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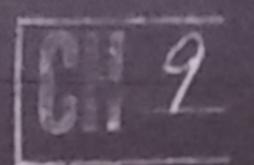
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B S CARD #1 First C.O. 8-25-53 (Started 8-30-53) LICENSE RECORD COMMERCIAL TV

Date first licensed 10-10-56 (Off.No. 205)



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ABILENE RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY (BAPCT-144 gr. 3-16-55 Eff; 4-1-55)

KLEWIS J. ACKERS, SYBIL ACKERS, DALE ACKERS AND JACK ANDREWS d/b as

ABILENE RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY (DAFCT-132 gr. 12-9-54 EFF: 1-11-55)

Name of licensee XTHE REPORTER BROADCASTING COMPANY

Wear Highway 84,11Miles South of Abilene on Cedar Gap Mountain, Near Abilene, Texas (BLCT-1017,6-20) In miles South of Abilene on Cedar Gap Mtn., on Hwy. 84, Near Abilene, Texas (BFCT-10-12-59),6-20 On On Cedar Cap Mountain

Transmitter location Enr./Highway 84, Approx. 11 mi. South of city of Abilene, Texas

2510 South Fourteenth Street, Abilene, Texas (Letter 5-27-54, with STA)

XU. S. Route 277, near Abilene, Texas

X near Highway 84, approximately 11 miles South of City, nr. Abilene, Texas

Main studio location X To be determined, Abilene, Texas

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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Name of licensee ABILENE RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY (BAPCT-144, gr. 3-16-55 Eff:

Transmitter location See Card # 1

Main studio location

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Station location Abilene, Texas

Name of licensee ABILENE RADIO AND TELEVISION COMPANY

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Main studio location ___See Card #1.

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Name THE REPORTER BROADCASTING COMPANY (P.O. 984 North 4th Street, Abilene, Texas)

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BPCT-1163 Recd Filed	7-11-52 7-14-52 7-14-52	CP for a new Commercial TV Broadcast Station Freq: Ch # 9, 186-192 Mc. ERP: Vie. 22 bw. Aur. 11 bw. Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: To be determined, Abilene, Texas T-L: Near U.S. Hwy. 84, 11 miles South of Abilene, Texas (Vis. & Aur. RCA-TT-2AH) (7704)	GRANTED	4-15-53
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	4-9-53 4-10-53 4-10-53	Filed by Frederick H. Walton, Jr. Atty. Amended to change ERP from Vis. 22 kw, Aur. 11 kw to Vis. 18.77 kw, Aur. 9.385 kw; antenna height above average terrain from 770' to 772'; and correctYgeographical coordinates		
		F.C.C WASHINGTON, D. G.		

Everett L. Dillard, Engr.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
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		F.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.		

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Name THE REPORTER BROADCASTING COMPANY
Abilene, Texas

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BMPCT-126' Rec'd Filed	7 7-21-53 7-22-53 7-22-53	Mod. of construction permit (BPCT-1163, as mod., which authorized a new comm'l TV B/C station) to increase ERP from Vis-25.7kw and Aur-12.9kw to Vis-29.5kw and Aur-15.9kw, install new transmitters and change antenna system. (772') (Vis and Aur - GE TT-6-E Filed by Frederick H. Walton, Jr., Atty.	GRANTE	7-31-53
BTC-1533 Recd Filed	7-5-53 7-13-53 7-13-53	Voluntary transfer of control of permittee from Eva May Hanks, Howard Barrett, Athalene Gulley, George S. Anderson, Ben M. David and Max Bentley to Lewis J., Sybil and Dale Ackers, and Jack Andrews Filed by Frederick H. Walton, Jr. Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	9-16-53

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Abilene, Texas

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	tion Date	
BMPCT-1963 Recd & filed	3-8-54	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1163 as modified which auth. a new Comm TV b/c station) to change studio location from Near Hwy # 84 approx. Il miles South of City, Near Abilene, Texas to U. S. Route 277, Near Abilene, Texas and request Waiver of Sec. 3.613 of the Commission's Rules. Filed by Eugene L. Burke, Atty.	GRANTED	3-16-54	
BMPCT- Recd.	3-25-54 3-29-54	Mod. of CP(BPCT-1163, as mod., which suthor- ized a new Comm. TV B/C station) to extend completion date from 4-15-54 to 10-15-54. Filed by E. L. Burke, Atty.			to
BMPCT-2551 Recd & file	Charles and the Control of the Contr	Modification of construction permit (BPOT- 1163 as mod., which auth. a new comm. TV b/c station) for extension of completion date from 10-15-54 to 1-15-55 Filed by Eugene L. Burke, Atty. F.C.C WASHINGTON. D. C.	GRANTED	10-15-54	

