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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Off. No. 538

K N A X (EFF. 3-16-81)

Date first licensed 6-14-50

Call letters ~~XXXX~~ **K M J** - **JM**
LOCATION: **FRESNO, CALIFORNIA**

McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

XMcCLATCHY BROADCASTING (ALH gr 2/2/77 EFF:NOT CONSUMMATED (Lts sent 2/28/77)

XXMcCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS (BALH 8-15-57) EFF. 9-30-57

Name of licensee **X** **McCLATCHY BROADCASTING COMPANY**

Between E & G Sts. & between Stanislaus & Calaveras Sts., Fresno, Calif. (Redes)

XRedes: Stanislaus & Van Ness, Fresno, California

X Between E & C Sts., & between Stanislaus & Calaveras St., Fresno, Calif.

XMadera & North Avenues, Near Kerman, California (PH-4-23-69)

Transmitter location ~~approx: 19 mi. SW of Fresno, Calif. on Mount Sampson~~

3636 North First Street, Fresno, California (SH-9-13-76)

XSame as Transmitter (PH-4-23-69) 1 10-11-73

X 1515 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, California (BRCH-6-7-57)

XXCorner Van Ness & Calaveras, Fresno, California

1559 Van Ness Ave., Fresno, Calif.

1559 Van Ness, Fresno, California

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
	8-18-47	97.9 mcs. Ch#250	Proposed assignment		
BPH-472	2-5-48	97.9 mc Ch #250	34 kw	U	By 5-10-48 to 11-10-48
	C. P. issued	(sub. to approved type transmitter)			
BMPH-2699	10-18-49	Ext. of completion date to 2-10-49.			
BMPH-3076	1-18-49	Ext. of completion date only to 5-10-49			
BMPH-3389	4-20-49	Ext. of compl. date Subj. conditionally			
					To 9-10-49
BMPH-3776	9-23-49	Ext. of compl. date			
					To 10-10-49
Telegram	10-4-49	Relet atty 28. Auth. gr. period ending 10-10-49 op. 97.9 mcs. using Westinghouse FM-3 with 3 kw. output power and 8-sec. Composite V antenna mounted on KMJ ant. 660 ft. above ground re. FM prog. serv.			
Telegram	10-10-49	Relet atty 10. Auth. ext. period ending 10-24-49 op. accord. Comm. wire 10-4-49			
Telegram	10-24-49	Relet atty 21. Auth. ext. period ending 11-10-49 accord. Comm. wire 10-4-49			
BMPH-3837	10-19-49	Ext. of completion date to 11-10-49			
Telegram	11-9-49	Relet atty 2. Auth. ext. period ending 12-10-49 op. accord. Comm. wire 10-4-49			
Telegram	12-7-49	Relet atty 2. Auth. ext. period ending 4-30-50 op. accord. Comm. wire 10-4-49			
BMPH-3856	11-15-49	Ext. of completion date to 4-30-50			
BMPH-3817	3-13-50	97.9	7.3 kw.	630 ft.	To 4-30-50
	Change site; trans.; and antenna system				
Telegram	4-25-50	Relet atty 21. Auth. ext. period ending 5-30-50 op. using fac. in BMPH-3817			
BMPH-4143	5-2-50	Ext. of compl. date			
					To 5-30-50
BLH-635	6-14-50	License to cover CP (BPH-472 as mod.) 6-14-50 to 3-1-52.			
BSH-538	2-27-52	Ext. of license to			
					6-1-52
BSH-538	5-21-52	Ext. of license to			
					9-1-52
BPH-538	7-30-52	Renewal of license to			
					12-1-53

