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First Oper. 12-4-49

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June 1954

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 3-16-51 (Off. #66)

Call letters KPHO-TV

Station location Phoenix, Arizona

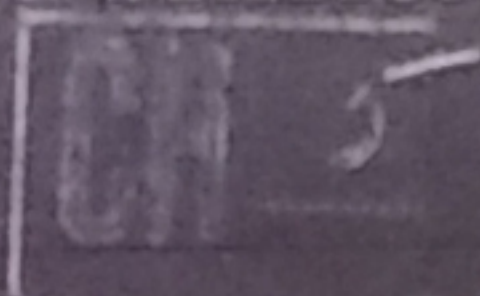
Name of licensee MEREDITH CORPORATION (BALCT-373 12-30-68 EFF: 2-1-69)

Transmitter location South Mountain Park, Phoenix, Arizona (BLCT-1049 7-24-62)

Main studio location 4016 North Black Canyon, Phoenix, Arizona (TEL. 11-6-71)
X 631 North First Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona (BLCT gr. 3-16-51)

B.S. CARD #1 **BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD COMMERCIAL TV B/C**

First operation: 12-4-49



KPHO-TV letter 10-4-49

Date first licensed 3-16-51
(Official #66)

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Sta. Location: Phoenix, Arizona

MEREDITH BROADCASTING COMPANY (EMLCT-84, 7-12-60)

X MEREDITH ENGINEERING COMPANY (BAL-19 Gr. 8-13-52 EFF: 8-22-52)

X PHOENIX TELEVISION, INC. (BAPCT-15 8-24-49 Eff: 10-4-49)

X R. L. WHEELOCK, W. L. PICKENS, H. H. COFFIELD AND JOHN B. MILLS

Name of licensee d/b/as PHOENIX TELEVISION COMPANY

South Mountain Park, Phoenix, Arizona (BLCT-1049, 7-24-62)

X Mt. Suappoa, 8 1/2 miles South of Phoenix, Aria. (CP 1-9-59)

Transmitter location X Westward Ho Hotel, 618 North Central, Phoenix, Arizona

631 North First Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona (BLCT gr. 3-16-51)

Main studio location X Westward Ho Hotel, 618 North Central, Phoenix, Arizona

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Eff. rad. Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPCT-388	6-22-48	Ch. #5, V-17.5 kw 76-82 mcA- 8.7 kw		U	8-2-48 2-2-49
C. P. for a new commercial tv broadcast station.					
BMPCT-433	2-14-49	Same	Same	Same	6-2-48 6-15-49
Mod. of C.P. (BPCT-388) for ext. of completion date.					
BMPCT-544	7-27-49	Same	Same	Same	8-2-48 11-27-49
Mod. of C.P. (BMPCT-544) for ext. of completion date.					
BAPCT-15	8-24-49	Voluntary assignment of Construction-t-Permit from R.L. Wheelock, W.L. Dickens, H.H. Coffield and John B. Mills d/b as Phoenix Television Company to Phoenix Television, Inc.			
Eff:	9-10-49				
BMPCT-658	11-29-49	Same	Same	Same	8-2-48 5-27-50
Mod. of CP (BMPCT-544 as mod.) for ext. of completion date.					
11-29-49 STA operate on comm. basis in exact accordance with current CP period 12-4-48 to 5-27-50.					
BMPCT-726	5-4-50	Same	Same	Same	8-2-48 11-27-50
Mod. of CP (BPCT-388 as mod.) for ext. of completion date.					
5-4-50 EXT STA operate on commercial basis in exact accordance with current CP period 5-28-50 to 11-27-50.					
BLCT-83	3-16-51	Ch. #5, V-17.5 kw 76-82 A- 8.7 kw Mcs.		U	3-16-51 2-1-52
License to cover CP (BPCT-388 as mod.) & to change studio location					
BSCT-66	1-30-52	Extension of license			2-1-52 5-1-52
BRCT-66	4-30-52	Same	Same	Same	4-30-52 10-1-52
Renewal of license					
BTC-1312	6-25-52	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from John B. Mills, J. N. Barber, John C. Collins, Irvine Caldwell and Phoenix Broadcasting, Inc. to Meredith Engineering Company and Meredith Syracuse Television Corporation			
EFF:	7-17-52				

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CARD #2

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD COMMERCIAL TV B/C

Date first licensed

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Name of licensee PHOENIX TELEVISION, INC......

