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#### BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD Commercial TV

First Operation: 7-14-53 (Started 8-2-53)

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Date first licensed Official No. 177 (gr. 5-1-56) NDEA (Station Loc: Kansas City, Missouri)

METROMEDIA, INC. (BALCT-145 7-26-61 EFF: 8-29-61)
X COOK BROADCASTING COMPANY (BALCT-113 4-28-60 EFF: 5-1-60)

X EMBC Broadcasting Company (BMPCT-2220 gr. 7-6-54)

x WHB BROADCASTING COMPANY (BAP-97 Gr. 6-9-54 Eff: 6-14-5
xbIDLAND BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name of licensee

5701 East 22nd Street, Kansas City, Missouri (BLCT-336 dated 5-1-56/2 move)
Transmister location \_\_\_\_\_ N.W. Corner 23rd St. & Topping Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri

Main studio location FCC-65 222 West Eleventh Street, Kansas City, Missouri

## CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD Commercial TV B/C

Date first licensed .....

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COOK BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name of licensee KMPC BROADCASTING COMPANY.

Transmitter location Sag Card 1

Main studio location See Card #1

## CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters KMBC-TV

Station location KANSAS CITY, MISSOUR

Name of licensee METROMEDIA, INC.

Transmitter location SEE CARD #1

Main studio location .....

## CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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#### BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed	Call letters KMBC-TV  Station location
Name of licensee	
Transmitter location	

### CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl.	Date			Time	Period
No.	Issued	Freq.	Power	Div.	From To
BLCT-1964	2-4-71	Ch. 9	V. 316 k	w U	2-4-71
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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

#### COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call KMBC-TV

Name MIDLAND BROADCASTING COMPANY

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(KMBC-TV requested)

		(See Card #2)	Action		
File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date	
BPCT-292 Rec'd Filed	1-28-48 1-29-48 1-29-48	Construction permit for a new commercial television b/c station Frequency: Ch.#9,186-192 mc. ERP: Vis. 20.8 kw, Aur. 10.4 kw Hours of Operation: Unlimited S & T-Location: 1330 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri (Vis. DuMont,Type 3000,Aur.DuMont,Type 4000) Filed by Maurice M. Jansky,Att'y (SEE CARD #2)  (SEE CARD #2)	GRANTED	6-24-53	

G. L. Taylor Company Engineer FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

COMM. TV B/C STATION

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BPCT-292	5-8-52	(PURSUANT TO SIXTH REPORT & ORDER-4-11-52)	See card	# 1 for action
Rec'd.	5-14-52	FREQ: Ch. #9, 186-192 Mcs.		
Filed	5-14-52	ERP: Vie - 31.0 km, Aur. 15.5 km		
AMENDED		Hours of operation: Unlimited		
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		T-L: 1330 Beltimore Ave., Kenses City, Miscour. (Vis. & Aur. Dullent 8000) (4991)	1	
		Filed by Maurice M. Jansky, Atty.		
AMENDED	4-24-53	Amended to change ERP from Vis. 31 kw, Aur.		
Rec'd	4-30-53	15.5 kw to Vis. 316 kw, Aur. 158 kw; antenna		
Filed	4-30-53	height above average terrain from 499' to		
		1079'; type antenna; type trans. (Dumont 12000); trans. location from 1330 Baltimore Ave.,		
		Kansas City, Mo. to N.W. corner 23rd St. and		
		Topping Ave., Kansas City, Mo.; and other		
	/	equipment.		
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Filed	6-23-53	ing Co. (BPCT-316) and ant. system (Contingent		
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#### APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

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WHB BROADCASTING COMPANY

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KHBC-TV

Name MIDLAND BROADCASTING COMPANY
Kansas City, Missouri

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BMPCT-1790 Recd. Filed	1-22-54 1-25-54 1-25-54	Hod. of CP(BPCT-292, which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 2-24-54 to 8-24-54.  Filed by Philip G. Loucks, Atty.	GRANTED	1-28-54
BAPCT-97 RECD FILED	4-27-54 4-28-54 4-28-54		GRANTED EFF:	6-9-54 6-14-54
BOPCT-2220 Bocd. AFiled	6-14-54 6-22-54	Mod. of GP(EPCT-292, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to change corporate name from WHB Broadcasting Company to KMBC Broadcasting Company.  Filed by P. A. O'Bryan, Atty.		7-6-54
BMPCT-2250 Recd. Filed	6-28-54 6-29-54 6-29-54			7-8-54