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Call letters **KMJ-FM**

Name of licensee **X McCLATCHY BROADCASTING COMPANY**

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To..
BRH-538	11-4-53	Renewal	of license	to	12-1-56
BRH-538	11-14-56	Renewal	of license	to	12-1-59 (S)
BRHC BRCH-184	6-7-57	Opr. by RC From 1915 Van Ness Av. Fresno, Calif.			
BALH-289 EFF.	8-15-57 9-30-57	Voluntary assign of lic. to McClatchy Newspapers			
BRH-538	11-4-59	97.9 mcs.	7.3k	U	12-1 12-1-62
BRH-538	11-28-62	Renewal of license			12-1 12-1-65
BRH-538	11-15-65	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-68
BRH-538(S)	11-26-68	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-71
BPH-6676 HAAT: 290' (h&v)	4-23-69	97.9mc.	ERP: 48kw(h&v)	U	12-23-69
		ch#250	TPO: 10kw (RC)		
		CP chg. ant-rans, studio & RC loc; install new trans; new ant; chg. TPO; ERP(h&v); mod. cbg. HAAT;			
MPH-10,872 (1)	12-3-69	MP(BPH-6676) ext. time to			6-1-70
NDEA	2-19-70				
BMPH-11,072 (2)	6-8-70	MP(BPH-6676 as mod) ext. time			12-1-70
BMPH-13,062 (3)	11-24-70	MP(BPH-6676 as mod) ext time			5-19-71
BMPH-13221 (4)	5-18-71	MP(BPH-6676 as mod) ext. time			10-1-71.
BMPH-13231 (5)	5-20-71	MP (BPH-6676) chg. trans., antenna & TPO: 17kw			
BMPH-13,354 (6)	1-2-71	MP(BPH-6676 as mod.) ext. time			4-1-72
BRH-538(S)	3-8-72	RENEWAL & NDBA			12-1-74
BMPH-13,478 (7)	3-27-72	MP(BPH-6676 as mod) EXT. time			10-1-72
EBSA	5-25-72				
BMPH-13,583 (8)	9-11-72	MP(BPH-6676 as mod) Extension time			3-1-73

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Call letters K.M.J.FM

Station location

Name of licensee

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Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BMPH 13693 (9)	2-23-73	MP(BPH-6676 as mod.)		Extension time	9-1-73
BLH-5919(L)	10-11-73	Lic.(BPH-6676, as mod.)	97.9mhz 40kwH&V	290'H&V	Changes-12-1-74 RC
BSE-538(I)	1-11-74	ML redescribe SL, RC & TL.			
BSH-538(2)	9-13-76	ML to change SL and RC			
BALH-2189	2/2/77	Vol ALH EFF: NOT CONSUMMATED (Ltr. sent 2/28/77)			
BRH-538(L)	6-15-77	Renewal of License			12-1-77
BRH-538	11-16-77	(S) renewal OF LIC.			12-1-80
BTCH781109EF	3-12-80	VOL. TC COMM. MEM. OPINION & ORDER		EFF: 5-13-80	
E B S A	3-16-81	CALL SIGN CHANGE			

APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

K M J - FM

Call letters ~~---K-T-T-D---~~Name McCLATCHY BROADCASTING COMPANY
(~~PO 21st. & Q Streets, Sacramento, Calif.~~)(PO 21st. & Q Streets, Sacramento, Calif.) Ltr. 5-28-52
APPLICATION FOR—

ACTION

FILE No.	DATED	NATURE	DATE
B5-PH-472 Rec'd Filed	1-17-45 1-27-45 4-4-45	Construction permit for new high frequency FM broadcast station Frequency: 46,700 kcs., Coverage: 14,500 Sq. Mi. Population: 412,810 Studio: 1559 Van Ness Street, Fresno, Calif. Transmitter: On Mt. Cambell, E. of Fresno, Calif. South of California Route 180. (RCA FM-10-A Max. 10kw) Filed by C. Walter Harris, Att'y Amendment re Comm. letter of 9-7-45 recd. 10-5-45. No change. (Metropolitan) Program analysis recd. 4-23-47	Granted conditionally 4-23-47. Class "B" station. Letter mailed 5-9-47. C. P. issued Gr. 2-5-48 Exp. 11-10-48 (subj. to approval of trans.)

George C. Davis, Engineer

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters K M J- FMName McCLATCHY BROADCASTING COMPANY
P. O. 911 7th Street, Sacramento, Calif.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-2699 Recd. Filed	10-7-48 10-11-48 10-11-48	Mod. of C. P. (B5-PH-472) which authorized a new FM Broadcast station for extension of completion date from 11-10-48 to 5-10-49. Filed by Francis X. McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED	10-18-48 to 2-10-49
BMPH-3076 Recd. Filed	1-10-49 1-12-49 1-12-49	Mod. of C. P. (B5-PH-472 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 2-10-49 to 8-10-49. Filed by Clair L. Stout, Atty.	GRANTED to	1-18-49 5-10-49
BMPH-3389 Recd. Filed	4-6-49 4-11-49 4-11-49	Mod. of C. P. (B5-PH-472 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 5-10-49 to 9-10-49. Filed by Clair L. Stout, Atty.	GRANTED	4-20-49 Subj. cond'l to 9-10-49
BMPH-3776 Recd. Filed	8-31-49 9- 6-49 9- 6-49	Mod. of C. P. (BPH-472 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 9-10-49 to 10-10-49. Filed by Francis X. McDonough, Att'y	GRANTED	9-23-49