Transmitter location See Card #1.....

Main studio location See Card #1.....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BALCT-19 EFF	8-13-52 8-22-52	Voluntary assignment of license from Phoenix Television, Inc. to Meredith Engineering Company			
Wire	9-30-52	Action on renewal deferred and continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal.			
BRCT-66	10-15-52	Same	Same	Same	10-15-52 10-1-53
		Renewal of License			
BRCT-66	9-16-53	SAME	SAME	SAME	10-1-53 10-1-54
		Renewal of License			
BRCT-66	9-15-54	CH # 5	76-82 mc	U	10-1-54 10-1-56
		Conversion of obstructed parking specifications RENEWAL OF LICENSE & correct ERP, etc			
BRCT-66	9-11-56	same	same	same	10-1-56 10-1-59
		RENEWAL OF LICENSE			
BPCT-2580 AH: 1770	1-9-59	CH # 5	76-82 Mc	U	3-9-59
		50 kw	50 kw	antenna	9-9-59
		Change type 1 and antenna			
BMPCT-5361	9-1-59	same	same	same	3-9-59
		Mod. of CP (BPCT-2580) to extend completion date			
					3-9-60
BRCT-66	9-16-59	same	same	same	10-1-59 10-1-62
		RENEWAL OF LICENSE			
BMPCT-5440	2-17-60	same	same	same	3-9-59
		Mod. CP (BPCT-2580, as mod) to extend completion dt.			
					9-9-60
BMPCT-5486	7-12-60	same	same	same	3-9-59
		Mod. CP (BPCT-2580, as mod) to change name/			
					9-9-60
BMLCT-84	7-12-60	same	same	same	7-12-60
		change name to Meredith Broadcasting Company			
					10-1-62
WIRE	7-13-60	RE LICENSE APPLICATION BLCT-1049.			
		AUTHORITY GRANTED OPERATE KPHO-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCOR-			
		DANCE SECTION 3.629 RULES AND CP BMPCT-5440.			
BPCT-2811	12-22-60	CH # 5	76-82	Emergency, test & mainten.	2-22-61
				purposes only.	8-22-61
		CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR AUXILIARY TRANSMITTER			
		AND ANTENNA			
	8-23-61	CH # 5	76-82	Emergency, test & mainten.	2-22-61
		CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR AUXILIARY TRANSMITTER			
		AND ANTENNA			
		AUTHORITY GRANTED OPERATE KPHO-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCOR-			
		DANCE SECTION 3.629 RULES AND CP BMPCT-5440.			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters **KPHO-TV**

Station location

Name of licensee **MEREDITH BROADCASTING COMPANY**Transmitter location **See card #1**

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BLCT-1049 AH: 1770' MAIN TRANS. & ANT.	7-24-62	Ch. 5 76-82	V:100 kw A:50 kw	U MSL:2987'	7-24-62 10-1-62 License to cover CP(BPCT-2580, as mod.)
BRCT-66 MAIN TRANSMITTER AND ANTENNA RENEWAL OF LICENSE	9-19-62	same	same	same	10-1-62 10-1-65
BLCT-1132 AUX. TRANS. & ANTENNA Lic. to cover CP (BPCT-2831)	10-3-62	Ch. 5 76-82Mcs.		Emergency, test & Maintenance use	10-3-62 10-1-65
BMLCT-171 AH:1770' MSL:2987' MAIN TRANS. & ANT. Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP & change type of aural transmitter	9-30-64	CH.#5 78-82 Mc	V-100kw A-15kw	U	9-30-64 10-1-65
BRCT-66 AH:1770' MSL:2987' RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA)	9-10-65	CH.#5 78-82 Mc	V-100kw A-15kw	U	10-1-65 10-1-68 <i>Cond'l</i>
BRCT-66 RENEWAL OF LICENSE (AUX. TRANS. & ANT.)	9-10-65	CH.#5 76-82mcs.	Emergency, test & Maintenance use		10-1-65 10-1-68 <i>Cond'l</i>
BRCT-66 1. MAIN TRANS. & AND ANTENNA 2. AUXILIARY TRANS. & ANTENNA	11-12-68	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			10-1-71
BALCT-373 BRCT-66 MAIN TRANS. & ANT, AUX. TRANS. & ANT.	12-30-68 9-30-71	Vol A/L			
EBSA BRCT-66 Main Trans. & Ant.	5-15-72 9-26-74				
BRCT-66 (Main Trans. & Ant.) (Aux. Trans. & Ant.)	9-12-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ()			10-1-80
BRCTV-7807225IH (1)	9-28-78	REMOTE CONTROL			
BPCT-790129LH MSL:2987' ERP:V16.9kw A2.5kw CP to make chgs. in transmitting equipment.	8-29-79	CH-5, 78-82MHz		AH:1770'	

