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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

WPXZ [redacted] (EFF. 8-24-81)

Date first licensed 4-22-53

Call letters W P M E

Station Location: Punxsutawney, Pa.

Name of licensee
RENDA RADIO, INC. (AL 4-28-81 EFF: 4-28-81)
xPUNXSUTAWNEY BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 8-12-54 EFF: 9-1-54)
xSHERIDAN W. PRUETT, ANDREW C. MacCUMBEE & CHARLES M. ERHARD, JR., d/b as PUNXSUTAWNEY, BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmister location
Along Pennsylvania Rt. 36, 1 mile NW of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania (2-22-74)
xxAlong Pennsylvania Route 36, 2 miles NW of center of Punxsutawney, Pa. (L 4-22-53) (MP 2-4-53)

Main studio location
Along Pennsylvania Rt. 36, 1 mile NW of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania (2-22-74)
15767
x103 North Gilpin Street, Punxsutawney, Pa. (MP 2-4-53) (L 4-22-53)
xFindley Street, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania (CP 10-23-52)

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BP-8485	10-23-52	1540	1kw	Daytime	
Ltr.	10-30-52	SP for new station granted subject			
	filing MP	for approval antenna and T. site.			
BP-8485	2-4-53	1540	1kw	Day	4-4-53 10-4-53
BMP-6094	CP for new station and MP for approval antenna &				
	T. site; change type trans. & change studio				
	location. ~~XXXXX~~				
BL-4957	4-22-53	1540	1kw	Day	4-22 8-1-54
Lic. cover CP (BP-8485, as mod.) new broadcast station.					
BRC-372	4-21-54	Modification of license to operate			
(1)	transmitter by remote control form 103 N. Gilpin				
	St., Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania				
BR-2810	7-7-54	1540	1kw	Day	8-1 8-1-57
BAL-1817	8-12-54	Vol. assignment of license to Punxsu-			
EFF:	9-1-54	tawney broadcasting Company			
BR-2810	7-18-57	1540	1kw	Day	8-1 8-1-60
	7-27-60	Commission deferred action on renewal			
	pending further consideration.				
BR-2810	9-7-60	Renewal of License			9-7 8-1-63
BP-14022	4-11-63	1540kc	5kw-1kw CH	Day	6-11 12-11-63
	CP to increase power to 5kw (except during critical				
	hours 1kw) and install a new transmitter (COLLINS				
	21-E) (Cond'l).				
BL-2810	7-10-63	1540kc	1kw	Day	8-1- 8-1-66
BL-10,160	8-16-63	1540kc	5kw-1kw-CH	Day	8-16 8-1-66
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-14,022) which auth. incr.				
	power to 5kw (except during CH 1kw) and inst. new				
	trans; spec. trans. as GATES BC-5P2.				
BZ-9831	1-19-66	Auth. to determine operating power by			
(1)	direct measurement of antenna power.				
BR-2810	1-16-67	1540kc	5kw-1kw-CH	Day	1-16 8-1-69
BZ-6667	11-8-67	Auth. to determine operating power by			
(1)	direct meas. of antenna power.				

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June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed .....

Call letters W P M E

Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BR-2810(L)	12-3-69	Renewal	& NDEA		8-1-72
BTC-6338	9-28-70	INVOL.	TC EFF:	10-1-70	
BTC-6488	3-15-71	VOL. TC	EFF:	3-31-71	
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-2810(L)	8-30-72	RENEWAL			8-1-75
BZ-8474(L)	2-22-74	Direct Measurement 1540khz 5kw(1kwCH), Day			8-1-75 RC
BZ-8474(L)	2-22-74	Superseded to show West Longitude & to correct SL & TL			8-1-75
BR-2810 BZ-8907(L)	8-25-75	Renewal & Modification			8-1-78
BZ-9224(L)	10-15-76	Direct Measurement			8-1-78
BR-2810	7-20-78	(S) REN. OF LIC.			8-1-81
E B S A	8-24-81	CALL SIGN CHANGE			
BAL810115GE	4-28-81	Vol AL	EFF:		

FORM A-170

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WPME New

Name SHERIDAN W. PRUETT, ANDREW C. MacCUMBEE & CHARLES M. ERHARD, JR., d/b as PUNXSUTAWNEY BROADCASTING COMPANY.
PO Box 38, Punxsutawney, Pa.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-8485 Rec'd Filed	5-8-52 5-9-52 5-9-52	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1540kc Power: 1kw Hours of Operation: Daytime Trans. Location: To be determined Punxsutawney, Pa. Studio Location: Findley Street Punxsutawney, Pa. Maurice R. Barnes, Atty. Joseph A. Pelletier, Engr.	GRANTED Sub. filing MP for approval T. site and antenna. Issued with BMP-6094	10-23-52 Ltr. 10-30-52
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	6-27-52 6-30-52 6-30-52	AMENDED to make changes in the antenna and ground system.		