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#### APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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KMBO Broadcasting Company
Kansas City, Missouri

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BNPCT-2339 Recd & file		Modification of CP (EPCT-292, as modified which auth. a new comm. TV b/c station) to thatall new transmitters, change type of antenna and make other equipment changes. (RCA-TT-50AH) (1071') Filed by Francie F. McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED	8-17-54
BMPCT-2812 Recd. &Filed		Mod. of CP(EPCT-292, as mod., which authorize a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 2-17-55 to 5-17-55. Filed by Francis X. McDonough, Atty.		2-3-55
BLCT-336 Recd & fil		License to cover construction permit (BPCT-29) as modified) which suth. a new comm. TV b/c station, and to specify transmitter location as 5701 East 22nd Street, Kansas City, Missouri, (change in description only, not a move) Filed by Francis X. McDonough, Atty.		5-1-56
		F.C.C WASHINGTON. D. C.		

CARD # 5

FORM BC-121 METROMEDIA, INC. APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG COOK BROADCASTING COMPANY

Call Letters ... KMBC-TV

COMM TV B/C

Name Kansas City, Missouri

	File No.  BRCT-177 Read & Filed		Application for Renewal of License. Filed by Francis I. McDonough, Atty.	Nature GRANTED	Date 1-21-59
4	BALCT-113 Rec'd Filed	3-16-60 3-25-60 3-25-60	Voluntary assignment of license to Cook Broadcasting Company.  Francis X. McDoncugh, Atty.	GRANTED EFF: 5-1	4-28-60
	BALCT-145 Rec. filed	1-30-61 2-2-61	Voluntary assignment of license to Hetropolitan Broadcasting Corporation John A. Rafter-atty	GRANTED EFF: WITHOUT PR	7-26-61 8-29-61 EJUDICE RE
	AMENDED Rec'd Filed	3-31-61 3-31-61	AMENDED to change name of Assignee to MetroHedia, Inc.	DOCKETS 110	081 & 11083
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#### APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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METROMEDIA, INC. Kansas City, Missouri

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	File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
	BPCT-3045 R & F	5-16-62 5-16-62	Construction permit to install a new trans- mission line and diplexer. To J.Dougherty-atty	GRANTED Same Con renewal	5-31-62 oftion as last
	BLCT-1216 Recd.&Filed		LICENSE to cover CP (BPCT-3045) which authorized changes in existing station. Thomas J. Dougherty, Atty.	GRANTED	11-20-64
	BRCT-177 Recd.&Filed		RENEWAL OF LICENSE Thomas J. Dougherty, Atty.	GRANTED	4-15-65
	BMLCT- 234 Rec & filed	1-6-65 1-7-65	Modification of license to reduce aural ERP from 158 Kw to 47.4 kw. Thomas J. Dougherty, Atty.	RANTED WITE	4-9-65 but REN-gr. 4-15-
	Recd.&Filed	10-12-65 10-12-65 IN DRIVERS	rain Stivers	RANTED	1-7-66
			F.C.C WASHINGTON, D.C.		

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#### APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Natur	e Date
BMPCT-6335 R ecd. FILED ALTERNATE N BLCT-1657	7-27-66 7-28-66 8-2-66	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3661, which authorized installation of alternate Main Drivers) to extend completion date from 9-7-66 to 1-7-67 Thos. J. Dougherty, Atty.  License to cover CP (BPCT-3661, as mod.) and	AS MO	FEB 9 196
R & F AUX. TRANS.	1-5-67	in lieu of Alternate Briver. Thomas J. Dougherty, Asst. Secy.	(2) authore for	2-6-67 orizations issu oux. Trans and Trans. & Ant.
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		F.C.C WASHINSTON, D. C.		

