

# ACTIONS OF THE FCC

April 23 through April 29

Includes data on new stations, changes in existing stations, ownership changes, hearing cases, hearing calendar, new petitions, rules & standards changes and routine roundup.

### Abbreviations:

CP—construction permit. DA—directional antenna. ERP—effective radiated power. STL—studio-transmitter link. synch. amp.—synchronous amplifier. vhf—very high frequency. uhf—ultra high frequency. ant.—antenna. aur.—aural. vis.—visual. kw—kilowatts. w—watts. mc—

megacycles. D—day. N—night. LS—local sunset. mod.—modification. trans.—transmitter. unl.—unlimited hours. kc—kilocycles. SSA—special service authorization. STA—special temporary authorization. (FCC file and hearing docket numbers are given in parentheses.)

### FCC Broadcast Stations Authorizations as of March 31, 1953\*

	AM	FM	TV
Licensed (all on air)	2,405	573	101
CPs on air	19	33	163
Total on air	2,424	607	164
CPs not on air	133	21	255
Total authorized	2,557	628	419
Applications in hearing	82	1	64
New station requests	250	7	639
Facilities change requests	177	41	19
Total applications pending	973	112	740
Licenses deleted in March	0	4	0
CPs deleted in March	3	1	0

\*Does not include noncommercial educational FM and TV stations.

†Authorized to operate commercially.

### AM and FM Summary through April 29

	On Air	Licensed	CPs	Appls. Pending	In Hearing
AM	2,427	2,414	156	245	91
FM	606	569	54	9	1

## New TV Stations . . .

### Decisions

San Francisco, Calif.—S. H. Patterson (KSNB). Granted uhf Ch. 32 (578-584 mc); ERP 81 kw visual, 46 kw aural; antenna height above average terrain 1030 ft., above ground 522 ft. Estimated construction cost \$178,136, first year operating cost \$225,000, revenue \$300,000. Post office address 1355 Market St., San Francisco. Studio location 1355 Market St. Transmitter location 26th between Buchanan & Hoffman. Geographic coordinates 37° 55' 36" N. Lat., 122° 26' 32" W. Long. Transmitter DuMont, antenna RCA. Legal counsel Reed T. Rollo, Washington. Consulting engineer Radio Engineering Co., San Francisco. Applicant is owner of KSNB San Francisco, KJAY Topeka, Kan., and has real estate holdings in California and the Midwest. City priority status: Gr. B-5, No. 212. (BPCT-1646). Granted April 29.

Richmond, Ky.—Blue Grass TV Co. (WFTM Maysville, Ky.). Granted uhf Ch. 60 (746-752 mc); ERP 81 kw visual, 47 kw aural; antenna height above average terrain 550 ft., above ground 539 ft. Estimated construction cost \$159,493, first year operating cost \$140,000, revenue \$160,000. Post office address c/o J. W. Betts, Tobacco Square, Maysville, Ky. Studio and transmitter location 2.2 mi. N. of town on U. S. Rt. 84. Geographic coordinates 37° 46' 54" N. Lat., 84° 19' 34" W. Long. Transmitter DuMont, antenna Workshop Assoc. Legal counsel Harry J. Daly, Washington. Consulting engineer Fred O. Grimwood & Co., St. Louis. Principals include general partners J. W. Betts (14.2%), general manager WFTM; Charles P. Clarke (42.8%), president, Standard Tobacco Co., and J. M. Finch Jr. (42.8%), secretary-treasurer Standard Tobacco Co. Standard Tobacco Co. is applicant for uhf Ch. 24, Maysville, Ky. City priority status: Gr. A-2, No. 516. (BPCT-1649). Granted April 29.

### Call Letters Assigned

- WBLN (TV) Bloomington, Ill.—Cecil Roberts, uhf Ch. 15.
- WSIL-TV Harrisburg, Ill.—Turner-Farrar Assn., uhf Ch. 22.
- WMIN-TV St. Paul—WMIN Bcstg. Co., vhf Ch. 11.
- KHQA-TV Hannibal Mo.—Courier-Post Pub. Co., vhf Ch. 7. Changed from KHMO-TV.
- KXLF-TV Butte, Mont.—TV Montana, vhf Ch. 6.
- WROW-TV Albany, N. Y.—Hudson Valley Bcstg. Co., uhf Ch. 41.
- WGVT (TV) Rochester, N. Y.—Genesee Valley TV Corp., uhf Ch. 27.
- KTVQ (TV) Oklahoma City—Oklahoma County TV & Bcstg. Co., uhf Ch. 25.
- KRBC-TV Abilene, Tex.—Reporter Bcstg. Co., vhf Ch. 9.
- KTPV (TV) Houston—Uhf TV Co., uhf Ch. 23.

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### Television Station Grants and Applications Since April 14, 1952

#### Grants since July 11, 1952:

	Vhf	Uhf	Total
Commercial	115 <sup>4</sup>	220	335 <sup>4</sup>
Educational	2	13	15

#### Total Operating Stations in U. S.:

	Vhf	Uhf	Total
Commercial on Air	140	28	168

#### Applications filed since April 14, 1952:

	New	Amnd.	Vhf	Uhf	Total
Commercial	763	337	613	450	1,100 <sup>2</sup>
Educational	24	7	4	4	24

Total	787	337	620	504	1,124 <sup>2</sup>
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- <sup>1</sup>One CP has been returned.
- <sup>2</sup>One applicant did not specify channel.
- <sup>3</sup>Includes 350 already granted.

Note: Processing of uncontested TV applications has been extended through both the Group A-2 and group B city priority lists.

