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Patent No. 1370199

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

* See card 2 for name.

K U Z Z (1-3-77)

First licensed 3-27-51 (AL-2-15-54 Eff: 5-21-54) Call letters x K B I 3

* GUY MARCHETTI, FRED MARCHETTI, RENO MARCHETTI, UMBERT CANTELMI, JULIAN CANTELMI, HAROLD BROWN AND METTA C. MATTELY, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES L. MATTELY, DECEASED d/b as MARMAT RADIO COMPANY

* JAMES L. MATTELY, GUY MARCHETTI, FRED MARCHETTI, RENO MARCHETTI, UMBERT CANTELMI, JULIAN CANTELMI and HAROLD BROWN, A Partnership, d/b as MARMAT RADIO COMPANY (AL 2-13-52, Eff. 3-10-52)

Name of licensee ARBERT CANTELMI and JULIAN CANTELMI, a partnership d/b as MARMAT RADIO COMPANY

Panaroma Drive, Bakersfield, California

(BP 5-16-75)

* South of Beardsley Canal, 1 mi. E. of Oildale, 1.8 mi. N. of Bakersfield, Calif./

* Redescribed in letter of 5-16-57 as Panaroma Drive, Bakersfield, Calif.

Transmitter location X 2.5 miles northeast of Bakersfield, Calif. (CP 8-9-50) (Lic. 3-27-51)

1209 North Chester Ave., Bakersfield, CA (BRC 1-21-77)

* 4003 Crescent Drive, Bakersfield, California

210 9330 / - * 225 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, California (BRC 2-15-63).

* 2013 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, California (BRC 11-22-60)

* Panaroma Drive, Bakersfield, California (Letter of 5-16-57)

Main studio location X 957 Oak St., Bakersfield, Calif. (CP 8-9-50) (Lic. 3-27-51)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BP-6184 CP for new station	8-9-50	970	1kw-DA DA-2	U	10-9 4-9-51 (Conditional Clause)
BMP-5381 Mod. CP (BP-6184)	11-8-50	970	1kw-DA DA-2	U	10-9 4-9-51 to change type transmitter (Conds)
L-4370 Lic. to cover CP (6184, as mod)	3-27-51	970	1kw-DA-2	U	3-27 5-1-53 for a new station. (COND'L. CLAUSE)
AL-1318 Eff.	2-13-52 3-10-52	Vol. assignment of license to James L. Mattly, Guy Marchetti, Fred Marchetti, Reno Marchetti, Umberto Cantelmi, Julian Cantelmi and Harold Brown, A Partnership, d/b as Marmat Radio Company			
AS-2596 Mod. Lic.	4-25-52	970	1kw DA-2	U	4-25 5-1-53 change current ratios (Cond'l Cl.)
Telegram	5-12-53	Action on renewal deferred			5-6-53 and continued operation auth. until final determination on renewal.
AL-1721 EFF:	2-15-54 5-21-54	Involuntary AL to Guy Marchetti, FRED MARCHETTI, RENO MARCHETTI, UMBERTO CANTELMI, JULIAN CANTELMI, HAROLD BROWN AND METTA C. MATTLY, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES L. MATTLY, DECEASED d/b as MARMAT RADIO COMPANY.			
R-2596	5-25-55	Renewal of license			5-25 12-1-56
EZ-3597	7-8-55	970kc.	1kw-DA-2	U	7-8 12-1-56 Authority to determine op. power by direct measurements. (COND'L CLAUSE)
BR-2596	11-8-56	Renewal of license			12-1 12-1-59
BAL-2896 EFF:	1-22-58 2-1-58	Voluntary assignment of license to: Eastern Electronic Industries Corp.			
on-2598	11-2-60	970kc	1kw-DA-2	U	11-2 12-1-62
BRC-1671	11-22-60	970kc	1kw-DA-2	U	11-22 12-1-62 Mod. of license to change studio location to 2013 Chester Ave., Bakersfield, Calif. and operate transmitter by remote control from studio loc.

