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Date First Licensed February 12, 1935. FOR SPECIAL BROADCAST STATION

11-57-01 KENIC Call Letters

Bakersfield, Calif.

Name of DAN B. SPEARE BROADCAST ENTERPRISES, INC. (AL 7-31-78 EFF:9-1-78)

Licensee: X PIONEER MERCANTILE COMPANY

Transmitter Location:

1/3 mi. W. of Wible and Pecheco Rds., Kern County, California (CP 3-3-54) (Idc. 2-10-56) xBakersfield, Calif. 307 East 21st Street.

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Main Studio Location:

307 East 21st. Street, Bakersfield, California (LRC-12-22-59) xxx/3 mi. W. of Wible and Pecheco Rds. Kern County, California (Letter of 6-18-5

X 3071 East 21st Street, Bakersfield, California

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REB-4	11-12-35	1550	1 kw.	Unlimit	ed	12-1	6-	1-3
REB-4	5-21-36	same	same	same	6	-1	12-1-	-36
35-KEB-4	9-29-36	1550	1kw	U		9-15	6-1-	-37
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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

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Name of licensee

Transmitter location

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

APPL. No.	DATE ISSUED	Freq.	Power	TIME DIV.	Fr	PERIOD om— To—
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B5-R-1020		1600	1kw	U	3-29	8-1-41
B5-Z-983	6-12-41	1600	1kw	U	6-12	8-1-41
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B5-R-1020	THE RESERVE AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NAMED IN	1600	1kw	U	8-1	8-1-42
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B5-S-1020	2-20-46	Extensi	on of lic	ense	3-1	5-1-46
B5-R-102	0 3-7-46	1560	1kw	U	3-7	5-1-48
BR-1020	4-14-48	1560	lkw	U	5-1	5-1-51
BR-1020	4-12-51	1560 Renewa	of lice	nse	-1 :	-1-54.
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Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl.	Date				Period
No.	Issued	Freq.		Div.	From To-
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BLP-6884	7-8-55	Mod. of	OP (BP-	4868, as	nod) for
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BRC-1471 (1)	12-22-59	Mod. or	f license	to operat	e transmitter
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Date first licensed 2-12-35

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Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl.	Date			Time	Period
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BR-1020(S)	6-12-75	E FEBRUARY	RENEWAL	_	12-1-77
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BAL-9305	7-31-78	VOL. AL	EFF:	9-1-78	
ER-7.020(L)	2-26-89	Renewal			12-1-80
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APPLICATION RECORD - COMMERCIAL

Class Exp. Broadcast

Name PIONEER MERCANTILE CO.

FORM 98 REVISEO 10-1-31

Studio

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location

3075 E. 21st St.,

21st St., Bakersfield, Calif.

Location Bakersfield, Calif

File No.	Date	Application for		Action	
				Nature	Date
5-P-EB-8	3-2-34	C. P. for 1550 kc 1000 watts Time of operation: Unlimited.	G		APR 2 0 1934
B-5-M-P-EB-4		Mod. of C. P. for Extension of completion d to 12-11-34	late		2004
B-5-M-P-EB-5	11-7-34	Mod. of C. P. for change in transmitter	GHAN	TED DE	4 1934
B-5-L-EB-4	1-8-35	License for 1550 kc. 1000 watts.		rante 2-	
B-5-REB-4	6-12-35	Renewal of license	GF	RANTED	7-30-35
B-5-REB-4	9-25-35 4-2-3 6	Renewal of license			11-12-35
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Broadcast

LICENSE RECORD

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INTERSTATE-BROADCASTIN-

PIONEER MERCANTILE CO.

CLASS Experimental Broadcast

TRANSMITTERAND Studio

LOCATION 307 Bast 21st, Bakersfield, Cal.

POINTS OF COMMUNICATION:

TIME: Unlimited

File No.	From	To	Frequencies	Apparatus-Emission-Power
5-PEB-8	6-11-34	9-11-34	1550	Comp 1KW
B5-MPEB-4 B5-MPEB-5	6-11-34	12-11-34 12-11-34 5 8-12-35	1550 same	same RCA(standard) No. 1 D 1000w 50 cycles plus or minus RCA(standard) No.1 D1000 w.

File No.	From	To	Frequencies	Apparatus-Emission-Power

APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

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FILE No.	DATED	APPLICATION FOR—	ACTION		
			NATURE	DATE	
B5-RSB-4	9-30-36	Renewal of license (Unnecessary)	Returned	12-10-36	
B5-RSB-4 Resubmitted	3-29 -3 7 4-21-37	Renewal of license (Wrong Form)	Returned- Granted	6-29-37	
B5-RSB-4 Resubmitted	9-30-37	Renewal of license (30,150,32)	Returned Granted CA	11-30-37	
B5-RSB-4	3-30-38	Renewal of license	Granted	5-4-38	
B5-RSB-4 Resubsitted	9-30-38	Renewal of license (85,74,18glas)	Returned		
B5-RSB-4	3-24-39	Reme wal of license	Granted		

