

KRIS-TV



**REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE**

**Cat. No. 4550L**

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B.S. Card # 1

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD COMM. TV B/C

First C.O. 5-15-56 (Started 5-23-56)

Date first licensed 2-19-57 Off.No. 281

CH 6 Call letters KRIS-TV  
(Sta. Loc. Corpus Christi, Texas)

Name of licensee GULF COAST BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location State Hwy. 44, 13.5 mi. west of Corpus Christi, Nr. Corpus Christi, Texas

409 South Staples, Corpus Christi, Texas (Comm. ltr. 12-17-57)  
X613-23 Upper North Broadway, Corpus Christi, Texas (BMPCT-4330, 10-24-56)  
Main studio location X Driscoll Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas Lic. 2-19-57



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BPCT-723	12-7-55	Ch. # 6	V 53.7 kw	U	2-7-56
		82-88	A 32.4 kw		8-7-56
CP for a new Comm. TV B/C Station.					
WIRE	5-15-56	Pending filing of Lic. Appl. Auth. gr. to			
KRIS-TV	Temp. for Per. End.	8-7-56	Comm. basis accord. CP		
BPCT-723.					
BMPCT-4142	8-14-56	same	same	same	2-7-56
Mod. CP (BPCT-723) for extension completion date					10-1-56
WIRE	8-16-56	Pending filing of lic. appli., ext. auth.			
granted to oper. temp. for period ending 10-1-56 Comm.					
Basis accord. CP (BMPCT-4142).					
WIRE	10-5-56	Pending filing amend. to lic. applic.,			
BLCT-524	ext. auth. granted to operate temp. for period				
ending 11-1-56 Comm. Basis accord. CP (BMPCT-4142).					
BMPCT-4330	10-24-56	same	V-53.7	U	2-7-56
			A-26.9 kw		4-24-57
AH 650 ft.					
Mod. CP (BPCT-723, as mod) to chg./ERP, type of transmitters, 7					
Aural and Studio Loc/					
WIRE	11-1-56	Pending filing of amendment to Lic. Appl..			
ext. authority gr. to Opr. KRIS-TV Temp. Per. End. 4-24-57					
Comm. basis accord. CP BMPCT-4330.					
BLCT-524	2-19-57	Ch. #6	V-53.7kw	U	2-19-57 8-1-59
		82-88	A-26.9kw		
License to cover CP (BPCT-723, as mod.).					
BPCT-2277	4-19-57	same	V-100 kw		6-19-57
			A-50 kw		10-19-57
AH 650'					
CP to chg. ERP, type of transmitters.					
WIRE	5-8-57	PENDING FILING LIC. APPL. EXT. AUTH. OPR.			
COMM. BASIS ACCORD. PCT-2277 to 6-3-57					
WIRE	5-31-57	EXT. AUTH. OPR. COMM. BASIS ACCORD.			
PCT-2277 to 6-10-57					
WIRE	6-7-57	PROGRAM TESTS AUTHORIZED			
BLCT-640	7-25-57	CH #6	V-100 kw		7-25-57
		82-88	A-50 kw	U	8-1-59
AH 650'					
License to cover CP (BPCT-2277, as mod.)					
BRCT-281	7-22-59	same	same	same	8-1-59/8-1-62
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					



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Card #2

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters **KRIS-TV** .....

Station location .....

Name of licensee **GULF COAST BROADCASTING COMPANY** .....

Transmitter location .....