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(SEE CARD #3 FOR NAME)

Date first licensed

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* ROBERT K. STRAUS (AL 2-25-71 eff. 3-18-71)

* JACK I. STRAUS AND ROBERT K. STRAUS, TRUSTEES OF Station location Bakersfield, Calif.
THE TRUST UNDER ARTICLE TWELFTH OF THE WILL OF JESSE ISIDOR STRAUS, DECEASED (VOL AL. 9-22-70)* JACK I. STRAUS, ROBERT K. STRAUS AND BEATRICE S. LEVY AS TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST UNDER ARTICLE
TWELFTH OF THE WILL OF JESSE ISIDOR STRAUS, DECEASED (BAL-12-27-63 EFF: 1-1-64)Name of licensee * EASTERN ELECTROSONIC INDUSTRIES CORP. (AL 1-22-58) EFF: 2-1-58

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-	
	11-28-62	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further considerations.				
BRC-2186	2-15-63	Mod. of License to change studio and Remote Control Point.				
		Telegram Sent. To be issued with renewal of license.				
BAL-4977	12-27-63	Voluntary assignment of license to Jack I. Straus, Robert K. Straus and Beatrice S. Levy as Trustees of the Trust under Article TWELFTH of the Will of Jesse Isidor Straus, Deceased				
EFF	1-1-64					
BR-2596	12-19-63	970kc	1kw DA-2	U	12-19 12-1-65	
BR-2596	11-5-65	970kc.	1kw	Unl	12-1-12-1-68	
Ltr. dtd. 10-23-67, rec'd 10-25-67 giving notification per Sect. 73.48(a)(5) Rules that a Bauer 707 trans. is now installed & in oper.						
BR-2596(L)	11-26-68	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1 12-1-71	
BAL-7135	9-22-70	VOL. AL				
BAL-7214	2-25-71	VOL. AL				
EBSA	5-22-72					
BP-19,333	1-11-73	970kc	1kw DA-2	U	1-11-74	
		CP to increase directional radiation pattern size & MEOV's.				
BMP-13,579(1)	2-28-73	Mod. of (BP-19,333) to make chgs. in DA radiation pattern.				
R-2596(L)	3-9-73	RENEWAL			12-1-74	
BAL-7569	3-9-73	VOL. AL EFF: 4-18-73				
BL-13,427(L)	5-24-73	Lic(BP-19,333) for changes			12-1-74	
BR-2596(L)	8-13-73	ML change operating specs. & redscript. monitoring point 325			12-1-74	

Form BC 126
June 1954

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Station location BAKERSFIELD, CA.

Name of licensee
THUNDERBIRD BROADCASTING CO. (AL ~~GT~~ 11/16/76 EFF: 1/3/77
x WESTCO MEDIA, INC. (AL 3-9-73 EFF: 4-18-73)

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
Comlet	8-12-74	Ant Monitor: Potomac		Inst	AM-19 (204)
BP-19,904 CANCELLED	5-16-75	970khz.	1kw DA-2	U	5-16-76
		CP to chg. ant. TL.			
BS-2596 (S)	11-17-75	Change SL and delete remote control			
BR-2596(L)	5-10-76	Renewal of License			12-1-77
BAL-8715	11/16/76	Vol AL EFF: 1/3/77			"Cond'1"
EBSA	1-3-77				
BRC-3877(L)	1-21-77	ML to operate by RC			
BR-2596(S)	11-16-77	Renewal of License			12-1-80

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters^x NewName JAMES L. MATTLY and GUY MARCHETTI, RENO MARCHETTI, FRED MARCHETTI, UMBERT CANTELMINI & JULIAN CANTELMINI
A Partnership d/b as MARMAT RADIO CO. COMPANY
(PO 957 Oak Street, Bakersfield, California)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP- 6184 Rec'd Filed	6-30-47	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 960kc 970kc Power: 1kw 5kw DA-1 1kw-5kw DA-2 1kw Hours of operation: Daytime-only unlimited Trans. location: To-be-determined Bakersfield, California Studio location: To-be-determined Bakersfield, California	Docket No. 8532	
	7-2-47		Removed from hearing & Granted -	8-9-50
	7-3-47		Memo Opinion & Order issued	
(See amendment Card #2)			Granted subj. to taking steps for prevention interference to Kern communications system; installation properly designed phase monitor and a DA and non-DA proof filed	

Westinghouse--5-HV-2-
Transmitter* Collins 20-K
Collins 20-T

Edward Iannelli, Engr.
4304 Melrose Avenue
Hollywood, California

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Card #2

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Letters X NEWName James L. Mattly et al a partnership d/b as MARMAT RADIO CO.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-6184 (cont. from Card #1)			See Card #1	for action
* AMENDED	1-27-48	AMENDED to change frequency from 960kc to 970kc;		
Recd.	1-29-48	power from 1kw daytime only to 5kw day and night		
Filed	2-6-48	hours of operation from daytime to unlimited; type transmitter (Westinghouse 5-WV-2); install DA for night use ; change transmitter location from "to be determined" Bakersfield, Calif., <u>TO</u> 2.5 miles northeast of Bakersfield, Calif., & change name of applicant from James L. Mattly & Guy Marchetti, a partnership d/b as MARMAT RADIO CO. <u>to</u> James L. Mattly, Guy Marchetti, Reno Marchetti, Fred Marchetti, Umberto Cantelmi and Julian Cantelmi, a partnership d/b as MARMAT RADIO COMPANY.		

