. (B3-P-4182, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and specify studio location as 11th. Floor M & M Building 41 Main Street, Houston, Texas.  (Frederick H. Walton, Jr., Atty.)	GRANTED	10-8-48

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call  
Letters K C O HName CALL OF HOUSTON, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2109 Rec'd	8-26-50 8-30-50	Renewal of license Filed by Frederick H. Walton, Jr. atty.	GRANTED	10-23-50
BTC-1077 Rec'd Filed	2-22-51 2-27-51 2-27-51	Voluntary acquisition of control of licensee corporation by William A. Smith thru purchase of 83 shares of common stock from E. C. Hughes.  Harrison T. Slaughter, Atty.	GRANTED  Eff:	4-5-51  4-11-51
BR-2109 Rec'd Filed	7-31-53 8-3-53 8-3-53	Renewal of License	GRANTED	10-7-53
BEC-1849 Rec'd Filed	11-23-54 11-26-54 11-26-54	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from William A. Smith to Robert C. Meeker.	GRANTED EFF:	1-12-55 2-5-55

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FORM BC-121

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FORM A-170

Call  
Letters KCOHName CALL OF HOUSTON, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2109 Rec'd Filed	5-3-56 5-4-56 5-4-56	Renewal of license	GRANTED	7-5-56
BP-11,348 Rec'd <del>Rec'd</del> Remub. Rec'd Remub. Rec'd & Filed	4-26-57 5-7-57 <del>5-28-57</del> 5-24-57 5-27-57 5-30-57 6-3-57	Construction permit to install a new transmitter (Gates BC-1J) and operate transmitter by Remote Control from 11th Floor of M & M Building, No. 1 Main Street, Houston, Texas.	Application returned <del>5-28-57</del> incomplete. Application returned <del>5-29-57</del> incomplete. GRANTED	   6-20-57
BL-6717 Rec'd Filed	7-5-57 7-12-57 7-12-57	License to cover Construction permit BP-11,348 which authorized installation of a new transmitter (GATES BC-1J) and operate transmitter by remote control from studio location.	GRANTED	8-28-57

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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters K C C HName Call of Houston, Inc.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
829 Rec'd	3-5-58 3-18-58	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power	Returned Unnecessary	3-26-58
BP-2109 R & P	5-1-59 5-4-59	Renewal of license	Granted	7-4-59
Rec'd	12-26-59 12-7-59	Construction permit to install an auxiliary trans. (WE-451A-1) at the present location of the main trans. to be operated on 1430kc. power of 250w for auxiliary purposes only.	Returned	12-7-59 Sect. 1A only filed
BP-18745 R & P	12-12-59 12-16-59	Construction Permit to install a new transmitter (Western Electric 451-A-1) at location of present transmitter, 8232 Kerr St., Houston, Texas to be used as an auxiliary transmitter on 1430kc with power of 250kw for auxiliary purposes only.	GRANTED	1-29-60 <i>approved</i>



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Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call KCOH  
Letters \_\_\_\_\_

Name Call of Houston, Inc.  
Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-15,317 R&F	1-19-62 1-25-62	CP to make chgs in antenna system (door height) and make chgs in ground system.	GRANTED	3-8-62
BT-2179 REC'D FILED	11-16-61 11-20-61 3-8-62	Lic to cover CP(BP-15,317) which auth. chgs. in antenna and ground system.	GRANTED	5-17-62
BT-2109 Rec'd Filed	4-30-62 5-14-62 5-14-62	Renewal of license Stanley B. Cohen, Atty.	GRANTED	7-24-62
BP-15,703 R. & F.	9-4-62 9-10-62	CP to install new aux. trans. (GATES <sup>T</sup> 250GY) to be operated on 1430kc, 250w, loc. same as main: 8232 Kerr St., Houston, Texas, for aux. purposes only, trans. to be operated by remote control from studio location.	GRANTED	10-1-62

