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Form BC 126
June 1954

4149

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-9-62

Call letters WFGW

Station location Black Mountain, N. C.

Name of licensee BLUE RIDGE BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter location On US 70, 1.35 mi. W. of Black Mountain, North Carolina (BP 9-7-61)

Main Studio Location On US 70, 1.35 mi. W. of Black Mountain, North Carolina (BP 9-7-61)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

APPL. NO.	DATE ISSUED	FREQ.	POWER	TIME DIV	PERIOD FROM	TO
BP-13704	9-7-61	1010kc	10kw-DA-D	Day	11-7	5-7-62
	CP for a new standard broadcast station (Cond'l).					
BP-13704 (1)	9-18-61	Mod. of CP(BP-13704) to assign Call Letters.				
BP-16262	5-11-62	Mod. of CP(BP-13704) to start construction and to				[illegible]
BL-9386	8-9-62	1010kc	10kw DA-D	Day	8-9	12-1-63
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-13,074 as mod) which auth. a new standard b/c station.					
BR-4149	11-27-63	1010kc	10kw DA-D	Day	12-1	12-1-66
BP-16262	12-23-64	1010kc	50kw/10kw-CR		2-23	8-23-65
	CP to increase power to 50kw/10kwCR, change to DA-2, install new transmitter (GATES BC-50C) and new DA system (Cond'l).					
BP-16262	12-23-64	Superseding authorization to correct the hours of operation.				
BMP-11,568 (1)	8-20-65	Mod. of CP(BP-16,262) for extension of date to December 1, 1965				
BMP-11,568 (2)	12-2-65	Mod. of CP (BP-16,262, as mod.) for ext. of completion date to 4-1-66.				
BL-11,221	3-15-66	1010kc	50kw/10kw CR		3-15	12-1-66
	Lic to cover CP(BP-16,262 as mod) whic auth incr power chg from DA-D to DA-2 install new trans and new DA system (CR					
BL-11,334	6-27-66	1010kc	10kw	AuxC.R.	6-27	12-1-66
	Lic to use old main transmitter GATES BC-10P at main trans loc to be operated on 1010kc 10kw DA-D for aux purposes.					
BS-4149 (1)	9-30-66	Mod. of license to change operating specifications (Memo).				
BR-4149	11-18-66 (MAIN)	Renewal of License(Aux.) 1010kc 50kw/10kw CR(DA)			12-1	12-1-69
BS-4149 (1)	6-13-67 (Memo)	Mod. of lic. to chg. operating spec. & 220° values. (MAIN)				

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BR-4149	11-26-69	Renewal (Main & NDEA	(2)	(3) & Aux.)	12-1-72
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-4149(L)	12-6-72	RENEWAL MAIN & AUX. 1010khz	10kw(CR),50kw 10kw	Day Aux.	12-1-75 DA-2
BR-4149(S)	11-19-75	Renewal of Main & Aux.			12-1-78
Comtel	2-5-79	Marking: Center tower 1,3,11 & 21. NW & SW towers none required			
BR-780728VY	(L)7-16-79	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.)			12-1-81

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name BLUE RIDGE BROADCASTING CORPORATION
(P.O. 134 Broadway, Black Mountain, North Carolina)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-13704 Rec'd Filed	12-7-59 12-4-59 12-4-59	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1010kc Power: 1kw DA-D Hours of operation: Daytime Transmitter location: On U.S. 70, 1.35 mi. W of Black Mountain, N. Carolina Studio location: Same STATION LOCATION: BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. CAROLINA George E. Gautney, Engr. Atty. - Loucks & Jansky (6-24-60)	GRANTED Cond'l re: Phase Mon., Field meas. equip., DA & complete non-DA proof.	9-7-61
BMP-10,267 R.&F.	4-17-62 4-19-62	Mod. of CP(BP-13,704, which auth. anew standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 5-7-62 to _____. Atty- Loucks & Jansky	GRANTED	5-11-62 to 6-8-62