(see Amendment Card #3)

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Letters X NEWName James L. Mattly et al, a partnership d/b as MARMAT RADIO CO.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-6184	(cont. from Card #2)		See Card #1	for action.
AMENDED Recd. Filed	6-28-48 6-29-48 7-9-48	AMENDED to change power from 5kw to 1kw-5kw-LS using DA for both day and night (DA-2)		
AMENDED Recd. Filed	1-20-50 3-8-50 3-17-50	AMENDED to change power from 1kw 5kw LS to 1kw; change daytime DA pattern; change type transmitter (Collins 20-T); change studio location from "to be determined" Bakersfield, California, to 957 Oak Street, Bakersfield, California. P. W. Seward, Atty.		
AMENDED Recd. Filed	4-8-50 4-11-50 4-11-50	AMENDED to make change in maximum expected operating values and mount FM antenna on AM tower. John Creutz, Engr.		

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JAMES L. MATTLY, GUY MARCHETTI, FRED MARCHETTI, RENO MARCHETTI, all
 UMBERT CANTelmi, JULIAN CANTelmi and HAROLD BROWN, etc. Letters K.B.I.S.
 x JAMES L. MATTLY, GUY MARCHETTI, FRED MARCHETTI, RENO MARCHETTI, Letters K.B.I.S.
 Name UMBERT CANTelmi and JULIAN CANTelmi, a Partnership d/b as MARMAT RADIO COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-5381 Rec'd Filed	10-27-50 10-30-50 10-30-50	Modification of construction permit (BP-6184, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter (Collins 30V).	GRANTED re permittee taking nec. steps to prevent interference to Kern communications system; installation properly designed phase monitor; non-DA and DA proof	11-8-50
BL-4370 Rec'd. Filed	2-15-51 2-19-51 2-19-51	License to cover construction permit (BP-6184, as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED re lic. take steps nec- essary to prevent inter- ference to Kern comm. sys	3-27-51
BAL-1318 Rec'd Resubmitted Rec'd Filed	12-14-51 12-21-51 1-3-52 1-8-52 1-8-52	Voluntary assignment of license to James L. Mattly, Guy Marchetti, Fred Marchetti, Reno Marchetti, Umberto Cantelmi, Julian Cantelmi and Harold Brown, a partnership d/b as Marmat Radio Company P. W. Sevard, Atty.	RETURNED - 1-8-52 - assigned incorrect - GRANTED Eff.	2-13-52 3-10-52

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

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Letters K B I SName JAMES L. MATTLY, GUY MARCHETTI, FRED MARCHETTI, RENO
MARCHETTI, UMBERT CANTELMINI, JULIAN CANTELMINI AND HAROLD BROWN, a Partnership d/b asMARMAI RADIO COMPANY (AL-2-13-52, Eff. 3-10-52)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2596	1-27-53	Renewal of License	GRANTED	5-25-55
Rec'd	1-29-53	Filed by A. L. Stein, Atty.		
Filed	1-29-53			
Amend	6-7-54	Amended to change applicant name to:		
Rec'd	6-9-54	Guy Marchetti, Fred Marchetti, Rene Marchetti,		
Filed	6-9-54	Umbert Cantelmi, Julian Cantelmi, Harold Brown and Metta C. Mattly, Executrix of the estate of James L. Mattly, deceased, d/b as Marmai Radio Company.		
BAL-1721	2-2-54	Involuntary assignment of license to Guy	GRANTED	2-15-54
Rec'd	2-5-54	Marchetti, Fred Marchetti, Rene Marchetti,	EFF:	5-21-54
Filed	2-5-54	Umbert Cantelmi, Julian Cantelmi, Harold Brown, and Metta C. Mattly, Executrix of the Estate of James L. Mattly, deceased, d/b as Marmai Radio Company.		
		A. L. Stein, Atty.		

