

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

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COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

First licensed

Station Location BROWNSVILLE - TEXAS

TIERRA DEL SOL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Name

N.W. CORNER OF ADAMS GARDENS RESERVOIR NEAR BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Transmitter Location

Main studio location

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilit	Expires	
BPCT-791029KH AH: 1460' MSL CP_FOR_NEW_TV	9-16-80 1549' STATION	. A : ES HO	1380KW 524-530	3-16-82
BPCT-791029KH		CALL LETTERS		
			Form BC- 12A	O-all

Form BC-126 (Bock) December 1978 Form BC-121 May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION (TV) Call Letters

TIERRA DEL SOL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BPCT-791029KH R&F PN REC'D	10-29-79	CP for New TV Station: Freq.: Ch-23, 542-548MB ERP: Vis. 5000kW(M) Aur. 1000kW(M) HAAT: 1470 TL: NW Corner Adams Gardens Reservoir, Nr. Rangerville, TX (26-06-25.6 97-47-30.0) SL: To be determined, Brownsville, TX Trans.: Harris BT-110Ul Ant.:Andrew Slotted Tub Array (BT) Atty.: James J. Freeman (Pierson, Ball & Dowd) Engr.: Steel, Andrus & Associates AMENDED: 8-11-80 re financial	ft.	9-16-80
BMPCT-81022	6KJ	MP (BPCT-791029KH) to chg. ERP to Vis. 2585kV, Aug. 258.5k; chg. TL to 1.6 miles NE of Santa Maria, Texas (26-05-59 97-50-16); chg. Trans. to Harris BT-55UA and make chgs. to the ant. system; HAAT: 1460 ft.		

LETTER 11-3-80 by Joseph F. Hennessey for Tierra del Sol Bradcasting Corp., submitting the: Stock Purchase Agresment to be associated w/ Tierra del Sol file.

LETTER 11-26-80 by J.F. Hennessey for Tierra del Sol Broadcasting Corp.; requesting a Commission ruling waiving Sec. 73.636(A)(1) of the Commission's Rules to permit Mr. Edward L. Gomez to become a stockholder, director, and officer of Tierra del Sol.

ORDER FCC 81-139 29041 ADOPTED 3-26-81 RELEASED 4-6-81 Accordingly, pursuant to Section 5(d) (4) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended IT IS ORDERED, sua sponte, that this matter be referred by the Broadcast Bureau to the Commission for review.

APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING COMMERCIAL TV KVEO(FT)

Call Letters: X K T D S

Name:

TIERRA DEL SOL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

CH-23

Station Location: BROWNSVILLE, TX

File No. Date		Description	Action and Date	
BRCCT-810401KH		Req. for auth. to oper. trans. by RC from SL at 394 North Expressway, Brownswille, Tx.	gr. 6-16-81	
BMLCT-810622KH		Authority to identify station location as Brownsville-McAllen, Texas.		
			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.