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Abilene, Texas

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Natur	ction Date
BAPCT-132 Rec'd Filed	11-8-54 11-26-54 11-26-54	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Lewis J. Ackers, Sybil Ackers, Dale Ackers and Jack Andrews d/b as Abilene Radio and Television Company. Rugene L. Burke, Atty.	GRANTEL	
BAPCT-144 Recd.&Filed	2-8-55 2-16-55	Assignment of Construction Permit from Lewis J. Ackers, Sybil Ackers, Dale Ackers and Jack Andrews d/b as Abilene Radio and Television Company to Abilene Radio and Television Company. Filed by Eugene L. Burke, Atty.	GRA TED	3-16-55 4-1-55
BMPCT-2994 Recd & file Ext # 4		Mod. of CP(BPCT-1163 as mod. which auth. a	RANTED	3-30-55
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BMPCT-3476 Recd&filed Ext.#5		Mod. of CP (BPCT-1163, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta) to extend completion date from 10-15-55 to Filed by Eugene L. Burke, Atty.	GRANTED	10-19-55
BLCT-397 Recd.&Filed	10-25-55	License to cover CP(BPCT-1163, as mod.) which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station. Filed by Eugene L. Burke, atty.	GRANTED	10-10-56
BRCT-205 Recd.&Filed	4-27-59 5-4-59	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Filed by Eugene L. Durke, Atty.	GRANTED	9-16-59
		F.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.		

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3	BPCT-2696	9-4-59	CP to change ERP from Vis. 27.5 kw, Aur.	GRANTED	10-12-59
-	Recd & filed		13.8 kw, to Vis. 145 kw, Aur. 72.5 kw change type of transmitters (to Œ TT-23-A) and antenna (to Œ TY-70-F) and make other equipment changes. Filed by Arthur H. Schroeder, Atty.		
	BLCT-1017 R&F	2-19-60 2-29-60	License to cover construction remit (EPCT- 2696) which authorized changes in existing station. Filed by Arthur H. Schroeder, Atty.	GRANTED	6-20-63
	BRCT-205 Recd.&Filed	4-20-62 5-1-62	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Arthur H. Schroeder, Atty.	GRANTED	7-24-62
	BPCT-3160 Recd. Filed	3-15-63 3-18-63	and make other edulmining didinger.	ND: re con	pliance with of rules
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Abilene, Texas

	File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	1on Date
	BLCT-1298	8-5-63	License to cover CP (BPCT-3160)which author-	GRANTED	12-15-64
	Recd.& Filed	8-6-63	ized changes in existing station.	Issued w	th BMLCT-203
1	MAIN TRANS. &	ANTENNA	Arthur H. Schroeder, Atty.		
	BMLCT-135 Recd.&Filed AUX. TRANS.	8-5-63	Modification of license to utilize the driver of previously authorized transmitters (G.E. TT-6E, licensed in BLCT-397) as Auxiliar Transmitters at the main transmitter location (Contingent on grant of BLCT-1298) Arthur H. Schroeder-atty	CANCELLED	mast of
	BMLCT-203 Recd. Filed	10-26-64	177 5 lov +a 70 1 low	GRANTED 1	
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	BRCT- 205 Recd.&Filed	4-14-65 4-19-65	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Miller & Schroeder, Atty.	GRANTED 7-	2-65
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	BLCT-1577	5-11-66	LICENSE to cover CP (BPCT-3492)which		
	R&F	5-13-66	authorized changes in an existing station. Miller add Schroeder, Atty.	GRANTEL	6-5-67
	BPCT-3838	9-13-66	Construction Permit to install an Auxiliary		
	R&F	9-15-66	Antenna system (GE TY-70-F) at the Main	GRANTI	ED 10-10-66
	AUXILIARY A	NIENNA	Trans.& Antenna location. Miller & Schroeder, Atty.		
	BLCT-1620 R & F	10-21-66	License to cover CP(BPCT-3838) which auth. installation of Auxiliary Antenna System.	GRANTED	5-9-67
	AUXILIARY	ANIENNA	Miller & Schroeder, Atty. (John P. Bankson, Troy R. Mallon, Engr.	dr.)	
	BRCT-205	4-26-68	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	#425626	\$180. 5-1-68
	Rec'd&File	5-1-68	MILLER & SCHROEDER (Arthur H. Schroeder) Atty.		
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ENGR.DATA FILE BRCT-205 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	ED_7=6=70 4-19-71 4-30-71 MAY 1 9 1971 4-30-71	Renewal of License (Main Trans. & Ant.) (Muxiliary Ant.) Atty.: Miller, Schroeder & Bankson	GRANTED	7-29-71
BRCT-205 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	4-15-74 4-22-74 4-22-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Arthur H. Schroeder (Miller and Schroe (Main Trans. & Ant. and Aux. Ant.) Annual Report Filed Amended 6-11-74 re community interest	GRANTED der)	7-31-74
BRCT-205. R&F PN RECD PRESS	3-1-77 3-24-77 3-24-77 APR 1 5 19	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Main Trans. & Ant.)(Aux. Ant.) Atty.: William Barnard (Miller and Schroeder)	GRANTED	7-21-77

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	File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	tion Date		
	BTCTV-790423 R & F PRESS: (Form 316)	4-23-79	Involuntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Sybil Ackers to L. Dale Ackers, Executor of the Estate of Sybil Ackers, Deceased. Atty.: Kenkel and Barnard	GR.	5-25-79	79	
	BRCT- ADD327KHL R & F PN REC'D	3-20-80 3-27-80 3-27-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: WILLIAM M. BARNARD {BARNARD AND KENKEL}	GRANTED	11-17-80		
	BMLCT-790702	KK	ML to install a new trans. (Harris BT-25H2).				
			"SEE EXECUPORT FOR INFO"				
			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 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 television station history.