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Call  
Letters K C O HName CALL OF HOUSTON, INC.Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
Received	6-4-63 6-17-63	CP to move studio location from 11th Floor, M & M Bldg., No. 1 Main St., Houston, Texas to 5011 Alameda, Houston, Texas.	RETURNED Unnecessary	6-19-63
BRC-2266 Rec'd Filed	6-26-63 7-1-63 7-1-63	Modification of license to change studio location and remote control point <u>to</u> 5011 Alameda, Houston, Texas.	GRANTED	7-9-63
BZ*5015 R. & F.	7-8-63 7-9-63	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of <u>antenna power.</u>	GRANTED	8-23-63
BL-10,273 R. & F.	8-17-63 8-20-63	Lic to cover CP(BP-15,703) which auth installing a new Auxiliary Transmitter.	GRANTED	11-7-63

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KCOH

Name CALL OF HOUSTON, INC.  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRC-2329 Rec'd Filed	9-16-63 9-19-63 9-19-63	Mod. of CP(BP-15,703) to change studio location and remote control point to 5011 Alameda Street, Houston, Texas, (Auxiliary)	GRANTED	9-25-63
BR-2109 Rec'd Filed	4/19/65 4/20/65 4/20/65	Renewal of license (Main & Aux.) Atty: Stanley B. Cohen	GRANTED	12-15-65
BR-2109 R & F BR-2109 Rec'd Filed	10-28-66 10-31-66 10-28-66 10-31-66 11-10-66	Renewal of license (Main) (SHORT TERM) Renewal of license (Auxiliary) Atty- Robert B. Jacobi (Cohn & Marks)	GRANTED	10-24-67
KCOH, Houston, adopted May 1,	Texas, ordered to pay \$2,000 forfeiture for Broadcasting Lottery Information, 1968 by Commission Memo, Opinion and Order.			

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters KCOHName Call of Houston, Inc.  
Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2109 R. & F. #425025 \$75 #425026 \$30	4-19-68 4-30-68 4-30-68 4-30-68	Renewal of license (Main and Aux.) atty-Marcus Cohn (Robert B. Jacobi)	GRANTED	7-31-68
BR-2109 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAY 21 1971	3-30-71 5-3-71 " "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ( MAIN & AUX. ) Ian D. Volner, Atty. (Cohn & Marks) PETITION TO DENY LICENSE RENEWAL filed 6-30-71 by Houston Broadcast Coalition PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 7-29-71 by Ian D. Volner on behalf of Call of Houston, Inc. OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 8-16-71 by Ian D. Volner on behalf of Call of Houston, Inc. AMENDED 8-25-71 re: programming REPLY OF PETITIONER to the Opposition to the Petition to Deny License Renewal of KCOH filed 10-1-71 by The Houston Broadcast Coalition AMENDED 10-4-71 re: employment policy AMENDED 1-24-72 re: employment policy; commercial matter; programming Letter dated 1-21-72 from Earle Moore <small>P.O. - Washington, D.C.</small> withdrawing petition to deny.	GRANTED	2-29-72

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KCOH

Name CALL OF HOUSTON, INC.  
Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC -6903 R & F CODE 053 FIE ID:8250 #087776 (Form 316)	6-9-72 6-30-72	Involuntary transfer of control of lic corp from Robert C. Meeker, to Dorothy Groves Meeker, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Robert C. Meeker, Deceased  Atty - Cohn & Marks	GRANTED	8-17-72
BZ-8132 Rec'd W 088468-\$50. DM (Main) Amended & F W 096239-\$50. DM (Aux.) PRESS	7-1-72 7-5-72 7-5-72-AC-067 - Refunded 7-14-72 7-31-72 7-31-72 -AC-067 - Refunded 8-11-72 AUG 23 1972	Direct Measurement - Main & Auxiliary  Auxiliary appln.  Atty: Cohn and Marks (Stanley B. Cohen)	GRANTED	8-31-72
The Comm. on 3-15-74 notified station of apparent liability of \$2000 for violation of Sec. 73.112				

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1430kHz.