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BMPH-3817 Recd Filed	9-14-49 9-20-49 9-20-49	Mod. of C.P. (BPH-472 as modified - which authorized a new FM Broadcast Station) to change transmitter site from Mount Campbell, approx. 19 miles ESE of Fresno to Madera & North Aves Near Kerman; E.R.P. from 34 kw. to 7.8 kw.; transmitter to Westinghouse, FM-3, 3 kw.; ant. ht. abv. aver. terrain to 633 ft. & make changes in antenna system. Filed by Francis McDonough, Atty	GRANTED	3-13-50
BMPH-3837 Recd. Filed	10-6-49 10-10-49 10-10-49	Mod. of C. P. (BPH-472 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 10-10-49 to 10-24-49 Filed by Francis X. McDonough, Att'y	GRANTED Expires	10-19-49 11-10-49
BMPH-3856 Recd. Filed	10-19-49 10-21-49 10-21-49	Mod. of C. P. (BPH-472 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 11-10-49 to 4-30-50. Filed by Francis X. McDonough, Att'y	GRANTED	11-15-49

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Call
Letters KMJ-FMName MCCLATCHY BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-4143 Recd. Filed	4-13-50 4-21-50 4-21-50	Mod. of C. P. (BPH-472 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 4-30-50 to 5-30-50. Filed by Francis X. McDonough, Att'y	GRANTED	5-2-50
BLH-635 Recd & Filed	5-23-50 5-29-50	License to cover C.P. (BPH-472 as mod.) which authorized a new FM b/c station. Filed by Francis McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED	6-14-50
BRH-538 Recd. Filed	11-29-51 12-3-51 12-3-51	Renewal of license Filed by Clair L. Stout, Attorney	Granted	7-30-52
BRH-538 Recd. & Filed	8-28-53 9-2-53	Renewal of license. Alfred Cordon, atty	GRANTED	11-4-53

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AUG. 1955

MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Call
Letters KMJ-FMName McCLATCHY B/CG. CO.

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-538 Rec'd & filed	8-28-56 9-4-56	Renewal of license Thomas J. Dougherty, atty	GRANTED	11-14-56
BRCH-184 Rec'd & filed	5-28-57 5-31-57	Transmitter may be operated by Remote control from 1515 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, California. Filed by Thomas J. Dougherty, atty	GRANTED	6-7-57
BAIH-289 Rec'd Filed	7-29-57 8-2-57 8-2-57	Voluntary assignment of license to McClatchy Newspapers Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Attys.	GRANTED EFF.	8-15-57 9-30-57
BRH-538 Rec'd & Filed	8-31-59 9-2-59	Renewal of license. Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Attys.	GRANTED	11-4-59
BRH-538 Rec'd Filed	8-31-62 9-4-62 9-4-62	Renewal of license Atty.: Francis X. McDonough	GRANTED	11-28-62

F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

Let. dated 9-27-65 from Roberts & Wall (DIA) req. ext. 50% non-dup Rule thru 11-29-65.

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AUG. 1955

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Name MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS
Fresno, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-538 R & F	8-30-65 9-7-65	Renewal of license Atty- Dow, Lohnes and Albertson	GRANTED	11-15-65
BRH-538 R & F #456036 \$75 SEP 30 1968	8/23/68 9/3/68 9/3/68	Renewal of license Atty: Charles J. McKerns	GRANTED	11-26-68
BPH-6676 R & F #503429 \$30 APR 10 1969	3-24-69 4-1-69 4-1-69	AMENDED 10-21-68 re: Commercial Matter CP chg. ant-trans, studio & RC loc. to Between E & G Sts., & between Stanislaus & Calaveras St., Fresno, Calif.; install new trans(CCA-BTF-10E); new ant(RCA-BFC-10, 10secs); make chg. in ant. system(decr. hght);chg. TPO:10kw; ERP: 47.63kw; and HAAT: 289 ft. (H+V) Atty - L. Adrian Roberts(Dow, Lohnes etc.) Engr.: Walter Davis	GRANTED	4-23-69