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B5-RSB-4 Resubmitted	9-27-39 10-30-39	Renewal of license (Sec. 3b, 20f)	Returned	10-17-39	
B5-RSB-4 Resub.	5/29/40 7/10/40	Renewal of license (Sec. 3b, -20f)	-Returned- Granted		
B5-P-3118 Reo'd Filed	2-25-41 3-4-41 3-5-41	C.P. to change freq. from 1550 to 1560 kc (Class I-B), increase power from 1kw to 10kw install new transmitter and new antenna, and change location of trans. from 307 E. 21st St., Bakersfield, Calif. to Site to be determined, Bakersfield, Calif. (Filed by Scharfeld) Form 335 filed 6-7-41	Pocket No.	-2637242 es in freq.	
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Name PIONEER MERCANTILE COMPANY

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FILE NO.	Dateu	Application for	Nature	Date
B5-R-1020	5-29-41	Renewal of license	Sustant	20,000,000,000
		Form 335 filed 6-23-41.	Granted	7-22-41
B5-Z-983 Rec'd	5-8-41 5-21-41	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement.	Granted	6-12-41.
B5-L-1663 B5-Z-1397 recd.& file	5-3-42 5-3-42 ed 5-7-42	License to cover c.p.(B5-P-3113, for change in frequency only) and Authority to determin operating power by direct measurement 335's filed.	Granted	5-27-42
5-R-1020 Rec'd	1-26-44	Renewal of license	Granted	3-21-44
5-R-1020 Rec'd	2-28-45 3-5-45	Renewel of license (Per5eg-k-Photos)	Ret'd	3-19-45
Resub.	3-27-45		Granted	3-7-46

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature Date
B5-P-4868 Rec'd	4-19-46	C.P. to increase power from lkw to 10kw, install new transmitter (Composite) and new antenna, and change transmitter location from 307 East 21st St., Bakersfield, Calif. to Site to be determined.	Docket No. 6222 GRANTED 3-3-54 after Hearing, Subj. re phase monitor; field meas. equip.; and DA-non-DA
Amended Rec'd Filed	6-5-46 6-10-46 6-12-46	Amended to give proposed transmitter location as 1/3 mi. West of Wible and Pecheco Roads, Kern County, Calif. and install D.A. for day and night use. (Filed by Arthur W. Scharfeld, Atty.; Glenn D. Gillett, Engr.)	proof MEMO OPINION AND ORDER ISSUED

Form 94

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature Nature	tion Date
BR-1020 Rec'd.	3-1-48 3-8-48	Renewal of license (Verne R. Young, Atty.)	Granted	4-14-48
BR-1020 Rec'd	2-20-51 2-28-51	Renewal of license filed by Arthur W. Scharfeld, Attn'y.	Granted	4-12-51
BR-1020 Rec'd Filed	1-29-54 2-1-54 2-1-54	Renewal of License Filed by Arthur W. Scharfeld, Atty.	Granted	4-14-54

FORM A-170 FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	
BMP-6650 Rec'd Filed	9-15-54 9-23-54 9-2 8 -54	which suth, increase power; install new transmitter; install DA for day and night use(DA-1) and change transmitter location) to change type transmitter (GATES BC-10B) and change antenna towers obstruction markings. Scharfeld, Jones & Baron, Attva		10-29-54
Rec'd Filed	9-15-54 9-23-54 9-23-54	Modification of construction permit (EP-4868 which auth, increase power; install new transmitter; install DA for day and night use(DA-1) and change transmitter location) for extension of completion date from 11-3-54 to 3-15-55. Scharfeld, Jones & Baron, Attys.		9-29-54
		F.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.		

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Name PIONEER MERCANTILE COMPANY

BMP-6857 Rec'd Filed	5-23-55 5-27-55	Modification of construction permit (MP-4868	GRANTED	
	5-27-55	as mod., which auth. increase power; install new transmitter; install DA for day and night use (DA-1) and change transmitter location) for extension of completion date from 6-29-55 to 7-29-55. Scharfeld, Jones & Baron, Attys.		6-7-55
BMP-6884 Reg'd Filed	6-29-55 7-1-55 7-1-55	Modification of construction permit (EP-4868 as mod., which suth. increase power; install new transmitter; install DA for day and night use (DA-1) and change transmitter location) for extension of completion date from 7-29-55 to 10-29-55. Scharfeld, Jones & Baron, Attys.	PRANTED	7-8-55

FORM BC-121 FORMERLY FORM A-170

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	On Date
BMP-6974 Rec'd Filed	9-26-55 9-29-55 9-29-55	Modification of construction permit (BP-4868 as mod., which auth. increase power; install new transmitter; install DA-1; and change transmitter location) for extension of complete date from 10-29-55 to 11-29-55. Scharfeld, Jones & Baron, Attys.		10-3-55
BMP-7007 Rec'd Filed	10-27-55 10-31-55 10-31-55	Modification of construction permit (BP-4868 as mod., which auth. increase power; install new transmitter; install DA-1: and change transmitter location) for extension of completion date from 11-29-55 to 12-29-55. Scharfeld, Jones & Baron, Attys.	GRANTED	11-4-55
		F.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.		