## Applications

Phoenix, Ariz.—Desert Adv. Co., vhf Ch. 3 (60-66 mc); ERP 100 kw visual, 50 kw aural; antenna height above average terrain 1,630.5 ft., above ground 202 ft. Estimated construction cost \$355,875, first year operating cost \$410,000, revenue \$450,000. Post Office address 301 W. Van Buren St., Phoenix. Studio location 330 N. 3d Ave., Phoenix. Transmitter location atop Salt River Mtn. in S. Mountain Park, Phoenix. Geographic coordinates 33° 20' 1" N. Lat., 112° 3' 44" W. Long. Transmitter DuMont, antenna RCA. Legal counsel McKenna & Wilkinson, Washington. Consulting engineer John H. Mullaney, Washington. Principals include General Partners H. R. Askins (30%), auto supply dealer; William Boutell (20%), investor; Eldon Rempfer (20%), industrial equipment wholesaler; Jack P. Stewart (15%), automobile dealer and builder, and Spencer Stewart (15%), auto dealer and water utility owner. City priority status: Gr. B-4, No. 200. Filed April 23.

Oak Hill, W. Va.—Robert R. Thomas Jr., vhf Ch. 4 (66-72 mc) (assigned Fayetteville); ERP 26.09 kw visual, 15.85 kw aural; antenna height above average terrain 738 ft., above ground 583 ft. Estimated construction cost \$160,703, first year operating cost \$100,000, revenue \$150,000. Post Office address P. O. Box 251, Oak Hill. Studio location 0.7 mi. S. of Oak Hill on U. S. Hwy. 19 & 21. Transmitter location 0.74 mi. NW of Fayetteville,

main Post Office on dirt road. Geographic coordinates 38° 3' 31" N. Lat., 81° 6' 55" W. Long. Transmitter and antenna RCA. Legal counsel Maurice R. Barnes, Washington. Consulting engineer Robert M. Silliman, Washington. Principals include Mr. Thomas, who owns WOAY-AM-FM Oak Hill. City priority status: Gr. A-2, No. 1007-A. Filed April 24.

Peoria, Ill.—C. Wayland and Mary Brooks d/b as Brookwell Enterprises, vhf Ch. 8 (180-186 mc); ERP 316 kw visual, 189.7 kw aural; antenna height above average terrain 1,000 ft., above ground 940 ft. Estimated construction cost \$820,235, first year operating cost \$457,783, revenue \$529,647. Post office address 38 S. Dearborn St., Chicago. Studio location "to be determined," Peoria. Transmitter location S. of U. S. Hwy. 150, 3.5 mi. E. of center of Morton, Ill. Geographic coordinates 40° 36' 48" N. Lat., 89° 23' 44" W. Long. Transmitter and antenna RCA. Legal counsel Scharfield, Jones & Baron, Washington. Consulting engineer George C. Davis, Washington. Principals include Mr. Brooks, who is former senator from Illinois. He is now a lawyer and farmer. Mrs. Brooks also operates a farm. City priority status: Gr. A-2, No. 24. Filed April 28.

## Applications Amended

Champaign, Ill.—Champaign-Urbana TV Inc. Seeks to correct geographic coordinates in bid for uhf Ch. 21 to 40° 11' 42" (from 45°) N. Lat., 88° 22' 25" W. Long. Filed April 28.

Evansville, Ind.—WFEM Inc. Seeks to amend application for vhf Ch. 7 (BPCT-1131) to relocate transmitter from Lakeview Blvd. and Barker Ave., Evansville, to Lincoln Ave. and Grimm St., near Newburgh. Change antenna height above average terrain from 598 ft. to 1,000 ft. Filed April 29.

Ft. Wayne, Ind.—James Flemming and Paul McNutt d/b as Anthony Wayne Bcstg. Requests amendment of application for uhf Ch. 69 to boost ERP from 220 kw visual and 132 kw aural to 270 kw visual and 139 kw aural; change transmitters and antenna height above average terrain from 643 ft. to 652 ft.; relocate transmitter from 4 mi. NW of center of Ft. Wayne to Crawford Rd., 2 mi. E. of U. S. Hwy. 27. Filed April 24.

Bogalusa, La.—Enterprise Pub. Co.—Seeks to amend application (BPCT-1487) to change channel from 39 to 69. Filed April 29.

Eugene, Ore.—Eugene TV Inc. Request amendment of bid for vhf Ch. 13 (BPCT-1231) to change status of stockholders with other broadcast interests. Glenn McCormick (32.3%) (KSLM Salem, Ore., and part owner, KORE Eugene) withdraws and his stock subscriptions assumed by several new parties. C. H. Fisher (30%) (50% KUGN Eugene) agrees to divest himself of radio interest in event of grant. Filed April 24.

Shreveport, La.—Shreveport TV Co. Seeks to amend application for vhf Ch. 12 (BPCT-1022) to relocate transmitter from 0.3 mi. E. of State Hwy. 8 and 2 mi. E. of Morringsport, to 15.7 mi. NW of Shreveport; studio from 3318 Line Ave. to 1637 Kings Hwy., Shreveport. Geographic coordinates 32° 40' 30" (from 44") N. Lat., 93° 55' 55" (from 18") W. Long. Antenna height above average terrain from 1207 ft. to 1206 ft. Filed April 29.

Allentown, Pa.—Allentown TV Corp. Seeks amendment to application for uhf Ch. 67 (BPCT-1008) to change ERP from 202 kw visual and 101 kw aural to 216 kw visual and 112 kw aural and increase antenna height above average terrain from 564 ft. to 558 ft. and make equipment changes. Filed April 29.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Mountcastle Bcstg. Co.—Seeks amendment to application for vhf Ch. 6 to change holding of President Paul Mountcastle from 100% to 57.1% and add Executive Vice President W. H. Linebaugh (17.1%), minority stockholder WROL



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