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FORMERLY FCC FORM 94 (See card #2)

Name GUY MARCHETTI, FRED MARCHETTI, RENO MARCHETTI Call Letters K B I S
UMBERT CANTELMi, JULIAN CANTELMi, HAROLD BROWN AND NETTA C. NATTLY,
EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES L. NATTLY, DECEASED d/b as MARPAT RADIO COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
EZ-3597 Rec'd Filed	7-7-54 7-9-54 7-9-54	Authority to determine operating power by direct/indirect of antenna power measurement A. L. Stein, Atty.	GRANTED Cond'l re interf. to Kern Co. Communications	7-8-55
ER-2596 Rec'd Filed	8-20-56 8-31-56 9-24-56	Renewal of license A. L. Stein, Atty.	GRANTED	11-8-56
ERC- Rec'd	10-10-57 10-14-57	Modification of license to change studio location and operate transmitter by Remote Control from 2013 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, California.	RETURNED filed on wrong form	10-22-57
EAL-2896 Rec'd Filed	12-16-57 12-18-57 12-18-57	Voluntary assignment of license to Eastern Electrosonic Industries Corp. Emanuel Darnett, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	1-22-58 2-1-58

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Letters K.B.I.S.Name EASTERN ELECTROSONIC INDUSTRIES CORP.
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2596 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd & Filed	8-24-59 8-31-59 11-24-59 11-25-59	Renewal of license	Returned Re-Signed by Gen. Mgr. etc. GRANTED	10-6-59 11-2-60
BRC-1671 Rec'd Filed	5-4-60 5-9-60 5-9-60	Modification of license to change Studio location from Panaroma Drive, Bakersfield, Calif., TO 2013 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, California and to operate transmitter by Remote Control from Studio location (DA-2)	GRANTED	11-22-60
BR-2596 Rec'd & Filed	8-18-62 8-29-62 8-29-62	Renewal of license	GRANTED	12-19-63

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JACK I. STRAUS, ROBERT K. STRAUS AND BEATRICE S. LEVY AS TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST UNDER ARTICLE TWELFTH OF THE WILL OF JESSE ISIDOR STRAUS, DECEASED
 Name * EASTERN ELECTROSONIC INDUSTRIES CORP.
 Bakersfield, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRC-2186 Rec'd Filed	1-15-63 1-18-63 1-18-63	Modification of license to change studio location and remote control point to 225 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, California.	GRANTED Telegram issued. To be issued with renewal.	2-15-63 sent. Not issued. To be issued with renewal.
BAL-4977 R & F	11-27-63 12-5-63	Voluntary assignment of license to Jack I. Straus, Robert K. Straus and Beatrice S. Levy as Trustees of the Trust under Article TWELFTH of the Will of Jesse Isidor Straus, Deceased. Atty. - McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED EFF	12-27-63 1-1-64
BR-2596 R & F	8-19-65 8-23-65	Renewal of license Atty- Abraham L. Bienstock	GRANTED	11-5-65
BR-2596 R & F #454094 \$75 SEP 1 3 1968	8/21/68 8/23/68 8/23/68	Renewal of license AMENDED 10-23-68 re: Programming & business interests	GRANTED	11-26-68

Card-re Sect. I, par. 7 - 9/12/63

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FORM BC-121

AUG. 1955 ROBERT K. STRAUS

Card No. 9

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Letters

x *Article* JACK I. STRAUS, ROBERT K. STRAUS ~~AND [REDACTED]~~ AS TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST UNDER
 NAME *Article* TWELFTH OF THE WILL OF JESSE ISIDOR STRAUS, DECEASED
 Bakersfield, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-7135 Rec'd Filed FEE PD: \$250 #626887 AC-053 (Form 316) SEP 18 1970	8-18-70 8-27-70 8-27-70	Voluntary assignment of license to Jack I. Straus and Robert K. Straus, Trustees of the Trust under Article Twelfth of the Will of Jesse Isidor Straus, Deceased Atty - McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED	9-22-70
BAL-7214 R&F #658470 \$250 FEB 8 1971	1-12-71 1-20-71 1-20-71	Vol. AL to Robert K. Straus. John Tierney, Atty. (McKenna & Wilkinson)	GRANTED	2-25-71 Eff. 3-18-71
4-29-71 Annual filing fee \$64.00 paid 12-21-70. #651694.				
BR-2596 R & F PN PRESS SEP 17 1971	8-20-71 8-25-71 8-25-71	Renewal of License AMENDED 12-6-71 re: commercial policy	GRANTED	3-9-73

