

Renewal hearings set for two feuding stations

Two Texas television stations which filed conflicting statements with the FCC regarding the authenticity of a program survey made by one of them last week found their renewal applications designated for a consolidated hearing.

The commission chose the hearing method to determine where the truth lies, as well as whether either or both stations have the requisite qualifications to be licensees.

KBMT(TV) (ch. 12) Beaumont filed the program survey in connection with an application for permission to relocate its transmitter. The commission granted the application in January (BROADCASTING, Jan. 11).

KPAC-TV Port Arthur, which had opposed the move, later submitted an affidavit by an employe who said

he had contacted some of the same individuals KBMT representatives claimed to have interviewed in their survey. The KPAC-TV employe said they told him that KBMT representatives had not talked to them.

KBMT, in a subsequent pleading, submitted affidavits from the individuals they had originally cited who disputed the assertions in the KPAC-TV presentation.

To resolve the conflict, the commission set aside the grant of the application for the transmitter relocation and designated that application, as well as the renewal applications of the two stations for a hearing. The two Texas stations come up for renewal of their licenses on Aug. 1.

The issues include a determination

as to the facts surrounding the survey made by KBMT and the "check survey" made by KPAC-TV, whether the representatives of either station made misrepresentations to the commission, and whether the applicants have the requisite qualifications to be licensees.

The new KBMT transmitter site that had been approved by the commission would have been 18 miles closer to KSLA-TV (ch. 12) Shreveport, La., than allowed by commission rules, and the commission had conditioned the grant on KBMT protecting the Shreveport station from interference. In its order last week, the commission said that if the grant is reinstated new conditions would be imposed to provide equivalent protection for KSLA-TV.

5 kw day and 1 kw night.

■ **KXRO** Aberdeen, Wash.: Sold by Helen Spence Foster to Matthew N. Clapp Jr. and Miller C. Robertson, for \$200,000. Messrs. Clapp and Robertson own KFQD Anchorage, and KUEN Wenatchee, Wash. KXRO is on 1320 kc with 5 kw day and 1 kw night.

■ **KELA** Centralia-Chehalis, Wash.: Sold by J. Elroy McCaw and Mabel A. Gwinn to Joe Chytil, for \$125,000. Mr. McCaw owns KTVW(TV) Tacoma, Wash.; 45% of KIXI-AM-FM Seattle, and KCTO(TV) Denver. Mr. Chytil is general manager of KELA which is on 1470 kc with 5 kw day and 1 kw night.

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■ **Roswell, N. M.:** Sold by Roswell Cable Co. (Brown Walker, president) to Vumore Co. (subsidiary of RKO General Inc.). Although price was undisclosed, it's estimated between \$1¼ and \$1.5 million. The Roswell CATV serves 5,000 subscribers. Broker was Daniels & Associates.

New TV stations

As of May 6 there were 106 television construction permits outstanding for stations not yet on the air. Of these 19 were commercial VHF's, 60 were commercial UHF's, 6 were educational VHF's and 21 were educational UHF's.

New station going on the air last week:

KTCI-TV (ch. 17) St. Paul. Twin City Area Educational Television Corp., permittee. Station went on the air with

program test authority granted on May 3 broadcasting with 47.6 kw ERP visual using an RCA transmitter. Twin City educational corporation is licensee of KTCA-TV (ch. 2) St. Paul.

Information received regarding plans of other holders of CP's includes:

Raleigh, N. C. (ch. 28). Crescent Broadcasting Co., permittee. Granted CP on April 21 with plans to go on the

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