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BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

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Station Location

Name **MEREDITH BROADCASTING COMAPNY**

Transmitter Location

Main studio location

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BRCTV 790606KF	9-28-79	REMOTE CONTROL	

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CARD #1

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COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call **K T L X**R. L. WHEELLOCK, W. L. PICKENS, H.H. COFFIELD and JOHN B. Letters ~~---N-R-N---~~Name **MILLS d/b as PHOENIX TELEVISION COMPANY**
(P.O. 1517 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-388 Rec'd Filed	3-4-48 3-26-48 3-26-48	Construction permit for a new commercial television b/c station Frequency: Ch.#5, 76-82 mc. ERP: Vis. 17.5 kw, Aur. 8.7 kw Hours of Operation: Unlimited S & T-Location: Westward Ho Hotel, 618 North Central, Phoenix, Arizona (Vis. DuMont, 1000, Aur. DuMont, 2000) Filed by Frank H. McIntosh, Engr.	GRANTED	6-2-48
BPCT-433 Rec'd Filed	1-18-49 1-31-49 1-31-49	Mod. of CP (BPCT-388 which authorized new Comm. TV b/c station) for extension of completion date from 2-2-49 to 6-15-49	GRANTED	2-14-49
BMPCT-544 Rec'd Filed	5-30-49 6-1-49 6-1-49	Mod. of C.P. (BPCT-388, as mod., which authorized new Comm. TV b/c station) for extension of completion date from 6-15-49 to 9-15-49. Filed by Maurice R. Barnes, Atty. (of 6-29-49	Denied subject to filing request for hearing within 20 days (Order) 7-27-49, action reconsidered and appl. granted,	6-29-49

Frank H. McIntosh, Engr.
710 14th St., N. W.
Wash., D. C.

Ross Bohannon, Att'y
1517 Commerce St. Dallas, Texas

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PHOENIX TELEVISION, INC.

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Letters

Name x R. L. Wheelock, W.L. Pickens, H. H. Coffield And John B. Mills d/ b
Phoenix Television Company. (Phoenix, Arizona.)

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAPCT-15 Recd & Filed	6-11-49 6-21-49	Voluntary assignment of Construction Permit from R. L. Wheelock, W.L. Pickens, H.H. Coffield and John B. Mills d/b as Phoenix Television Company to Phoenix Television, Inc. Filed by Maurice R. Barnes, Atty.	GRANTED	8-24-49
BMPCT-658 Recd & Filed	11-23-49 11-28-49	Mod. of CP (BPCT-388 as mod. which authorized new Comm. TV B/c station) for extension of completion date from 11-27-49 to 5-27-50. Filed by Maurice R. Barnes, Atty.	GRANTED	11-29-49
BMPCT-726 Recd & Filed	4-26-50 5-1-50	Mod. of CP (BPCT-388 as mod. which authorized new Comm. TV B/c station) for extension of completion date from 5-27-50 to 11-27-50. Filed by Maurice R. Barnes, Atty.	GRANTED	5-4-50
BLCT-83 Recd & Filed	11-15-50 11-17-50	License to cover CP (BPCT-388 as mod. which authorized new Comm. TV B/c Station) & to change S-L from Westward Ho Hotel, 618 North Central Phoenix, Ariz. to 631 N. First Avenue., Phoenix, Arizona. Filed by Maurice R. Barnes, Atty.	GRANTED	3-16-51

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MEREDITH ENGINEERING COMPANY

Letters K P H O-TVName PHOENIX TELEVISION, INC.