Main Studio Location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

APPL. NO.	DATE ISSUED	FREQ.	POWER	TIME DIV.	PERIOD FROM TO
WIRE: 8-2-61 AUTH. GR. OPER. KRIS-TV TEMP. WITH TEMP. ANT. PER. END. 8-14-61 PURPOSE MAJOR OVERHAUL MAIN ANT. ADVISE WHEN NORMAL OPERATIONS RESUMED.					
WIRE: 8-15-61 EXT. AUTH. GR. OPER. KRIS-TV WITH TEMP. ANT PER. END. 8-24-61 PURPOSE MAJOR OVERHAUL MAIN ANT. ADVISE WHEN NORMAL OPERATION RESUMED.					
BRCT-281	8-24-62	same	same	same	8-24-62 8-1-65
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BMLCT-189 AH: 650'	10-21-64	CH. #6 82-88Mc	V-100kw A-20kw	U	10-21-64 8-1-65
Mod. of license to reduce Aural ERP & chg. aural trans.					
ACTION ON RENEWAL DEFERRED 7-21-65					
BRCT-281	9-1-65	same	same	same	9-1-65 8-1-68
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BPCT-4133 AH: 650'	7-23-68	CH-6 82-88	V-100 kw A-20 kw	U	9-23-68 3-23-69
CP to chg. type antenna					
BRCT-281	7-22-68	(S) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-71
WIRE 8-6-68 PEND. INSTALLATION NEW ANT. AUTH. GR. KRIS-TV OPER. TEMP. WITH TEMP. ANT. AND REDUCED ERP PER YOUR LETTER. AUTH. ALSO GR. OPER. TEMP. WITH ANT. SPECIFIED					
BPCT-4133 PEND. FILING LICENSE APPL. THIS AUTH. EXP. 9-6-68					
WIRE 9-5-68 RE TEND. LICENSE APPL. AUTH. GR. OPER. KRIS-TV ON PROG. TEST ACCORD. SEC. 73.629 RULES AND CP					
BPCT-4133					
BLCT-1816	6-16-70	LIC. (BPCT-4133) chgs.			8-1-71
BRCT-281	7-29-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L)			8-1-74
EBSA 5-15-72					
BTC-6988	10-31-72	Involuntary TC			
BPCT-4704	2-28-74	Ch. 6	V. 100 kw	U	4-28-74
AH: 650'	MSL: ----	82-88	A. 10 kw		8-28-75
CP to chg ERP & trans.					
BRCTV-178 (1)	2-15-74	Remote control authority			



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June 1954 CARD#3

COMMERCIAL TV

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters KRIS-TV .....

Station location CORPUS CHRISTI .....

Name of licensee GULF COAST BROADCASTING COMPANY .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To
Wire PTA accord. 73.629 & BPCT-4704.	9-16-74	Re tendered lic. appl.,			auth. grtd. oper.
BLCT-2319					
BRCT-281	11-25-74	Renewal of license (L)			8-1-77
		Lic.(BPCT-4704) for chgs			
BTC-8152	12-8-76	Voluntary transfer of control.			
FBRCT-281	9-9-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-80
BRCT- 800401KV	7-18-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE(S)			8-1-83



FORM A-170

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call Letters **KRIS-TV**  
~~NEW~~Name GULF COAST BROADCASTING COMPANY  
(PO Box. No. 840, Corpus Christi, Texas.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-723	5-30-51	Construction permit for new Comm. TV B/c Station.		
Recd & Filed	6-1-51	Freq: Ch.# 6, 82-88 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 100 kw, Aur. 50 kw. Hours operation: Unlimited. (345') S-L: Driscoll Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas. T-L: Robert Driscoll Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas. (Vis. & Aur. RCA TT-10-L) Filed by B. W. Seward, Atty.	GRANTED	12-7-55
			(Memorandum Opinion & Order) (Doc. 10559)	
			Decision	
AMENDED	6-18-52	(PURSUANT TO SIXTH REPORT & ORDER 4-11-52)		
Recd.	6-30-52			
Filed	6-30-52	FREQ: Channel #6, 82-88 Mc. ERP: <del>Vis. 100 Kw, Aur. 50 Kw</del> Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: Driscoll Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas T-L: <del>Driscoll Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas</del> (Vis. & Aur. <del>RCA TT-35P</del> ) <del>(411)</del> Filed by David E. Tolman, Atty.		



George C. Davis, Engr.