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WTGM

Name BLUE RIDGE BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Black Mountain, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-9386 R. & F.	5-17-62 5-16-62	Lic to cover CP(BP-13,704 as mod) which auth a new standard broadcast station. Atty- LOUCKS & JANSKY Engr- GAUTNEY & JONES	GRANTED	8-9-62
BR-4149 Rec'd Filed	8-15-63 8-16-63 8-16-63	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-27-63
BP-16262 Rec'd Filed (ltr. 9-16-64) Item 5-aural agenda	8-14-63 8-16-63 7-13-64	CP to increase power from 10kw to 50kw/10kwCP change from DA-D to DA-D(2), install new transmitter (Gates BC-50C) and new DA system Atty. Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters (R. Russell Eagan) Eng. Gautney & Jones	GRANTED Cond'l re: Phase Mon., Field meas. equip., DA & complete non-DA proof.	12-23-64

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Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WFGW

Name BLUE RIDGE BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Black Mountain, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-11,568 R&F	7-20-65 7-22-65	Mod. of C.P. (BP-16,262 which auth. incr. power to 50kw/10kw ~~[illegible]~~ CR, change to DA-2, install new trans. and new DA systm.) for extension of completion date from 8-23-65 to 10-1-65. Atty: R. Russell Eagan	GRANTED to	8-20-65 12-1-65
BMP-11,653 R&F AMENDED R&F	11-15-65 11-22-65 11-24-65 11-30-65	Mod. of C.P. (BP-16,262, as mod. which auth. incr. power to 50kw/10kw CR, chng. to DA-2, install new trans. and new DA systm.) for extension of completion date from 12-1-65 to ~~1-1-66~~. AMENDED to change extension date to 4-1-66. Atty: R. Russell Eagan	GRANTED	12-17-65
BL-11,221 R & F	12/7/65 12/8/65	Lic. to cover CP (BP-16,262 as mod.) which auth. incr. power, chng. from DA-D to DA-2, install new trans. and new DA system. (CR) Attys: Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters	GRANTED	3-15-66

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FORM BC-121 #4
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W F G W

Name BLUE RIDGE BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Black Mountain, N. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL- 11,304 Rec'd Resub. R & F	12/6/65 12/17/65 3/28/66 4/1/66	Lic. to use old main transmitter GATES BC-10P at main trans. loc. to be operated on 1010kc 10kw DA-D, for aux. purposes only. Attys: Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters	~~RETURNED~~ ~~Incomplete~~ [illegible] GRANTED	~~3-2-66~~ [illegible] [illegible] 6-27-66
BR-4149 R & F	8/26/66 8/31/66	Renewal of license (Main & Aux.) Atty: Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters	GRANTED	11-18-66
BR-4149 R & F #539229 $105. P.N. filed PRESS	8-29-69 9-2-69 9-2-69 9-2-69 OCT 8 1969	Renewal of license (Main & Aux.) Atty: Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, etc. (Erwin G. Krasnow) AMENDED 10-22-69 re: Engineering data AMENDED 11-17-69 re: business interests	GRANTED	11-26-69

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W F G W

Name BLUE RIDGE BROADCASTING CORPORATION
BLACK MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-4149 Recd. PN Recd. PRESS FILED	9-1-72 " " OCT 4 1972 9-12-72	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY TRANS.) Erwin G. Krasnow,Atty. (Kirkland,Eliis)	GRANTED	12-6-72
BR-4149 R & F P. N. Rec'd Press SEP 23 1975	7-16-75 8-1-75 8-1-75	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Atty: Frances M. Green(Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering) AMENDED 11-5-75 re: programming	GRANTED	11-19-75
BR780728VY R & F PRESS	7-14-78 7-28-78 SEP 1 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) Atty. Cornelius J. Golden, Jr. (Wilmer,Cutler & Pickering)	GRANTED	7-16-79

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 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. 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 – 3" by 5" filing cards – 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). 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. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

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 radio station history.