(PHOENIX, ARIZONA)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-66 Recd & Filed	10-30-51 11-1-51	Renewal of license. Filed by Maurice R. Barnes, Atty.	GRANTED	4-30-52
BTC-1312 Recd & Filed	5-15-52 5-27-52	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee Corporation from John B. Mills, J. N. Harber, John C. Mullins, Erskine Caldwell and Phoenix Broadcasting, Inc. <u>to</u> Meredith Engineering Company and Meredith Syracuse Television Corporation. Filed by Maurice R. Barnes, Atty. for Transferor Andrew G. Haley, Atty. for transferee.	GRANTED EFF:	6-25-52 7-17-52
BALCT-19 Recd & Filed	7-30-52 8-4-52	Voluntary assignment of license from Phoenix Television, Inc. <u>to</u> Meredith Engineering Company. Filed by Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED EFF	8-13-52 8-22-52
BRCT-66 Recd & Filed	9-18-52 9-23-52	Renewal of license Filed by Andrew G. Haley, Attorney	GRANTED	10-15-52

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Letters KPHO-TVName MEREDITH ENGINEERING COMPANY

Station Loc.

(P.O. 1716 Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa)Phoenix, Ariz.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-66 Recd & filed	6-22-53 6-25-53	Renewal of license Filed by Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED	9-16-53
BRCT-66 Recd & filed	6-16-54 6-29-54	Renewal of license Filed by Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED	9-15-54
BRCT-66 RECD & FILED	6-19-56 7-2-56	Renewal of license. Filed by Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED	9-11-56

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Letters KPHO-TVName MEREDITH ENGINEERING COMPANYPhoenix, Arizona

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-2580 Rec.& filed	11-25-58 11-28-58	Construction permit to change ERP from Vis. 14.4 kw, Aur. 7.24 kw TO Vis. 100 kw, Aur. 50 kw; change transmitter location from Westward Ho Hotel, 618 North Central, Phoenix, Arizona TO 8½ miles South of Phoenix, near Phoenix, Arizona; change type transmitters to RCA TT 25 CL; type of antenna to RCA TF-6BM; antenna height above average terrain from 400 ft. to 1770 feet; changes in antenna system and equipment, and changes in programming. Lohnes and Culver-engr. Andrew G. Haley-atty.	GRANTED	1-9-59
BRCT-66 Recd.&Filed	6-9-59 6-26-59	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Direct (Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED	9-16-59
BMPCT-5361 Recd.& Filed	7-22-59 8-4-59	Mod. of CP(BPCT-2580 which authorized changed in existing station) to extend completion date from 9-9-59 to 3-9-60. Andrew G. Haley, atty.	GRANTED	9-1-59

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Name **X** ~~MEREDITH BROADCASTING COMPANY~~
~~MEREDITH ENGINEERING COMPANY~~
 Phoenix, Arizona

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-5440 Recd & filed	2-8-60 2-10-60	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2580, as mod., which authorized changes in existing station) to extend completion date from 9-9-60 to 9-9-60 Filed by Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED	2-17-60
BMLCT-84 rec. & filed	6-9-60 6-13-60	Modification of license to change name TO Meredith Broadcasting Company	GRANTED	7-12-60
BMPCT-5486 rec. & filed	6-9-60 6-13-60	Modification of CP (BPCT-2580, as mod, which authorized changes in existing station) TO change name to Meredith Broadcasting Company	GRANTED	7-12-60
BLCT-1049 Recd & Filed	7-9-60 7-11-60	License to cover CP (BPCT-2580 as mod, which authorized changes in existing station) and to redescribe transmitter location as South Mountain Park, Phoenix, Arizona Andrew G. Haley-atty	GRANTED	7-24-62

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Letters KPHO-TVName MEREDITH BROADCASTING COMPANYPhoenix, Arizona

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-2831 Recd.&Filed AUX. TRANS. & ANTENNA	10-27-60 11-15-60	Construction permit to maintain previously licensed Main transmitter (Vis. DuMont 1000, Aural DuMont 2000) and antenna (RCA TF-3A, formerly authorized in BLCT-83) as an Auxiliary transmitter and Antenna system, at the present main transmitter location. Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED	12-22-60
BLCT-1132 Recd.&Filed AUX. TRANS. & ANTENNA.	8-16-61 8-21-61	LICENSE to cover CP (BPCT-2831, which authorized previously licensed Main Transmitter and antenna formerly authorized in BLCT-83) as an Auxiliary Transmitter and Antenna, at the present Main Transmitter Location. Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED	10-3-62