CARD #2

FORM A-170

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call  
Letters ~~NEW~~ KRIS-TVName GULF COAST BROADCASTING COMPANY  
(P.O. Box 840, Corpus Christi, Texas)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-723 AMENDED Rec'd Filed	5-30-53 6-15-53 6-15-53	Vis. Amended to change ERP from 100 kw, Aur. 50 kw to Vis. 53.8 kw, Aur. 32.3 kw; antenna height above average terrain from 411' to 651'; type antenna; type trans. (RCA TT-10AL); trans. location from Driscoll Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas to On State Highway 44, 13.5 miles West of Corpus Christi, Texas; and other equipment	SEE ACTION CARD #1	
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	7-30-53 8-3-53 9-1-53	Amended to change ERP from Vis. 53.8 kw, Aur. 32.3 kw to Vis. 53.5 kw, Aur. 32.1 kw		
BMPCT-4142 Recd. Filed Ext.#1	8-7-56 8-7-56 8-8-56	Mod. of CP(BPCT-723, which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 8-7-56 to 10-1-56. Filed by Seymour M. Chase, Atty.	GRANTED	8-14-56



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FORM BC-121

AUG. 1955

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV

Call  
Letters KRIS-TVName GULF COAST BROADCASTING COMPANY

(P.O. Box 840, Corpus Christi, Texas)

Station Location: Corpus Christi, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-524 Recd & Filed	9-25-56 9-26-56	License to cover construction permit (BPCT-723 as modified) which authorized a new commercial TV broadcast station, and to* Filed by Seymour M. Chase, Atty. *specify studio location as 613-23 Upper North Broadway, Corpus Christi, Texas. (Contingent on receipt of and grant of application for Mod. of C.P. to change type of transmitters.)(Contingent on grant of BMPCT-4330)	GRANTED	2-19-57
BMPCT-4330 Recd & filed	10-11-56 10-12-56	Mod. of CP (BPCT-723 as modified) which auth. a new comm. TV b/c station) to change Aur. ERP from 32.4 kw to 26.9 kw, change type of transmitters and change studio location from Driscoll Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas to 613-23 Upper North Broadway, Corpus Christi, Texas. (BLCT-524 contingent on grant of this application) (651) (RCA-TT10/11AL) Filed by Seymour M. Chase, Atty.	GRANTED	10-24-56



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FORM BC-121  
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

Call  
Letters **KRIS-TV**

Name **GULF COAST BROADCASTING COMPANY**  
**Corpus Christi, Texas**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-2277 Recd & filed	1-26-57 2-1-57	CP to make changes in existing commercial TV B/C station to change ERP from Vis. 53.7 kw Aur. 26.9 kw to Vis. 100 kw, Aur. 50 kw, and change type of transmitters. (651) (RCA TT-25-BL) Filed by Seymour M. Chase, Atty.	GRANTED	4-19-57
BLCT-640 Recd & filed	5-28-57 6-3-57	License to cover CP (BPCT-2277) which authorized changes in facilities of existing commercial TV broadcast station Filed by Seymour M. Chase, Atty.	GRANTED	7-25-57
BRCT-281 Recd. & Filed	4-29-59 5-5-59	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Filed by Robert A. Marmet, Atty.	GRANTED	7-22-59
BRCT-281 Recd. & Filed	4-12-62 5-1-62	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Arthur Stambler, Atty.	GRANTED	8-24-62



