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BS Card # 1 BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-31-55 (Off.No. 144)

KTUL-TV, INC. (AL 6-27-79; Eff:

XLEAKE TV, INC. (BMLCT-692 12-3-69)

XGRIFFIN-LEAKE TV, INC. (BMLCT-214 12-22-64)

X KATV, INC. (BALCT-227 1-20-64 EFF:2-29-64)

X TULSA BROADCASTING COMPANY

LICENSE RECORD

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(Sta. Loc. Huckogoe, Oklahoma)-TULSA, OKLAHOMA 9-6-57

2.3 miles NE of Coweta, Near Coweta, Oklahoma (BPCT-2941 2-19-64)
Stone Bluff Township, 6 miles Northwest of Haskell, Oklahoma (9-6-57no chg., descrip.only
Transmitter location 6 miles northwest of Haskell, Stone Bluff Township, Oklahoma

Lookout Mountain, Red Fork Station, Near Tulsa, Okbahoma (9-6-57 Mod. license)
X 720 East Side Stvd. Muskogee, Oklahoma (BLCT-290, 8-31-55)

Main studio location 2900 Block of Gibson Street extended, East of Muskogee City Limits, Okla.
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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters KTUL-TV

Station location TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Name of licensee TULSA BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location SEE CARD #1

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

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Station location

Name of licensee

TULSA BROADCASTING COMPANY

SEE CARD # 1

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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TULSA BROADCASTING COMPANY Name

(P.O. 111 South Cherokee Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma)

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Natur |
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| BPCT-1261 Recd Filed | 6-16-52 6-26-52 9=11-52 | CP For a new Commercial TV Broadcast station Freq: Ch # 8, 180-186 Mc. ERP: Vis. 316 kw Aur. 158 kw Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: 15 East Broadway, Muskogee, Oklahoma T-L: Atop Concharty Mountain, Stone Bluff Twp. Wagonar County, Oklahoma (Vis & Aur. GE-TT-26-A) (1000) Filed by Frank Spearman, Atty. | GRANTE |
| Amended Recd & file | 8-12-52 8-13-52 | Amended to change type of antenna from GE-TY-28-G to BE-TY-28-H, change the overall height in feet above ground from 707 feet to 719 feet and make other equipment changes. | |
| Amended Recd & file AMENDED Rec'd Filed | 9-10-52 9-11-52 12-5-53 12-28-53 12-28-53 | Amended re stock and date of Exhibit 2A Filed by Frank Roberson, Atty. Amended to change Officers, Directors, Stock-holders; antenna height above everage terrain from 1000' to 1020'; studio loc. from 15 East Broadway, Muskogee, Okla. to 2900 block of Gibson St., extended, Muskogee, Okla.; and equipment changes | |

Action Date 4-7-54 Docket No. 10836 Paul Godley Co., Engr. Upper Montclatr, New Jersey

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FORM A-170 FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

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Name Tulsa Broadcasting Company
Muskogee, Okla.

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| | Dated | Application for | Nature | when the second |
| MPCT-2126 Recd & filed | 5-17-54 | Mod. of CP (BPCT-1261 which auth. a new come TV b/c station) to change studio location from 2900 Block of Gibson Street Extended, Muskogee, Okia. to 805 & 807 East Side Blvd. Muskogee, Okla. | DISMIS | SED LETTER 4-15- |
| BMPCT-2638 Recd&filed | 11-26-54 | Mod. of CP (BPCT-1261 which auth. a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 12-7-54 to 3-7-55. Filed by Frank Roberson Atty. | GRANTED | 12-3-54 |
| Becker Str | 3-29-55 | PETITION for/Cease & Desist Order filed by Clair L. Stout, Atty., behalf Central Plains Enterprises, Inc. (KVUO-TV) | | 8-31-55) |
| | 3-29-55 | PRTITION for Issuance of Cease & Desist Order and For Further Relief, filed by Andrew C. Haley and Michael H. Beder, Attys. bohalf KOTV, Inc. (KOTV) | " | |
| | | P.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C. | | |

