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Cat. No. 4550L

Patent No. 1,379,177

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 1-16-57

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LOCATION Dillon, MontanaSOUTHWESTERN BROADCASTING, INC. (AL 11-21-78 EFF: 12-15-78)
Name of licensee * VIGILANTE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.Transmitter location Lovers Leap Road, Dillon, Montana (P 5-6-81)
X Highway 91, 1 mile north of Dillon, Montana (CP 8-29-56) (L 1-16-57)59725 212 E. Bannack, Dillon, Montana (P 5-6-81) RC
Main studio location X Highway 91, 1 mile north of Dillon, Montana (CP 8-29-56) (L 1-16-57)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BP-10491	8-29-56	800kc	1kw	Day	10-29 4-29-57
	CP for new standard broadcast station.				
BL-6466	1-16-57	800 kc	1kw	Day	1-16 4-1-59
	Lic. to cover BP-10491 for new station, and specify type trans. as Gates BC-1J				
BZ-3899 (1)	8-27-57	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power.			
BR-3397	3-25-59	800 kc	1kw	Day	4-1 4-1-62
BTC-3016 EFF:	3-25-59 4-27-59	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Allen H. Smith, et al, (All Stockholders) TO Burt H. Oliphant, et al, (All Stockholders)			
BR-3397	3-30-62	Renewal of license			4-1 4-1-65
BR-3397	3-4-65	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1 4-1-68
EP-16,518	8-13-65	1490kc	250w-1kw-LS	U	10-13 4-13-66
	Cond'1	CP to chg freq. from 800kc to 1490kc, chg hours of operation from Daytime to Un, using a power of 250w, 1kw-LS.			
BL-11,173	1-7-66	1490kc	250w-1kw-LS	U	1-7 4-1-68
		Lic to cover CP(EP-16,518) which auth chg freq & hours of operation. Cond'1			
BR-3397	3-29-68	RENEWAL			4-1-71
BR-3397(S)	5-27-71	Renewal			4-1-74
EBSA	5-22-72				
LETTER	7-15-76	Notification of operation with GATES BC-1F (Main transmitter) and GATES BC-1J (former Main) as Auxiliary.			
BR-3397(L)	6-15-77	Renewal of Main & Aux.			4-1-80
BAL780929EE	11-21-78	VOL. AL		EFF:	12-15-78
BR 791203 XK	4-15-80	(L)	RENEWAL		4-1-83
BP810310AL	5-6-81	1490khz	.25kw	1.0kw Unl.	5-6-82
(L)		CP to chg. TL, SL and RC.			

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Wire 4-6-60 Opr. after LS for fight

FORM BC-121
FORMERLY FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name VIGILANTE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
(c/o Don J. Smith, Atty., 7 South Arizona Street, Dillon, Montana)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-10,491	3-30-56	Construction Permit for a new standard broad-	GRANTED	8-29-56
Rec'd	4-2-56	cast station to be operated on:		
Filed	4-2-56	Frequency - 800kc		
		Power - 1kw		
		Hours of operation - Daytime		
		Transmitter location - Hwy. 91, 1 mi north of		
		Dillon, Montana		
		Studio location - Same as transmitter.		
		Engr. - Archer S. Taylor, Missoula, Mont.		

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-6466 Rec'd Filed	12-20-56 12-26-56 12-26-56	License to cover Construction Permit BP-10,491 which authorized a new standard broadcast station and specify type trans- mitter as Gates BC-14.	GRANTED	1-16-57
BZ- 3899 Rec'd xxxxx Resub. REc'd & Filed	 6-24-57 7-3-57 7-15-57	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	Application returned 4-28-57 Not dated, signed or notarized GRANTED	 8-27-57

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-3016 Rec'd. Resub. R. & F.	4-29-58 9-3-58 4-29-58 12-23-58	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Allen H. Smith, et al (All Stockholders) to Burt H. Oliphant, L. H. Smith, Peggy Smith and Adelia Smith	RETURNED Mr. Ferrant re-dates notary signatures and wrong form GRANTED EFF:	9-17-58 by re-dates notary signatures and wrong form 3-25-59 4-27-59
BR-3397 Rec'd. Resub, Rec'd Filed	12-28-58 1-2-59 1-20-59 1-28-59 1-28-59	Renewal of license.	RETURNED Re: Section II not dated GRANTED	1-12-59 not dated 3-25-59
BR-3397 Rec'd & Filed	12-27-61 12-29-61	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-30-62
BR-3397 Rec'd Filed	12-10-64 12-14-64 12-14-64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-4-65

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Name VIGILANTE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
Dillon, Montana 59725

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-16,518 R. & F.	12-24-64 12-28-64	CP to change frequency from 800kc to 1490kc, change hours of operation from Daytime to Unlimited, using a power of 250w, 1kw-LS. Engr: W. D'Orr Cozzens	GRANTED cond'l re: 250 watt Class IV stations.	8-13-65
BL-11,173 Rec'd Filed	11/5/65 11/8/65 11/15/65	Lic. to cover CP (BP-16,518) which auth. chng. freq. & hours of operation.	GRANTED Cond'l Class IV	1-7-66 re: 250 watt stations
BR-3397 R & F JAN 16 1968	12/15/67 12/21/67 5-6-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-29-68

FORM BC-121
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DILLON, MONTANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3397 R & P PN Press JAN 18 1971	12-22-70 12-24-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 2-3-71 re: Section VI submitted; Ownership logs AMENDED 3-23-71 re: commercial practices	GRANTED	5-27-71
BR-3397 R & P PN PRESS JAN 15 1974	12-15-73 12-21-73 12-21-73 15 JAN 1974	Renewal of License AMENDED 2-12-74 re: commercial policy SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 11-26-76 as an amendment to pending renewal application. PN 11-26-76	JAN 28 1977 GRANTED	6-15-77

HR-3397 Section VI sent 1-13-71

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SOUTHWESTERN BROADCASTING, INC.

Name *VIGILANTE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
Dillon, Montana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL780929EE Form 314 OCT 16 1978 PN filed -- 11-14-78		Vol AL to SOUTHWESTERN BROADCASTING, INC. Atty: James M. Weitzman	GRANTED EFF:	11-21-78 12-15-78
BR791203XK PRESS JAN 31 1980 BP810310AL PRESS (O)		Renewal of License Atty.: Elliot B. Evers CP to chg. TL to: Kovers Leap Road, Dillon, Montana & chg. SL & RC to: 212 E. Bannack, Dillon, Montana. 45° 14' 13" 112° 38' 32" Atty. Bruce A. Eisen (Shrinsky, Weitzman & Eisen)	GRANTED GRANTED Con'd	4-15-80 5-6-81

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

1490 kHz

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Name: SOUTHWESTERN BROADCASTING, INC.

Station Location: DILLON, MONTANA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BL-310818AE R & F PTA PRESS AUG 27 1981	8-18-81	Lic. to cover (BP-810310AL) for chgs. Atty: Russell E. Arkin(Shrinsky, Weitzman & Eisen, P. C.)	ISSUED

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.