FORM BC-121

AUG. 1955

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters KRIS-TVName GULF COAST BROADCASTING COMPANYCh. 6 Corpus Christi, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMLCT-189 Rec.& filed	10-5-64 10-8-64	Modification of license to reduce Aural ERP from 50 kw to 20 kw; and change aural transmitter to RCA TT-10AL. <u>Scharfeld, Bechhoefer, Baron &amp; Stambler, Atty.</u>	GRANTED	10-21-64
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LETTER Dated 2-11-65 REPRESENTS KRIS-TV. (Arthur Stambler, Atty).		FIRM OF GROVE, PAGLIN, JASKIEWICZ, SELLS, GILLIAM AND PUTBRESE, NOW		
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BRCT-281 RECD & FILED	4-13-65 4-22-65	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Grove, Paglin, Jaskiewicz, Sells, Gilliam & Putbrese, Atty.	GRANTED	9-1-65
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BRCT-281 Rec'd & Filed P.N. Press	3-26-68 5-3-68  MAY 15 1968	RENEWAL OF LICENSE SCHARFELD, BECHHOEFER & BARON (Theodore Baron) Atty.	#426153 GRANTED	\$150. 5-3-68 7-22-68
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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters KRIS-TVCH. 6 Name GULF COAST BROADCASTING COMPANY  
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-4133 R & F PRESS	6-4-68 6-7-68 JUN 17 1968	Construction Permit to change type of antenna to General Electric TY-60F (P). Theodore Baron, Atty. (Scharfeld, Bechhoefer)	\$30. #434386 GRANTED	6-7-68 7-23-68
BLCT-1816 R & F ENGR. DATA FILED	8-31-68 9-4-68 7-7-70	License (BPCT-4133) for changes Scharfeld, Bechoefer & <u>Baron</u> , atty.	\$456630 \$30. GRANTED	9-4-68 6-16-70
BRCT-281 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	2-18-71 3-31-71 APR 13 1971 4-21-71	Renewal of License Atty.: FINKelstein & FIREstone Amended 5-17-71 re commercial policies.	GRANTED	7-29-71
BTC-6988 R & F #119897 \$250 AC: 055 PRESS: (Form 316)	10-11-72 10-18-72 10-18-72 OCT 30 1972	Involuntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from T. Frank Smith, Sr. to T. Frank Smith, Jr., Individually and as Executor of the Estate of T. Frank Smith, Sr., Deceased. Atty.: Finkelstein & Firestone	GRANTED	10-31-72 Eff: 11-21-72



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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call KRIS-TV  
Letters .....

GULF COAST BROADCASTING COMPANY  
CH Name ~~CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS~~

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCTV-178 R&F #267093\$50 AC: 058 PRESS:	12-20-73 1-9-74 1-9-74 JAN 24 1974	Request auth. to oper. transmitter by remote control from 409 South Staples Street, Corpus Christi, Texas. Atty: Martin Firestone	GRANTED	12-15-74
BPCT-4704 R&F #267092\$50 AC:058 PRESS:	12-20-73 1-9-74 1-9-74 JAN 24 1974	CP to chg. ERP Aur. 10.0kW; type trans. RCA TT25FL; Atty: Martin Firestone	GRANTED	2-28-74
BRCT-281 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	4-30-74 5-3-74 5-3-74 MAY 30 1974	RENEWAL of LICENSE Atty: Martin E. Firestone (Finkelstein & Firestone) No Annual Report Filed	GRANTED	11-25-74



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call  
Letters ..... KRIS-TVName GULF COAST BROADCASTING COMPANY  
CH-6 Corpus Christi, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-2319 R & F #343882 \$50. AC: 058 PRESS:	9-4-74 9-10-74 9-10-74  <b>SEP 30 1974</b>	License to cover (BPCT-4704) for changes. Atty: Michael Finkelstein (Finkelstein & Firstone)	GRANTED	11-25-74
BTC-8159 R&F 621913 \$200 AC: 047 PN RECD PRESS (FORM 315)	<del>9-24-76</del> 10-6-76 10-6-76  11-16-76 <b>20 OCT 1976</b>	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Helen Smith and T. Frank Smith, Jr. as Executor of the Estate of T. Frank Smith, Deceased, to T. Frank Smith, Jr., Individually.  Atty.: Boasberg, Hewes, <u>Finkelstein</u> & Klores	GRANTED Eff:	12-8-76 12-29-76
BRCT-281 R&F PN RECD PRESS	3-9-77 3-29-77 3 APR 175 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Michael Finkelstein (Boasberg, Hewes, Finkelstein & Klores) Amended 7-21-77 re EEO NO CONTOURS FILED: 4-20-77 F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C. Amended 6-7-77 re visual & aural power	GRANTED	9-9-77







## 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.

