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AM

# BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed .....

Call Letters W R I D .....

Station Location Homer City, Pennsylvania

Name RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. .....

Transmitter Location Maple Street near Indiana Street, extended Homer City, Pennsylvania .....

Main studio location to be determined, Homer City, Pennsylvania .....

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December 1978

## Authorization Record

| File No. | Granted | Facilities | Expires |
|---|---|---|---|
| BP-800226AO (L) | 9-25-80 | 1520khz 5kw DA CP FOR NEW AM STATION | 9-25-81 |
| BP-800226AO (1) | 12-1-80 | CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED AND EBSA ISSUED. | |

# APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

Call Letters: NEW AM

Name: RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Station Location: Homer City, Pennsylvania (PO P.O. Box 231, Somerset, Pa 15501)

| File No. | Date | Description | Action and Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| BP-781204AL | | Construction permit for new AM on: | |
| CONTINUED ON CARD | No. 2 | Frequency: ~~1330KHz~~ 1520KHz | |
| ACCEPTED | 6-26-80 | Power: ~~1kw~~ DA 5KW | |
| CUT OFF DATE | 8-1-80 | Hours of operation: Daytime | |
| | | TL: Maple St near Indiana St., extended, Homer City, Pennsylvania | |
| | | SL&RC: to be determined | |
| | | 40 32 33 79 09 57 | |
| | | MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 | |
| | | ATTY: John Fiorini III | |
| AMENDED | 1-15-79 | engr(topographical maps, field strength measurements) | |
| | 12-29-78 | MOTION TO DISMISS AND RETURN APPLICATION OF RIDGE COMMUNICTIONS, INC. FILED BY NATHANIEL F. EMMONS ON BEHALF OF SOMERSET BROADCASTING, INC. | |
| | 1-9-79 | MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FILED BY JOHN FIORINI III ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT | |
| | 1-15-79 | public notice filed | |

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BP-781204AL

1-15-79 OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISMISS FILED BY JOHN FIORINI III ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT

3-23-79 PETITION TO DISMISS APPLICATION OF RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FILED BY DAVID MYERS ON BEHALF OF NORLIN BROADCASTERS, INC.

4-6-79 RESPONSE TO PETITION TO DISMISS APPLICATION FILED BY HERBERT SCHULKIN ON BEHALF OF NATIONWIDE COMMUNICATIONS INC (WKTQ)

5-7-79 OPPOSITION TO PETITITION TO DISMISS FILED BY JOHN FIORINI III ON BEAHALF OF APPLICANT

6-1-79 REPLY TO OPPOSITION FILED BY HERBERT SCHULKIND ON BEHALF OF NATIONWIDE COMMUNICATIONS IN WKTQ

4-21-80 public notice filed

# APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

#2

Call Letters: WRID NEW AM

Name: Ridge Communications, Inc.

Station Location: Homer City, Pennsylvania

| File No. | Date | Description | Action and Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| CONTINEUD FROM CARD NO .1<br>AMENDED<br>BP--800226AO<br>ACCEPTED | | Amended to chg. frequency from 1330KHz to 1520KHz and increase power to 5KW<br>ATTY: John E Fiorini III | GRANTED 9-25-80 |

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# 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.