

K N M X

AM

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed ... 2-13-81

Call Letters K N M X

Station Location ... Las Vegas, New Mexico

Name ... SAN MIGUEL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter Location ... 2.4 miles ESE of Las Vegas, North of Hwy 6, 281, Las Vegas, N.M.

Main studio location ... 615 E. Lincoln, Las Vegas, New Mexico

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BP-790411AA CP FOR A NEW AM STATION.	12-10-79	540KHz. 5kW Daytime	12-10-80
BP-790411AA (1)	4-7-80	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED	EBSA ISS.
COMTEL	10-15-80	Stmt re sampling sys. on lic. auth.	to be put
BL801010AF (L)	2-13-81	Lic. to cover BP790411AA for NEW STATION	10-1-83

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters **KNMX**
..... **NEW AM**.....

Name San Miguel Broadcasting Company, Inc.
Las Vegas, New Mexico (505 7th St., Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP- 790411AA PRESS: ACCEPTED SEP 4 - 79	 CUT OCT 12 1979	Construction permit for new AM on: Frequency: 540KHz Powr: 5KW DA Hours of operation: Daytime TL: 2.4 mi ESE of Las Vegas N of Hwy 6, 281, Las Vegas, New Mexico SL&RC: 615 E Lincoln Las Vegas, New Mexico 35 34 25.0 105 10 17.0 ATTY: James McGillan MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305	Gr.	12-10-79
AMENDED	8-16-79	angr(horizontal radiation pattern)		

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Station Location: Las Vegas, New Mexico

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BL-801010AF R & F PTA PRESS	10-10-80 10-15-80 OCT 24 1980	Lic. to cover (BP-790411AA) for NEW STATION. Atty: James J. McGillan (Smith & Pepper)	GRANTED 2-13-81

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.