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Name MEREDITH BROADCASTING COMPANY
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-66 Recd.&Filed MAIN TRANS.	4-30-62 7-3-62 & ANTENNA	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-19-62
BRCT- Recd. * AUX. TRANS.	4-30-62 7-3-62 & ANTENNA	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	Returned 10-3-62	as unnecessary
BMLCT-171 Recd.&Filed MAIN TRANS.&	8-28-64 8-31-64 ANTENNA	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 50 kw to 15 kw; and change type of Aural transmitter to RCA TT6AL. Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED	9-30-64
BRCT-66 Recd.&Filed MAIN TRANS. &	6-9-65 7-2-65 ANT.	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-10-65
BRCT-66 Recd.&Filed AUX. TRANS. &	6-9-65 7-2-65 ANT.	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-10-65

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MEREDITH CORPORATION

Name MEREDITH BROADCASTING COMPANY

CH. 5 PHOENIX, ARIZONA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-66 R & F	5-21-68	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	#440370 \$150.	7-1-68
1-MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA	7-1-68	Michael H. Bader, Atty. (HALEY, BADER & POTTS)	GRANTED	11-12-68
2-AUX. TRANS. & AUX. ANT.	JUL 12 1968	AMENDED 10-1-68 re programming.		
BALCT-373	12-5-68	Voluntary assignment of license to Meredith Corporation.	GRANTED	12-30-68
Rec. & filed \$30	12-9-68		EFF:	2-1-69
PN Recd. PRESS	DEC 18 1968			
Form 316 filed with AM				
	10-6-70	Annual license fee paid \$190.00 #634791		

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Letters KPHO-TVName MEREDITH CORPORATIONCh. 5 Phoenix, Arizona

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-66 Rec. & filed PN Recd PRESS	6-11-71 7-6-71 7-6--71 AUG 2 1971	RENEWAL OF LICENSE MAIN TRANS. & ANT. AUX. TRANS. & ANT. Michael Bader (Haley, Bader)	GRANTED	9-30-71
BTC-7286 R & F #s 249568 & 67 AC: 051 \$250 PRESS: (Form 316)	11-2-73 11-6-73 11-6-73 NOV 16 1973	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from E. T. Meredith III and others of the Meredith and Bohlen Families (de jure) to E. T. Meredith III and others of the Meredith and Bohlen Families: (de facto). Atty.: Haley, Bader & Potts	EFF:	10-5-73

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

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Name MEREDITH CORPORATION
CH-5 Phoenix, Arizona

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-66 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	7-1-74 7-3-74 7-3-74 JUL 15 1974	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Main Trans. & Ant.) (Auxiliary Trans. & Ant.) Annual Report filed Atty.: Haley, <u>Bader</u> & Potts	GRANTED	9-26-74
BRCT-66 R&F PN RECD PRESS	6-1-77 6-1-77 JUN 4 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Main Trans. & Ant.)(Aux. Trans. & Ant.) No Contours filed:	GRANTED	9-12-77
BRCTV-780725IH R&F PRESS	7-25-78 AUG 23 1978	Request for auth. to oper. trans. by remote control from 4016 N. Black Canyon Highway, Phoenix, Arizona. Atty.: John Wells King	GRANTED	9-28-78

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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 Letters KPHO-TV

Name **MEREDITH CORPORATION**
 CH-5 **PHOENIX, AZ**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-790129LH R & F PRESS:	1-24-79 1-29-79 5-31-79	CP to make chgs. in transmitting equipment (RCA TT-50FL). Atty.: J. Wells King (Haley, Bader & Potts)	granted	8-29-79
BRCTV-790606KF R & F PRESS:	5-22-79 6-6-79 8-16-79	Request authority to operate Auxiliary trans. by remote control from 4016 North Black Canyon Highway, Phoenix, AZ Atty.: J. Wells King (Haley, Bader & Potts)	GRANTED	9-28-79
BRCT- 800602KH R & F PN REC'D	6-1-80 6-2-80 6-2-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE {HALEY, BADER AND POTTS} MICHAEL H. BADER, ATTY. AMENDED 8-14-80 re programming	GRANTED	10-6-80
BLCT-790910KJ R&F PTA PRESS	9-10-79 9-14-79	Lic. to cover CP(BPCT-790129LH) to chg. transmitting equipment. John W. King, Atty.	GRANTED	1-21-81

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 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.