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Letters K M J-FM

Name MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-10,872 R & F #558316 \$30 PRESS:	11-18-69 11-20-69 11-20-69 NOV 26 1969	MP(BPH-6676) ext. time to 6-23-70(FOR CHGS.) Atty - Charles J. McKern(Dow, Lohnes etc.)	GRANTED to	12-3-69 6-1-70
BMPH-11,072 R & F 604144\$30. PRESS:	5-22-70 5-25-70 5-25-70 8 JUN 1970	MP(BPH-6676 as mod) ext. time to 12-1-70 (FOR CHGS). Atty-L. Adrian Roberts(Dow, Lohnes etc.)	GRANTED	6-8-70
BMPH-13,062 Rec'd Filed #642181\$50 CODE: 068 PRESS: NOV 18 1970	10-29-70 11-3-70 11-9-70 11-9-70	MP(BPH-6676 as mod) ext. time to 6-1-71(FOR CHGS). Atty-Charles J. McKerns(Dow, Lohnes etc.)	GRANTED	11-24-70

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Name McClatchy Newspapers
Fresno, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-13,221 R & F #500227 CODE 068 PRESS: MAY 3 1971	4-16-71 4-21-71 4-21-71	MP(BPH-6676 as mod) ext. time to 10-1-71(FOR CHGS). Atty-Ralph W. Hardy, Jr.(Dow & Lohnes etc).	GRANTED to	5-18-71 10-1-71.
BMPH-13,231 R & F #002251 \$50. CODE 061 PRESS: 14 MAY 1971	4-22-71 4-23-71 4-23-71	MP(BPH-6676 as mod)chg. Trans(Sparta-620); Ant(Jampro-JSCP-6, 3 horiz. & vert. sects). chg. TPO: 16.75kw. Atty-Charles J. McKerns(Dow. & Lohnes etc). Engr-None.	GRANTED	5-20-71
BRH-538 R & F PN Recd. PRESS SEP 27 1971	8-27-71 9-2-71 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Chas.J.McKerns,Atty.	GRANTED	3-8-72

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Call
Letters K M J-FM

Name McClatchy Newspapers
Fresno, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-13,354 R & F #006424 \$50 CODE: 068 PRESS: 20 OCT 1971	9-16-71 9-23-71 9-23-71	MP(BPH-6676 as mod) ext. time to 4-1-72 (FOR CHANGES). Atty - L. Adrian Roberts	GRANTED	11-2-71
AMENDED	10-8-71	add. infor. regarding reason for ext.		
BMPH-13,478 R & F #048669 \$50 Code 068 Press MAR 17 1972	3-3-72 3-8-72 3-8-72	MP (BPH-6676, as mod.) ext. time to 10-1-72. (For Changes) Atty - Charles J. McKerns	GRANTED TO:	3-27-72 10-1-72
BMPH-13,583 R & F #099694 \$50 Code 068 Press AUG 20 1972	8-3-72 8-11-72 8-11-72	MP (BPH-6676, as mod.) ext. time to _____. (FOR CHANGES) Atty: L. Adrian Roberts	GRANTED TO	9-11-72 3-1-73

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Call
Letters KMJ-FMName McClatchy Newspapers
Fresno, California

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BMPH-13,693 R & F #150248 \$50 Code 068 Press FEB 14 1973	1-29-73 2-1-73 2-1-73	MP (BPH-6676, as mod.) ext. time to 9-1-73. (For Changes) Atty: Charles J. McKerns	GRANTED TO:	2-23 73 9-1-73
BLH-5919 R & F W 224988-\$50. PTA PRESS	8-15-73 8-20-73 8-20-73-AC-057 8-27-73 SEP 20 1973	Lic.(BPH-6676, as mod.) for changes. T-SL redes: Stanislaus & Van Ness, Fresno, Calif. Atty: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson(L.Adrian Roberts)	GRANTED	10-11-73
BRH-538 R & F PN Recd. FILED PRESS	7-25-74 8-21-74 " 8-21-74 SEP 13 1974	RENEWAL OF LICENSE L.Adrian Roberts,Atty. AMENDED 12-24-74 re: EEC	Granted	6-15-77
PETITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO DENY RENEWAL APPLICATIONS (AM, FM & TV) filed 11-1-74 by attorneys Sinclair, Gearing, D. Bruce Pearson & Robert D. Stewart(over)				

