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**REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE**

**Cat. No. 4550L**

**Patent No. 1390199**

June 1954

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-17-55

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Station Location: Thermopolis, Wyoming

BIG HORN BASIN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (AL-7-16-58 EFF: 7-17-58)

Name of licensee X THERMOPOLIS BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter location 320 N. Railroad St., Thermopolis, Wyoming (CP 4-19-55) Lic. 8-17-55

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Main studio location 320 N. Railroad St., Thermopolis, Wyoming (CP 4-19-55) Lic. 8-17-55

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BP-9294 C.P. for Wyoming	4-19-55	1240	250w	U	6-19 12-19-55
a new Standard Broadcast Station at Thermopolis,					
BL-5789 Lic. to station	8-17-55	1240	250w	U	8-17 10-1-56
cover CP(9294) for a new standard broadcast					
TELEGRAM	9-28-56	Action on renewal deferred 9-26-56 and continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal application.			
BR-3152	12-5-56	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-5 10-1-59
WIRE adopted by Commission 11-20-57 re operation of station by other than licensee					
WIRE received from station re KTHB closed DATED 11-26-57					
BAL-2975 EFB	7-16-58 7-17-58	Voluntary assignment of license to: Big Horn Basin Broadcasting Company, Inc.			
	9-30-59	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-3152	7-7-60	1240kc	250w	U	7-7 10-1-62
BP-12850	2-23-61	1240kc	250w-1kw	LS U	4-23 10-23-61
CP to increase daytime power and install a new transmitter. (COND'L)					
BL-8533 (1)	9-1-61	Lic. to cover cp (BP-12850) which auth. increase daytime power and install new transmitter.			
LTR.	1-25-62	Authority to Sign-Off at 7:00PM except for special events to 4-20-62			
Wire	5-11-62	Ext. auth. sign-off 7:00pm, except for special events through 10-1-62			
Wire	9-27-62	Ext. auth. sign-off 7pm thru 12-31-62.			
BR-3152	9-6-62	1240kc	250w, 1kw	LS U	10-1 10-1-65
Wire	2-7-63	Ext. auth. sign-off 7pm thru 5-1-63.			
Wire	5-14-63	Ext. auth. sign-off 7pm thru 8-1-63.			
Wire	8-16-63	Ext. auth. sign-off 7pm thru 11-15-63.			
Wire	12-18-63	Ext. auth. sign-off 7pm thru 1-31-64			

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Station location \_\_\_\_\_

Name of licensee \_\_\_\_\_

Transmitter location \_\_\_\_\_

Main studio location \_\_\_\_\_

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To.
BR-3152	9-30-65	Renewal of License			10-1 10-1-68
Wire	7-16-68	Auth. for 7pm sign-off thru			10-16-68.
BR-3152		Direct Meas.			
BZ-6986(L)	12-16-68	Renewal of License & NDEA			10-1-71
WIRE	Auth. granted 7:00 PM sign-off due to personnel problems through May 20, 1969.				
Contel	2-6-70	Auth. sign off 7:00 pm thru			5-6-70
BML-2327(L)	8-28-70	Mod. of	Lic. to change	Specified Hours	
		Monday -	Sunday	6:00am to 7:00pm.	
BR-3152(L)	10-15-71	RENEWAL & NDEA			10-1-74
BTC-6815	5-23-72	Vol. TC	EFF:	6-1-72	
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-3152(L)	9-26-74	RENEWAL			10-1-77
BTC-8110	10/29/76	Vol TO	EFF:	12/1/76	
BR-3152(S)	1-6-78	RENEWAL			10-1-80
BML800709AD	8-27-80	ML to	chg.	SH	
BR800530WC (S)	9-22-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			10-1-83

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name THERMOPOLIS BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
PO 228 Klink Bldg., Thermopolis, Wyoming

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-9294 Rec'd Filed	5-6-54 5-12-54 5-12-54	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: <del>1240kc</del> <del>1050kc</del> 1240kc Power: 250w Hours of Operation: <del>Unlimited</del> <del>Daytime</del> Unlimited Trans. Location: 320 N. Railroad St. Thermopolis, Wyoming Studio Location: 320 N. Railroad St. Thermopolis, Wyoming  Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty. Fred O. Grimwood & Co., Inc., Engrs.	Docket No. 11127 GRANTED Without Hearing	4-19-55
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	9-20-54 9-24-54 10-6-54	AMENDED to change frequency to <del>1050kc</del> , and change hours of operation to <del>Daytime</del> .		
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	10-24-54 10-27-54 10-27-54	AMENDED to change frequency to 1240kc and change hours of operation to Unlimited.		

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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters K T H EName THERMOPOLIS BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
Thermopolis, Wyoming

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-5789 Rec'd Filed	6-27-55 6-29-55 6-29-55	License to cover construction permit (BP-9294) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED	8-17-55
BR-3152 Rec'd Filed	6-27-56 7-3-56 7-3-56	Renewal of license	GRANTED	12-5-56
BAL-2830 Rec'd Filed	10-15-57 10-21-57 10-21-57	Voluntary assignment of license to W. S. Black tr/as Independent Record.	DISMISSED	2-26-58 Re: Request of applicant
BAL-2975 Rec'd Filed	2-28-58 3-11-58 3-11-58	Voluntary assignment of license to Big Horn Basin Broadcasting Company, Inc.  Vincent A. Pepper, A <sub>+</sub> ty.	GRANTED EFF:	7-16-58 7-17-58
PETITION TO REVOKE LICENSE OR DESIGNATE APPLICATION FOR HEARING filed 4-23-58 by McKenna for <u>Mildred V. Ernst KRTR</u>				
OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO REVOKE LICENSE OR DESIGNATE APPL. FOR HRG. filed 5-8-58 by <u>Pepper for KT</u>				
REPLY TO OPPOSITION filed 5-19-58 by McKenna for KRTR				