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WESTCO MEDIA, INC.
Name X ROBERT K. STRAUS
Bakersfield, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-7569 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 #065687 CODE Q17 Pub. notice filed 5-30-72	2-18-72 4-20-72 MAY 8 1972	Voluntary assignment of license to WESTCO MEDIA, INC. (SEE OVER) Atty - Robert V. Cahill (for assignee)	GRANTED Req. Grant fee paid EFF:	3-9-73 Fee \$ 4,740.00 048 5-1-73 W 179794 4-18-73
BP-19,333 Rec'd Filed \$50-118400 AC-060 PRESS: 302-1973	10-5-72 10-10-72 10-13-72 10-13-72 JAN 9 1973	Construction permit to increase directional radiation pattern size and MEOV's.	GRANTED	1-11-73
BMP-13,579 Rec'd Filed \$50-151988 AC-060	2-3-73 2-6-73 2-6-73 FEB 26 1973	Modification of construction permit (BP-19,333) to make changes in DA radiation pattern. Atty: McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner	GRANTED	2-28-73

RE: BAL- 7569 Exh. 10a,b,c,d (financial data - assigned)
ret'd 4-28-72 dated after applic (to be filed as amendment)
also contract (3) necessary
AMENDED 10-17-72 - Amended Agreement; pledge agreement
AMENDED 11-3-72 - re Sec. IV; statement re stock; correct
Par. 6, Sec. I; show pending CP (BP # unassigned)
AMENDED 12-4-72 - re lease agreement
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ LTR from atty filed 12-21-72 clarifying
B/C applic. dismissed
AMENDED 1-23-73 - ext. of time re agreement

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Name WESTCO MEDIA, INC.
Bakersfield, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-13,427 Rec'd W 143830-50 Amended-F PTA Amended PRESS Amended	1-12-73 1-15-73 1-15-73 3-5-73 3-8-73 APR 29 5 1973 4-17-73	Lic.(BP-19,333, as mod.) for changes. AC-067 re mod. CP(BMP-13579). enrg. data Atty: McKenna, Wilkinson(John L. Tierney) Meas. data	GRANTED	5-24-73
BR-2596 R & F P.N. PRESS	7-30-74 8-1-74 8-2-74 SEP 18 1974	Renewal of License Atty.: Samuel Miller AMENDED 12-19-74 re: Balance Sheet	GRANTED	5-10-76
BP- 19,904 Rec'd Filed \$50-368416 AC-056	11-25-74 11-26-74 11-26-74	Construction permit to Antenna transmitter site to: South side of Beardsley Canal, 1 mi. E of Oildale & 1.8 mile North of Bakersfield city limits, Bakersfield, Calif. 35° 25' 01.5" 119° 00' 15" Miller & Fields (Atty:)	GRANTED CANCELLED	5-16-75 11-13-75 request of atty.

BP-19,904

amended 12-26-74 re: Option to Purchase real property

amended 2-27-75 re: Mr. Gregory H. Singletary is

no longer employed by station W E C-U.

Amended 2-28-75 re: Eng. data.

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THUNDERBIRD BROADCASTING CO.

Name WESTCO MEDIA, INC.
Bakersfield, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
		THE COMMISSION on 12-27-74 notified licensee that it has incurred an apparent liability of \$1000 for willful or repeated violation of 73.52(a) of the Rules.		
BAL-8715 R & F FEE PD: \$200 #574760 CODE 047 PN filed JUN 24 1976	5-21-76 6-1-76 6/17/76	Voluntary assignment of license to THUNDERBIRD BROADCASTING CO. Mutually contingent on grant of BAL-8711 (KUZZ) Atty for assignor - Miller & Fields for assignee - Mullin, Connor & Rhyme (SEE OVER)	GRANTED EFF: FEE REQ: Mem. Opinion & Order Released 12/2/76	11/16/76 1/3/77 "Cond'1"
SRG-3877 R & F \$100-650276 AC-001	12-17-76 12-22-76 12-22-76	Mod. of lic. to chg. studio loc. to 1209 North Chester Ave., Bakersfield, Calif. and operate trans. by RC from SL. Atty: Nathaniel F. Emmons	GRANTED cond'1	1-21-77

JAN 17 1977

RE: BAL-8715 - Call ltrs to be chged to KUZZ on consummat

AMENDED 7-15-76 - reflect b/c interests

(~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ (SEE KUZZ - BAL-8714) FOR EET TO DENY ETC
9-23-76)

AMENDED 9-22-76 re bus int;& re programming(reply to ltr

AMENDED 10-1-76 - exhibits to agreement

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.