Form BC-121  
September 1969

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call **KCOH**  
Letters .....

Name **CALL OF HOUSTON, INC.**  
**Houston, Texas**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
HR-2109 R & P PN PRESS	4-10-74 5-3-74 5-3-74	Renewal of License(Main & Auxiliary)  Atty: Allan J. Arlow(Cohn & Marks) AMENDED 6-7-74 re: Sect. II resubmitted re. date of signature (over)	GRANTED	11-20-75
MAY 23 1974	PETITION TO	DENY RENEWAL OF LICENSE filed 7-1-74 by Black Citizens for Media Access		
BTC -7451 R & P FEE PD: \$1000 # 307483 CODE 047 FILED July 2 1974	5-1-74 5-21-74 6-10-74	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Dorothy Groves Meeker, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Robert C. Meeker, Deceased; to KCOH, Inc.  Atty - Cohn & Marks Articles of Inc., By laws; re officers & directors; and Sec.III(funds on deposit) FILED 6-10-74	GRANTED EFF: Fee Req Fee Pd	12/10/75 2/27/76 3/5/76 W 538382
Pub. notice	filed 7-2-74	PETITION TO DENY filed 7-23-74 by Black Citizens for Media Access WITHDRAWAL OF ABOVE PETITION filed 1-29-75 AMENDED 5-7-75 - statement re B/C int (SEE OVER)		

BR-2109 called atty. 5-21-74 re: Sect. II date of signature

\* AMENDED 1-29-75 re: agreement between the station and the petitioners

WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION TO DENY RENEWAL filed 1-29-75 by Ellen S. Agress, counsel on behalf of Black Citizens for Media ACCESS

Re: BTC-7451 - AMENDED 6-20-75 re agreement;  
AMENDED 6-25-75 - bank ltr re loan

BR-2109 AMENDED 8-22-75 re: reply to ltr. of 7-31-75

BTC-7451 - 8/28/75 - Bal. sheet and Financial data

(BR-2109) PETITION TO DENY filed by Pluria Marshall, on behalf of Black Citizens for Media Access dismissed per Commission ltr. 11-14-75

RE: BTC-7451 - AMENDED 11-25-75 - financial data  
SUPPLEMENTAL Financial data filed 2/26/76

K C O H - RECORD OF DENIAL OF INFORMAL APPLICATIONS

TELEGRAM 2-18-49 applicant advised that sta to broadcast invitation golf tournament not considered per Sec. 1.324 of the rules.

Tele. 6-9-50 To remain on air to complete broadcast of baseball game. Re Sec. 1.324 of the Rules. STA'

Tele. 6-7-51 To broadcast MacArthur speech from Houston 6-14-51 at 8pm (after sign off time).



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1430 kHz

Form BC-121

May 1976

8-48

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters KCOH

KCOH, INC.

Name \*CALL OF HOUSTON, INC.  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2109 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-28-77 4-1-77 " MAY 6 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY)  R.A. Helwick, Atty.	GRANTED	7-21-77
BAL781108ED PRESS Form 316	NOV 21 1978	Vol AL to KCOH, INC.  Atty Lawrence N. Cohn (Cohn & Marks)	GRANTED EFF	11-27-78 12-29-78
BR800321UA PRESS:	APR 24 1980	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALT. ) AMENDED 6-23-80 re: request to renew Alt. Main trans. AMENDED 7-7-80 re: programming	GRANTED	7-18-80

## APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: KCOH

Name: KCOH, INC.

Station Location: HOUSTON, TEXAS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
810410BA		Construction permit to chg hrs of operation to unlimited by adding nighttime service with 2.5kw; increase day power to 50 kw; install DA-2; chg frequency to 1180khz, and make chgs in ant system.	
	4-10-81	PETITION FOR WAIVER AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING FILED BY LAWRENCE N. COHN ON BEHALF OF KCOH, INC.	
	5-11-81	Public Notice	

## 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.