address c nged to c/o Thomas J. Dougherty 5151 Wisconsin Aven.NW W shington, D.C. 20015 (9-5-67) FORM BC-121 Aug. 1955

#### APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KMBC-TV

Name Metromedia, Inc.
CH.9 Kansas City, Missouri

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BTC-5833 R & F #480952 \$150 PRESS PN RECB. See other sign	12-31-68 JAN 7 1969	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee proporation from John W. Kluge et al to Transamerica Corporation.  AMENDED 2-4-69 re legal and financial.	req. of	JUN 1 3 1969 applicant
R & F \$30 #536360	8-18-69	CP to install an alternate main visual amplifier (RCA TT50AH-LA).	GRANTED	9-3-69
BLCT-1964 R & F \$30 #577494 PRESS ALTER.MAIN V ENGR.DATA FI	2-11-70 "FEB 2 4 8 7	LICENSE (BPCT-4276) for an alternate Main Visual Amplifier.	GRANTED	2-4-71

BTC-5833 PETITION TO DENY 2-6--69 by John P. Bankson, Jr. for Station Representatives Association, Inc. Form BC-121 September 1969

#### APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KMBC-TV

Name METROMEDIA, INC. Ch. 9 Kansas City, Missouri

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BRCT-177 Rec. & filed PN Recd PRESS	11-2-70 11-2-70 11-2-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE MAIN TRANS. & ANT. AUX. TRANS. Amended 1-22-71 re officers & other business	interests	1-29-71
BPCT-4505 R & F #047441 \$50 AC: 062 PRESS:	3-2-72 3-3-72 3-3-72 MAR 1 0 1972	CP to install an Alternate Main Trans. (RCA TT-25FH) at Main Trans. location.	GRANTED	3-15-72
BRCTV-69 R & F #061086 \$50 AC: 069 PRESS:	4-5-72 4-5-72 4-5-72 APR 21 1972	Req. auth. to oper. trans. by RC from 222 West 11th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.	Granted	8-29-72
		F.C.C WASHINSTON, D. C.		

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KMBC-T

Name METROMEDIA, INC.
CH-9 KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BLCT-2166 R & F #092234 \$50 AC: 069 PRESS:	7-17-72 7-18-72 7-18-72 AUG 24 1972	Lic. to cover (BPCT-4505) for an Alternate Main Trans.	GRANTED	8-29-72
BRCT-177 R & F PN REC'D PRESS:	10-30-73 11-2-73 2 8 NOV 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	1-31-74
BRCT-177 R&F PN RECD PRESS 1	10-1-76 10-1-76 10-18-76 9 OCT 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE  (Alt. Main Trans. & Main Ant.)  -NO CONTOURS FILED: Atty: will-file. 1-13-77  ONNERSHIP REPORT: See exhibit 3.  Letter received 12-16-76 with regard to complaint filed against KMBC-TV Weston  Ltr. 2-3-77 re Dick Shiben's ltr. of 1-14-77.	GRANTED COMMISSIO	N ACTION

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the informal objection filed by the Kansas City Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People IS GRANTED to the extent noted in paragraphs 8, 11, and 15, supra, and IS DENIED in all other respects. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the application of Metromedia, Inc. for renewal of license for Station KMHC-TV, Kansas City, Missouri, IS GRANTED subject to whatever action, if any, the Commission may deem appropriate as a result of the final determination of pending employment discrimination complaints filed by Bobbie Burks (TKC5-0402) and Jean Parker (TKC5-0403), and the licensee shall immediately notify the Commission of final determination in those cases.

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May 1976

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Letters WEC-TV

.Metromedia, Inc. Name Ch-9 Kansas City, Missouri Action Application for Date Nature File No. Dated BPCT-5115 CP chg type Trans to: RCA, TT-50 FH 9-9-77 DISMISSED 3-31-78 R&F 9-9-77 UNNECESSARY PER SECTION Atty---73.640 OF THE RULES. PRESS DEC 2 3 1977 BRCT-791001KG 10-1-79 GRANTED 1-24-80 10-1-79 ATTY: THOMAS J. DOUGHERTY PPN REC D 10-1-79 EMETROMEDIA, INC. PRESS

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

#### **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 radio 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.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 television station history.

