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CARD 1

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

{EFF: 11-16-81}

KTXH{TV}

X KEON
NEW

CH 20

First licensed

Call Letters

Station Location Houston, Texas

Name Channel 20, Inc.

Transmitter Location Alvin-Friendswood Road, 3 miles NNE of Alvin

Main studio location To be determined

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPCT-4972 AH: 1070' MSL:	5-19-80 1238'	CP FOR NEW STATION ON: 506-512 Unl. V. 1230KW; A. 123KW	11-19-80
BPCT-4972	10-27-80	CALL LETTERS & EBSA	
BSTV-27	5-19-80	STV Authority	

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COMMERCIAL TV

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call KEON
Letters (NEW)

Applicant: CHANNEL 20, INC.
 Address: HOUSTON, TEXAS (PO c/o Robert A. Caplan, Suite 600, 777 S. Post Oak Rd., Houston, TX)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-4972 R & F #624743 \$2500 AC: 001 PRESS: PN REC'D:	10-14-76 10-14-76 10-14-76 1 2 NOV 1976 8-7-79	CP for new TV on: Freq.: Ch-20, 506-512MHz ERP: Vis. 5000kW(Max) 3327kW(RMS), Aur. 333kW(RMS) HAAT: 1073 ft. TL: Alvin-Friendswood Rd., 3 mi. NNE of Alvin, Tex. (29-27-57 95-13-23) SL: To be determined Trans.: RCA TTU-110B Ant.: RDA Vee Zee (BT) REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.685(e) OF THE RULES. MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE WITH BPCT-4936, CH-20, HOUSTON, TEXAS Atty.: <u>Cahill</u> , Kaswell & Nerenberg Engr.: Cohen and <u>Dippell</u> Amended 1-24-78 re engineering data of proposed site. AMENDED 5-5-80 re financial	GRANTED	5-19-80
----- atty: Michael Wilhelm {Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard & McPherson.}				

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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(NEW)Name CHANNEL 20, INC.
CH-20 HOUSTON, TEXAS

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			Nature	Date
BSTV-27 R & F #624743 \$700 AG: 001 PRESS: PN REC'D:	10-13-76 10-14-76 10-14-76 1 2 NOV 1976 3-7-79	Request authority to install Subscription Television Equipment. MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE WITH BSTV-24, CH-20, HOUSTON, TEXAS. Atty.: <u>Cahill</u> , Kaswell & Nerenberg	GRANTED	5-19-80

JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF DISMISSAL AGREEMENT 11-26-79 by Henry
Goldberg for Channel 20, Inc. and Channel 20 Houston, Inc.-----

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.