(BRH-538) OPPOSITION OF MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS TO PETITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO DENY RENEWAL APPLICATION filed 2-14-75 by Charles J. McKerns, counsel on behalf of McClatchy Newspapers

ERRATA TO OPPOSITION OF MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS TO PETITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO DENY RENEWAL APPLICATION filed 3-5-75 by Mc Clatchy Newspapers

REPLY OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO OPPOSITION OF MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS, INC. TO PETITION OF DENY RENEWAL APPLICATIONS filed 3-31-75 by Sinclair Gearing, counsel on behalf of United States Department of Justice

NOTICE OF ERRATA APPEARING IN REPLY OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO OPPOSITION OF MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS, INC. TO PETITION TO DENY RENEWAL APPLICATIONS filed 4-11-75 by Sinclair Gearing, counsel on behalf of the Department of Justice

AMENDED 10-3-75 re: community survey

AMENDED 1-6-76 re: litigation

AMENDED 2-26-76 re: litigation & EEO complaint

MEMORANDUM OPINION & ORDER Adopted 9-28-76 Petition to Deny filed by the Department of Justice DENIED

AMENDED 9-16-76 re: EEO

AMENDED 1-17-77 re: litigation

AMENDED 3-30-77 re: litigation

AMENDED 4-27-77 re: litigation

AMENDED 5-5-77 re: litigation

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Letters K M J-FM

McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS
xMcCLATCHY BROADCASTING
Name xMcCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS
Fresno, Calif.

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			Nature	Date
BTC-7621 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #372617 CODE 049 (Form 316) ALSO SEE AM ETC DEC 16 1974	12-4-74 12-10-74	Voluntary relinquishment of positive control of lic corp by Eleanor McClatchy, Individually and as Voting Trustee, thru change in Voting Trust (5 Trustees) from Eleanor McClatchy, Trustee, to C.K. McClatchy, John J. Hamlin, and Verne B. Bonette, Co-Trustees (SEE AM FOR AMENDMENTS ETC) Atty - Dow, Lohnes & Albertson AMENDED 1-23-75 to delete Verne B. Bonette as Co-Trustee	DISMISSED (COM LTR) FORM	5-16-75 315 nec.
BALH-2189 R & F FORM 316 (SEE AM KMJ FOR OCT 15 1975 FEE PD)	9-30-75 10-6-75	Voluntary assignment of license to McCLATCHY BROADCASTING (OVER) Atty - Dow, Lohnes & Albertson (Cl McKerns)	GRANTED EFF: NOT CONSUMMATED Mem. Opin. & Order Released 2/16/77 Ltr. sent 2/28/77 (Auth. not issued)	2/2/77

BALH-2189 - MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE SHORT FORM APPLICATIONS
filed 10-23-75 by Pittman, Lovett, Ford & Tennessey for
San Joaquin Comm. Corp.

REQUEST FOR EXT. TIME TO RESPOND TO MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE
SHORT FORM APPLS. filed 11-4-75 by Charles McKerns (DL&A)
for McClatchy.

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Form BC-121

May 1976

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XCMJ-FMName **McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS**
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-538	7-25-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
R & F	8-1-77			
PN Recd.	"			
PRESS	AUG 24 1977	M.J. McCarthy, Atty.	GRANTED	11-16-77
BTCH781109EF		Vol TC from Eleanor McClatchy Individually,	GRANTED	3-12-80
PRESS	NOV 24 1978	as Trustee of five Family Trusts; and as Proxy	COMM. MEM. OPINION &	
Form 315		holder of Charles K. McClatchy's Voting Stock,	ORDER	
Also see KMJ(AM)		to Charles K. McClatchy, James B. McClatchy,	EFF:	5-13-80
		William E. McClatchy, et al		
		Atty-Dow, Lohnes & Albertson (M. McCarthy)		
BRH 800801 Y T		RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
PRESS	SEP 23 1980	L. Adrian Roberts, Atty.	ISSUED	
			<i>gr</i>	11-24-80

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.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) 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 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). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

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.