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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FORM A-170 #2

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name SHERIDAN W. PRUETT, ANDREW C. MacCUMBEE & CHARLES M. ERHARD, JR., d/b as PUNXSUTAWNEY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Call Letters WPME

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-6094 Rec'd Filed	12-20-52 12-22-52 12-22-52	Modification of construction permit (BP-8485, which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to change type transmitter (General Electric XT-1-A), change studio location from Findlay Street, Punxsutawney, Penna. to 103 North Gilpin St., Punxsutawney, Penna. and approval of antenna, transmitter location as Along Pennsylvania Route 36, 2 miles NW of the center of Punxsutawney, Penna. Maurice R. Barnes, Atty. Joseph A. Pelletier, Engr.	GRANTED	2-4-53

FORM A-170 #3

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name SHERIDAN W. PRUETT, ANDREW C. MacCUMBEE & CHARLES M. ERHARD, JR., d/b as PUNXSUTAWNEY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Call Letters WPME

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-4957 Rec'd Filed	3-5-53 3-9-53 3-9-53	License to cover construction permit (BP-8485, as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED	4-22-53
Rec'd	9-12-53 12-22-53	Voluntary assignment of license to Punxsutawney Broadcasting Company.	RETURNED Filed on wrong form.	DEC 30 1953
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BRC-372 Rec'd Filed	4-7-54 4-8-54 4-8-54	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 103 N. Gilpin Street, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.	GRANTED	4-21-54

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FORM A-170

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

PUNXSUTAWNEY BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL-1817)

Name X SHERIDAN W. PRUETT, ANDREW C. MacCUMBEE & CHARLES M, ERHARD, JR., d/b as PUNXSUTAWNEY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Call Letters WPME

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2810 Rec'd Filed	4-30-54 5-24-54 5-24-54	Renewal of License Filed by Maurice R. Barnes, Atty.	Granted	7-7-54
BAL-1817 Rec'd Filed	6-17-54 6-24-54 6-24-54	Voluntary assignment of license to Punxsutawney Broadcasting Company. Maurice R. Barnes, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	8-12-54 9-1-54
BR-2810 Recd Filed	4-29-57 5-3-57 5-3-57	Renewal of license Maurice R. Barnes, Atty	GRANTED	7-18-57
BP-14,022 Rec'd Filed	3-11-60 3-23-60 3-23-60	Construction Permit to increase power from 1kw to 5kw(except during critical hours 1kw) and install a new transmitter (Collins-21-E) Atty.- Barnes & Neilson Eng.- Guatney & Jones	GRANTED Cond'l re: operation.	4-11-63 Pre-sunrise

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

FORM BC-121 #5
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WPME

Name PUNXSUTAWNEY BROADCASTING COMPANY
PUNXSUTAWNEY, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2810 Rec'd Filed	3-7-60 3-14-60 3-14-60	Renewal of License Barnes & Neilson, Attys.	GRANTED	9-7-60
Received	5-6-63 5-8-63	Mod. of CP (BP-14,022 which auth. incr. power to 5kw-except critical hrs-1kw, and install a new transmitter) to change type trans. to Gates BC-5-P-2. Atty: Barnes & Neilson	RETURNED Unnecessary	5-10-63
BR-2810 R & F	4-12-63 4-30-63	Renewal of license Atty. Barnes & Neilson	GRANTED	7-10-63
BL-10,160 R. & F.	6-15-63 6-19-63	Lic to cover CP(BP-14,022) which auth incr power to 5kw(except during critical hours 1kw) and install new transmitter; specify type trans as Gates BC-5P-2. Atty- Barnes & Neilson	GRANTED	8-16-63 Cond'l
BZ-5831 R & F	10/27/65 11/2/65	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. Attys: Barnes & Neilson	GRANTED	1-19-66

F.C.C. · WASHINGTON, D. C.