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

COMM. TV B/C

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| Muskogee, Oklahoma | | | | | | |
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| 4-8-55 | OPPOSITION to foregoing petitions (KV00-TV & KOTV) filed by Frank U. Fletcher & Frank Robertson, Attve., behalf KTVX. | See Action Card #2 | | | | |
| 3-1-55 | License to cover CP(BPCT-1261, as mod.,) | CRANTED 8-31-55 | | | | |
| 3-7-55 | and to specify a studio location of 720 East Side Boulevard, Muskogee, Oklahoma, in lieu of 2900 Block of Gibson Street, Extended, East of Muskogee City Limits, Muskogee, Okla. Filed by Frank Roberson, Atty. | (Memorandum Opinion & Order) | | | | |
| 4-15-55 | RELUEST for Extension to 4-22-55, within which to make reply to Opposition above, filed by Andrew G. Haley, Atty. behalf KOTV; also requested that action on EPTS-254 & BLTS-228 be withheld panding action on KOTV Petition. Granted Ext. as requested by Clair I Stout, Atty. behalf KVOULTV(Letter 4-20-55 gran | | | | | |
| | Dated 4-8-55 3-1-55 3-7-55 | Application for 4-8-55 OPPOSITION to foregoing petitions (KV00-TV & KOTV) filed by Frank U. Fletcher & Frank Boberson, Attys., behalf KTVI. 3-1-55 License to cover CP (EPCT-1261, as mod.,) which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station and to specify a studio location of 720 East Side Boulevard, Muskogee, Oklahoma, in lieu of 2900 Block of Gibson Street, Extended, East of Muskogee City Limits, Muskogee, Oklahoma, Filed by Frank Roberson, Atty. 4-15-55 REQUEST for Extension to 4-22-55, within which to make reply to Opposition above, filed by andrew G. Haley, Atty. behalf KOTV; also requested that action on EFTS-254 & BLTS-228 be withheld pending action on KOTV Petition. Oranted Ext. as requested teter 4-19-55. Same as above, only Request filed by Clair L. | | | | |

FORM A-170 FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING COLD TV B/C

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Name Tulsa BROADCASTING COMPANY
Muskogee, Okla.

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| File No. | Dated | Application for | Nature | Date |
| Filed | 4-22-55 | REPLY to Opposition of Tulsa B/C Co. (KTVX) For Issuance of A Cease & Desist Order, filed by Clair L. Stout, behalf Central Plain Enterprises, Inc. (KVCO-TV) | | CTION CARD #2 |
| Filed | 4-22-55 | REPLY to Opposition of Tulse B/C (MIVX) filed by Andrew G. Heley & Michael H. Bader, Attys., behalf KOTV-TV | " | " " |
| BRCT-144 RECD & F_LED | 2-22-56 3-9-56 | Renewal of license. Filed by Frank U. Fletcher, Atty. | GRANTED | 5-23-56 |
| Recd & Filed | 8-5-57 | specifying station location as Tulsa, Okla. | ADOPTED 8 | REPORT & ORDER 1-57 IN DOCK IT TO BE EFFECTIVE |
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FORM BC-121 #5 Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING COMM. TV

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| BRCT-144 Recd.&Filed | 2-16-59 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE Filed by Russell Rowell, Atty. | GRANTED | 5-27-59 |
| BPUT-2941 | 9-21-61 | Construction permit to change Aural ERP fro | GRANTED | 2-19-64 |
| R& F | 9-29-61 | and equipment and change antenna height above average terrain to 1276 feet. Russell Rowell-atty George C. Davis-engr. | that this without prowhatever for the Common to the common | ejudice to uture action may deem or desirable the quali- |
| AMENDED | 9-11-63 | Amended to change transmitter location to | orincipals o | |
| Rec.& filed | 9-20-63 | 2.3 mi. NE of Coweta, Oklahoma; type of | ermittee in | |

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FORM BC-121 6 Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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| 1 | BRCT-144 | 2-24-62 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE | GRANTED | 5-28-62 |
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| | BALCT-227 | 12-6-63 | Voluntary assignment of license to KATV, INC. | THE RESERVE THE PARTY OF THE PA | 1-20-64 |
| | Rec. & filed | 12-10-63 | (Contingent on grant of assignment application for KWTV filed simultaneously.) BALCT-226 | n EFF: | 2-29-64 |
| | | | Spearman and Roberson, Atty. | | |
| | | | Voluntary aggionment of Construction Permit | CO ANGED | 2-27-64 |
| | BAPCT-341 Rec.& filed | 2-22-64 | (BPCT-2941) to KATV, Inc. | and the state of t | 2-27-64 |
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| | BMPCT-6012 | 9-15-64 | Mod. of CP(BPCT-2941, which authorized changes | FRANTED | 10-12-64 |
| | Pand Con. | | In existing station to extend completion | | |
| | Recd.&Filed | 9-16-64 | date from 10-19-64 to 4-19-65. | | |
| | | | Frank U. Fletcher, Atty. (*) | | |
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GRIFFIN-LEAKE TV, INC. (12-22-64)

CH.8 TULSA, OKLAHOMA

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| File No. | Dated | Application for | Natur | e Date |
| BMPCT-6040 Recd.&Filed | 11-30-64 | Mod. of CP (BPCT-2941, as mod., which authorize changes in existing station) to change ERP from Vis. 240 kw, Aur. 129 kw to Vis. 206 kw (Horz.), Aur. 103 kw (Horz.); change type of transmitter to RCA TT-25DH; type of antenna to RCA TW-18A8-P; changes in antenna structur and decrease antenna height above average terrain to 1878 feet. Edward F. Kenehan, Atty. (SPEARMAN & ROBERSON) | | 5-17-65 |
| BMLCT-216 | 11-12-64 | Mod. of License to change name from KATV, INC. to GRIFFIN-LEAKE TV, INC. | GRANTED | 12-22-64 |
| Recd.&Filed BMPCT-6042 Recd.&Filed | 11-17-64 | John L. Tierney, Atty. (SPEARMAN & ROBERSON) Mod. of CP (BPCT-2941.as mod., which authorized | | 12-22-64 |
| | | F.C.C WASHINGTON, D.C. | | |