FORM BC-121  
AUG. 1955 #3

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name BIG HORN BASIN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-12,850 Rec'd Filed	2-10-59 2-18-59 2-18-59	Construction permit to increase daytime power from 250w <u>to</u> 1kw and install a new transmitter (Gates BC-1T)  Atty:- Smith & Pepper Engr.- Ralph J. Bitzer, St. Louis, Mo.	GRANTED Cond'l re accept interf. imposed by exist. Class IV stat. If auth. incr. powr to 1kw. Sub. ant. resist. meas. in accord. with Sec. 3.54 of Comm. Rules.	2-23-61
BR-3152 Rec'd & Filed	7-7-59 9-4-59	Renewal of license Smith & Pepper, Attys.	GRANTED	7-7-60
BL-8533 R. & F.	5-9-61 5-11-61	License to cover C. P. (BP-12,850) which auth. increase daytime power and the installation of a new transmitter.	GRANTED	9-1-61
BR-3152 Rec'd Filed	7-3-62 7-6-62 7-6-62	Renewal of license	GRANTED	9-6-62

FORM BC-121  
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name BIG HORN BASIN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
THERMOPOLIS, WYOMING

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BML- Rec'd	12-10-62 12-26-62	Modification of License to change hours of operation from Unlimited to Specified Hours: Mon. - Sat.: 6:00am-7:00pm Sun. 9:00am - 7:00pm  Atty. Smith & Pepper  Request for waiver of Sec. 1.354 filed 2-1-63	Ret'd Contingent clause	9-26-63
BR-3152 R & F	7/17/65 7/22/65	Renewal of license	GRANTED	9-30-65
BR-3152 R & F #440396 \$75 PRESS: AUG 23 1968 (see over)	6-24-68 7-1-68 7-1-68	Renewal of License AMENDED 9-19-68 re: Section IV-A resubmitted re signature Ltr. 10-18-68 from Dept. of Labor re Wages AMENDED 11-21-69 re: commercial practices	GRANTED (Issued with BZ-6986) 12	12-16-68

BRM-3152 - all 3 copies of IV-A sent back, along with blank pages 6 to be signed, and the whole section resubmitted as an amendment.

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THERMOPOLIS, Wyoming

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-6986 Rec'd RESUB:R & F DM OCT 3 1968	9/19/68 9/5/68 9/24/68 10/4/68	Direct Meas.  Engr: Vir James, Denver, Colorado	RETURNED: Sect:-I- GRANTED (Issued with BR-3152)	9/9/68-no  12-16-68
BML-2327 Rec'd Filed #623243 \$30 #626618 \$20 ACC. 060 AUG 28 1970 3-26-71 Annual filing fee \$8.66 paid 10-5-70. Owes \$8.50. #634578.	7-30-70 8-4-70 8-25-70 8-4-70 8-25-70	Mod. of lic. to change hours of operation from Unlimited to Specified hours: Mon. - Sun. 6:00am - 7:00pm.	GRANTED	8-28-70

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1240kc

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September 1969

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THERMOPOLIS, WYOMING

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3152 R & F PN Press JUL 21 1971	6-24-71	Renewal of License	GRANTED	10-15-71
	7-2-71	AMENDED 8-10-71 re: employment policy		
	7-2-71	AMENDED 9-29-71 re: programming; commercial policy		
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BTC-6815 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 #044132 CODE 047	2-14-72	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from	GRANTED	5-23-72
	2-23-72	Hugh R. Graham, Emma Rea Graham, and Kenneth L. Graham to James Allen Ostby (SEE OVER) Atty - Smith & Pepper		
Grant Fee Paid: 048, 6-8-72, W 080580 EFF: 6-1-72				
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BR-3152 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	MAR 16 1972 Pub. notice filed 3-28-72	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-26-74
	6-25-74	AMENDED 8-28-74 re: programming		
	6-27-74	"		
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RE: BTC-6815 - Ltr from atty 5-19-72 correcting Sec.I  
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Name BIG HORN BASIN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
Thermopolis, Wyoming

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-8110 R & F FEE PD: \$200 #599198 CODE 047	7-20-76 7-30-76 AUG 22 1976	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from James A. Ostby to Bruce R. Long <b>(SEE OVER)</b> Atty for transferee - E.T. Smith	GRANTED EFF: FEE REQ:	10/29/76 12/1/76
PN filed	9/14/76			
BR-3152 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	5-25-77 6-1-77 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE  E.T. Smith, Atty.	GRANTED	1-6-78
BR800530WC PRESS	JUL 7 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Eugene T. Smith	GRANTED	9-22-80

RE: ETC-8110 - Atty was <sup>called</sup> ~~called~~ <sup>10-22-76</sup> 8-20-76 - Table II incomple  
re dates; Past Prog. rec.

AMENDED 10-22-76 - re Table II; financial & prog. data

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING  
1240KHz.

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Name: BIG HORN BASIN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Station Location: THERMOPOLIS, WYOMING

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BML 800709AD PRESS (0)	AUG 21 1980	<i>ML</i> <del>EP</del> to change Specified Hours of Operation to: Monday through Saturday: 6:00am to 8:00pm & Sunday: 8:00am to 7:00pm.  Atty. Eugene T. Smith	

## 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.