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955 #6

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1540kc

Call Letters WPME

Name PUNXSUTAWNEY BROADCASTING COMPANY
PUNXSUTAWNEY, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2810 R & F	4-27-66 5-2-66	Renewal of license Atty. Barnes & Neilson	GRANTED	1-16-67
BZ-6667 R & F DM-10/9/67 NOV 6 1967	9/22/67 9/28/67	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of ant. power. Atty: Maurice R. Barnes Engr: W. D. Files, State College, Pa.	GRANTED	11-8-67
BR-2810 R & F #510275 $75. PRESS MAY 7 1969	4-25-69 4-28-69 4-28-69	Renewal of License Atty.-Barnes & Neilson AMENDED 11-10-69 re: commercial matter	GRANTED	12-3-69
BTC-6339 R & F FEE PD: $30 -#613992 (Form 316) ALSO SEE: BTC-6338 AUG 17 1970 filed 8-10-70)	7-2-70 7-10-70	Voluntary acquisitinn of positive control of lic corp by Charles M. Erhard, Jr., thru purchase of stock (and retirement thereof) by the lic corp from Mrs. Iris Ruth Pruett, Executrix of the Estate of Sheridan W. Pruett (deceased) Atty - Barnes & Neilson Engr. data re overlap WWCH - filed 9-21-70	DISMISSED 9-28-70 (315 necessary) (SEE CARD #7)	

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

Form BC-121 #7
September 1969

1540kc

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WPME

Name PUNXSUTAWNEY BROADCASTING COMPANY
Punxsutawney, Penna. 15767

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC -6338 Rec'd Filed (FCC FORM 316) FEE PD: $250 -#623648 CODE 053 ALSO SEE: BTC-6339 filed 7-10-70	7-28-70 8-3-70 8-10-70	Involuntary transfer of control of lic corp from Sheridan W. Pruett to Mrs. Iris Ruth Pruett, Executrix of the Estate of Sheridan W. Pruett (deceased) Atty - Barnes & Neilson	GRANTED EFF:	9-28-70 10-1-70
BTC -6488 R & F FEE PD: $1000 #656379 CODE 047 PN filed FEB 10 1971	12-14-70 1-11-71 2-1-71	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of lic corp by Charles M. Erhard, Jr., thru purchase of stock (and retirement thereof) by the lic corp from Mrs. Iris Ruth Pruett, Executrix of the Estate of Sheridan W. Pruett (deceased) Atty - Barnes & Neilson	GRANTED EFF:	3-15-71 Req. grant fee $1,700.00 3-31-71

PHASE 1 REFUND ACTION

TRANS. CODE	DATE
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Form BC-121 #8
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1540 kc

Call Letters WPME

Name PUNXSUTAWNEY BROADCASTING COMPANY
PUNXSUTAWNEY, PA.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2810 R & F PN Recd. PRESS APR 28 1972	4-14-72 4-25-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 8-11-72 re: statement on ascertainment of community needs; commercial policy; equal employment policy AMENDED 8-28-72 re: equal employment program; letters of commendation	GRANTED	8-30-72
BZ-8474 R & F DM PRESS 12 FEB 1974	11-27-73 11-29-73 12-11-73	Direct Measurement	GRANTED	2-22-74
BR-2810 R & F, PN Recd. PRESS	3-25-75 3-31-75 " 18 APR 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED issued with BZ-8907	7-23-75
BZ-8907 R & F DM PRESS JUL 21 1975	5-21-75 5-29-75 7-16-75	Direct Measurement Atty: Maurice R. Barnes(Barnes & Neilson)	GRANTED issued with RENEWAL	7-25-75

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1540khz

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Call Letters WPME

RENDA RADIO, INC.

Name x PUNXSUTAWNEY BROADCASTING COMPANY
Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BZ-9224 R & F DM PRESS SEP 20 1976	8-3-76 8-9-76 9-9-76	Direct Measurement	GRANTED	10-15-76
BR-2810 R & F PRESS APR 26 1978	3-21-78 3-23-78	Renewal of License	GRANTED	7-20-78
BAL810115GE Form 314 PRESS FEB 20 1981 Also see WPME-FM PN FILED 2-3-81		Vol AL to Renda Radio, Inc. Atty for assignor Robert L. Olender Atty for assignee James L. Oyster	Granted EFF:	4-28-81 6-1-81

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

BAL/GE
Amended 4-23-81 re: Equal Employment Opportunity program
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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

WPXZ 1540 KHz
Call Letters: XW P M E

Name: PUNXSUTAWNEY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Station Location: Punxsutawney, PA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR810331VI PRESS MAY 26 1981		Renewal of License Atty.: James L. Oyster	gld. 7-7-81

Form BC-121
March 1979

WPME RECORD OF DENIAL OF INFORMAL APPLICATIONS

11-5-56 Wire Requesting authority to operate beyond normal hours for election returns (11/6 & 7, 1956)

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.