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TULSA, OKLAHOMA

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| File No. BRCT-144 Recd.&Filed | Dated 2-17-65 3-3-65 | Application for RENEWAL OF LICENSE Frank U.Fletcher, Atty. | Act Nature GRANTED | Date 7-14-65 |
| BMPCT-6079 Recd. SFile | 3-9-65 | Mod. of CP (BPCT-2941, as mod., which authorize | RANTED | 4-22-65 |
| BLCT-1483 R & F | 7-1-65 7-6-65 | License to cover CP (BPCT-2941, as mod.,) which | RANTED | 3-17-66 |
| BMPCT- Recd. | 6-28-65 7-22-65 | | RETURNED Sunnece BLCT-1483 | SSATY. |
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| File No. | Dated | Application for | Nature | Date | |
| BMLCT- 376 Rec. & filed | 12-2-65 | Modification of license to reduce aural ERP to 41.1 kw (Horz.) Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, etc., atty. | GRANTED | 3-17-66 | |
| BRCT-144 R & F MAR 1 2 196 | 2-9-68 2-28-68 8 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenehan & Hildreth, (Edward W. Hummers, Jr.) AMENDED 5-2-68 re programming. | CRANTED | 5-28-68 | |
| BTC-5919 Rec.& filed #506448 \$30 PRESS PN RECD. (Form 316) #513627 \$540 \$300 | 4-14-69 Eee pai d APR 2 1 1958 | (Atty: Marvin Rosenberg (Fletcher, Heald AMENDED TO SUBMIT FORM 315 | GRANTED EFF: | 9-22-69 10-1-69 | |

Form BC-121 CARD #10 September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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| o | LEAKE TV, INC. GRIFFIN-LEAKE TV, INC. TULSA, OKLAHOMA | | | | | | |
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| 1 | BMLCT-692 R & F #548211 \$30 | 10-3-69 10-6-69 10-6-69 007 1 8 1969 iled 5-8-70 | ML, chg. name to Leake TV, Inc. Atty.: Edward W. Hummers, Jr. (Fletcher, He Rowell, Kenehan & Hildrech) | GRANTED | 12-3-69 | | |
| 1 | BTC-6255 R & F #599094 \$30 PRESS: PN REC'D: | 5-7-70 5-7-70 | Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from James C. Leake and Marjory G. Leake to Leake Industries, Inc. mAtty.: Marvin Rosenberg (Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenehan & Hildreth) | GRANTED EFF: | 5-22-70 6-30-70 | | |
| | | | F.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C. | | | | |

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Name LEAKE TV, INC.

Ch. 8 Tulsa, Oklahoma

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| BRCT-144 Rec. & filed PN Recd PRESS | 2-15-71 3-3-71 3-3-71 AR 1 8 1971 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE Marvin Rosenberg (Fletcher, Heald) Amended 4-12-71 te Sec. VI. Amended 4-14-71 re Sec. VI. Amended 7-28-71 re Sec.IV. | GRANTED | 5-27-71 | |
| BRCT-144 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS: | 2-1-74 3-4-74 3-4-74 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Marvin Rosenberg (Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenehøn & Hildreth) | GRANTED | 5-31-74 | |
| BRCT-144 R&F PN RECD PRESS | 1-17-77 2-1-77 2-1-77 EB ° 5 1977 | RENEW'L OF LICENSE "tty.:M rvin Rosenberg (Fletcher, He.ld, etc.) Revised Engineering Statement filed 4-27-77. Amended 5-3-77 re EEO Program | GRANTED 5- | -10-77 | |
| | | P.C.C WASHINGTON, D.C. | | | |

Call Letters:

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Name: X LEAKE TV, INC.

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| Station Location: TULSA, UKLANUMA | | | |
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| File No. | Date | Description | Action and Date |
| BALCT-790507KQ R&F PN REC'D (FORM 316) PRESS | 4-26-79 5-7-79 | Voluntary assignment of lic. to KTUL-TV, INC. Marvin Rosenberg, Atty. (Rinkk Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth) | GRANTED 6-27-79 Eff: |
| BRCT- ADD2D1LL R & F PN REC'D PRESS | 1-18-80 2-1-80 2-1-80 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: ROBERT L. HEALD {FLETCHER, HEALD & HILDRETH} | GRANTED 5-22-80 |
| | | | Form BC-121 March 1979 |

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.