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORM BC-121 FORMERLY FORM A-170

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PIONEER MERCANTILE COMPANY Name

File No.	Dated	Application for	Natur	ction e Date
BL-5969 Rec'd Filled	11-19-55 11-21-55 11-21-55	License to cover construction permit (BP-4868, as mod.) which authorized an increase in power, the installation of a new transmitter and DA for day and night use and a change of transmitter location. Arthur W. Scharfeld, Atty.	GRANTE	2-10-56
BR-1020 Rec'd Filed	8-10-56 8-31-56 8-31-56	Renewal of License Theodore Baron, Atty.	GRANTED	11-20-56
BRC-1471 Rec'd Filed	5-26-59 6-2-59 6-2-59	antenna, DA-1).	GRANTED	12-22-59
BR-1020 Rec'd&Filed	8 -1 2-59 9-2 - 59		GRANTED	11-18-59
		F.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.		

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Name PIONEER MERCANTILE COMPANY

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BTC-3822 Rec'd . Filed	7-18-61 8-2-61 8-2-61	Involuntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Florence Schamblin to Frank G. R. Schamblin, Executor of the Estate of Florence Schamblin, Deceased.	GRANTED	8-11-61
		Theodore Baron, Atty.		
BR-1020 R.&F.	8-10-62 9-4-62	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Scharfeld, Beachhoefer, Baron & Stambler	GRANTED	11-23-62
BTC-4344 R & F	7-31-63	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation b Frank G.R. Schamblin, Indivadually and as Executor of the Estate of Florence Schamblin, Deceased, thru sale of stock by Frank G.R. Schamblin, Executor of the Estate of Florence Schamblin, Deceased, to the licensee corporation, washington D.C. Atty- Scharfeld, Bechhoefer, Baron & Stambler	GRANTED EFF:	8-29-63 9-23-63

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Name PIONEER MERCANTILE COMPANY
Bakersfield, California

File No. BR-1020 R & F	Dated 8-9-65 8-24-65	Application for Renewal of license	Nature GRANTE	Date 11-5-65
2-9-66. Reprejudice BR-1020 R & F #456079 \$105 EP 23 1968	8-20-68 9-3-68	aiver of Section 73.67 of the Commission's Ruided; Letter #78315 adotped; FCC 66-95. Renewal of License Atty & Theodore Baron(Scharfeld, Beckhaefer e AMENDED 10-30-68 re: Programming	GRANTED	without 11-26-68
BR-1020 R & F PN Recd. PRESS SEP 23 19	8-26-71 9-2-71 "	P.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.	GRANTED	12-13-71

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DAN B. SPEARE BROADCAST ENTERPRISES, INC.

Name PIONEER MERCANTILE COMPANY

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

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File No. BR-1020 R & F	7-9-74 8-1-74	Application for RENEWAL OF LICENSE Theodore Baron, Atty.	GRANTED	Date 6-12-75
PN Recd. PRESS BR-1020	SEP 4 1974	AMENDED 5-23-75 re: programming & EEO RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-22-77 AUG 1 197		GRANTED	2-26-79
BAL_9305 R & F FORM 314 PN FILED	2-28-78 3-8-78 MAR 2 1 1978 4-3-78	Voluntary assignment of license to DAN B. SPEARE BROADCAST ENTERPRISES, INC. (over)	1	7-31-78
		F.C.C WASHINSTON, D. C.		

BAL-9305 Amended 4-10-78 re: Engineering data con-

AMENDED 4-27-78 re: deferment of loan; EEOP data & Annual financial report

AMENDED 7-13-78 re: Affadavit - Programming

AMENDED 7-26-78 re: add Thomas H Werdel, Jr. as Dir.; and revised bal sheet of Dan B. Speare savings & checking funds shown are the Corp.'s not personal assets

Call Letters: KPMC

Name: DAN B. SPEARE BROADCAST ENTERPRISES, INC.

Station Location: BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR 800801 ZV	SEP 1 2 1980	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Julian P. Freret, Atty. AMENDED 11-3-80 re: commercial matter	GRANTED 11-17-80

RECORD OF APPLICATIONS REQUESTING FACILITIES OF BROADCASTING STATION K P M C

Licensee PIONEER MERCANTILE COMPANY

File No.	Date	Call Letters	Name and Location of Applicant	Remarks	Disposition
B5-P-2936	12-18-41	New	Edward E. Reeder Seattle, Wash.	C.P. for new sta.on 1600 kc, 250w.U, con- tingent on KPMC's change to 1560 kc.	DENIED 5-12-4

Renewal	Date Received	Designated for Hearing	Reason	Remarks	

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 h andwritten 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.

