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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 10-15-59 Call letters K.U.R.L.

CHRISTIAN ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED (BAL-1-17-62 EFF: 1-24-62) Station location Billings, Montana

X YELLOWSTONE BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL 8-22-60) EFF: 8-31-60

X THOMAS J. DAVIS, JR. AND CARL L. HANSEN d/b as

Name of licensee X YELLOWSTONE BROADCASTING

Transmitter location N. of Garden Ave. between Sugar Ave. & Riverside Rd. near Billings, Mont. (BP-2-11-59)

North of Garden Avenue between Sugar Avenue & Riverside Road, near Billings, Montana (BS 8-8-63)

x 21 N. 27th Street, Billings, Montana (301 rec'd 2-20-61)

Billings, Montana (BRC-6-24-59)
(BP-2-11-59)

x Midland National Bank Building., 303 North Broadway/

Main studio location N. of Garden Ave. between Sugar Ave. & Riverside Rd. near Billings, Mont.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BP-12111	2-11-59	730kc	500w	Day	4-11 10-11-59
	CP for a new standard broadcast station.				
BRC-1481 (1)	6-24-59	Modification of CP to change studio location from N. of Garden Ave., between Sugar Ave., & Riverside Rd., near Billings, Montana TO Midland National Bank Building, 303 North Broadway, Billings, Montana and operate transmitter by Remote Control from Studio Location			
BMP-8634 (2)	8-5-59	Mod. of CP (BP-12,111, as mod.) to install a new type transmitter (Gates BC-500T).			
BL-7609	10-15-59	730kc	500w	Day	10-15 4-1-62
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-12111 as mod.) which auth. a new standard broadcast station.				
BAL-3875 EFF:	8-22-60 8-31-60	Voluntary assignment of license to Yellowstone Broadcasting Corporation			
BRC-1821	3-9-61	730kc	500w	Day	3-9 4-1-62
	Mod. of license to change studio loc. and Remote Control Point to 21 N. 27th Street, Billings, Montana.				
BAL-4391 EFF:	1-17-62 1-24-62 3-28-62	Voluntary assignment of license to Christian Enterprises, Incorporated Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-3792	5-29-62	730 kc	500w	Day	5-29 4-1-65
BS-3792 (1)	8-8-63	Mod. of Lic. to chg. studio loc. to tran loc. & delete RC oper. of trans. from old studio loc.			
BZ-5136 (2)	3-24-64	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.			
BR-3792	3-4-65	730kc	500w	Day	4-1 4-1-68
BR-3792(S)	3-29-68	Renewal of License			4-1-71
TELEGRAM	1-5-71	PSA	170 watts		
BR-3792(S)	3-25-71	Renewal of License			4-1-74
ERGA	6-12-72				

Form BC 126

June 1954

Card No. 2

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Station location

Name of licensee CHRISTIAN ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From.. To.
BR-3792	5-28-74	Renewal			4-1-77
BR-3792(S)	7-29-77	Renewal			4-1-80
BR791204UN (S)	3-25-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-83
BP800707AA (L)	2-10-81	730khz	-- 5kw	DAYTIME	2-10-82 CP TO increase daytime power.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

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THOMAS J. DAVIS, JR. AND CARL L. HANSEN

LettersNEW...K...U...R...L.....

Name ...d/b...as...YELLOWSTONE...BROADCASTING.....

(P. O. - c/o Thomas J. Davis, Jr., 600 California Street, San Francisco, Calif.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-12,111 Rec'd Filed	6-17-58 6-20-58 6-20-58	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 730kc Power - 500w Hours of operation - Daytime Trans. location - N. of Garden Avenue between Sugar Ave. and Riverside Rd., Near Billings, Montana Studio Location - Same as transmitter STATION LOCATION - BILLINGS, MONTANA Engr. - Vandivere and Cohen	GRANTED	2-11-59
BRC-1481 Rec'd Filed	6-16-59 6-19-59 6-19-59	Modification of construction permit to change studio location from N. of Garden Ave., between Sugar Ave. & Riverside Rd., near Billings, Montana TO Midland National Bank Building, 303 North Broadway, Billings, Montana and operate transmitter by Remote Control from Studio location Phil Bergson, Atty. <small>P. O. BOX 1000 WASHINGTON, D. C.</small>	GRANTED	6-24-59

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

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Letters KURLName THOMAS J. DAVIS AND CARL L. HANSEN d/b as YELLOWSTONE BROADCASTING

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-8634 R & F	8-3-59 8-5-59	Mod. of c.p. (BP-12,111 which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to install a new type transmitter (Gates BC-500T). Lyon, Wilner, & Bergson, Attys.	GRANTED	8-5-59
BL-7609 R. & F.	7-27-59 7-29-59	License to cover c.p. (BP-12,111 as mod.,) which auth. a new standard broadcast station. Attys-Lyon, Wilner & Bergson	GRANTED	10-15-59
BAL-3875 Rec'd Filed	3-1-60 4-20-60 4-20-60	Voluntary assignment of license to Yellowstone Broadcasting Corporation. Philip Bergson, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	8-22-60 8-31-60

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Aug. 1955

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Name CHRISTIAN ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED
 YELLOWSTONE BROADCASTING CORPORATION.....
 BILLINGS, MONTANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRC-1821 Rec'd Filed	3-3-61 3-6-61 3-6-61	Modification of license to change studio location and Remote Control Point from Midland National Bank Bldg., 303 North Broadway, Billings, Montana TO 21 N. 27th Street, Billings, Montana.	GRANTED	3-9-61
BAL-4391 Rec'd Filed	10-24-61 11-17-61 11-17-61	Voluntary assignment of license to Christian Enterprises, Incorporated. Calvin Davison, Atty. for Assignee	GRANTED EFF:	1-17-62 1-24-62
BR-3792 Rec'd & Filed	1-24-62 1-29-62	Renewal of License Calvin Davison, atty.	Granted	5-29-62
Z-5136 R. & F.	12-4-63 12-6-63	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	3-24-64
BR-3792 Rec'd Filed	12-20-64 12-28-64 12-28-64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-4-65

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LettersK.U.R.L.....Name **CHRISTIAN ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED****BILLINGS, MONTANA**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3792 R & F FEB 2 1968	12-22-67 1-2-68	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-29-68
BR-3792 R & F P.N. PRESS JAN 22 1971	12-23-70 1-6-71 1-6-71	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-25-71
BR-3792 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	12-31-73 1-2-74 " 1/4 JAN 1974	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 5-6-74 re: comp. of area; business interests; EEO	GRANTED	5-28-74
BP- Rec'd Filed \$ 400-524637	1-29-76 2-2-76 2-2-76	construction permit to inc. daytime power to 5kw , chg. type trans. Collins 820E-1 Atty: - Eng: James B. Hatfield F.C.C. WASHINGTON, D. C.	RETURNED)overlap	1-12-77

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Form BC-121

May 1976

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Letters K U R LName CHRISTIAN ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED
BILLINGS, MONTANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3792 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-29-76 12-2-76 " DEC 22 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 3-31-77 re: programming & EEO	GRANTED	7-29-77
BR791204UN PRESS DEC 14 1979		Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-25-80
BP-800707AA (C) ACCEPTED CUT OFF DATE AMENDED	12-28-80 1-5-81 2-5-81	Construction permit to increase power to 5KW Section IV-A, Programming (Community Leader surveys)	GRANTED Con'd	2-10-81

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.

