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NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL -FM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed August 4, 1970

Call letters W K M S-FM

Station location Murray, Kentucky

Name of licensee Board of Regents, Murray State University

Transmitter location Near Hermitite Lookout Tower just off Trace, Lyon, Ky. (BPED-2612 gr. 3-21-79)
X 1.67 mi. N-NW of Farmington, Kentucky (PH-1-21-69)

Main studio location Fine Arts Building, Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky (BLED800327AF)
X Wilson Hall
/ Murray State University Campus, Murray, Ky. (PH-1-21-69)

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPED-945 HAAT: 490'(h&v)	1-21-69	91.3mc. ch#217 CP for new station.	ERP: 13kw(h&v) TPO: 5kw	U RC	9-21-69
BPED-945(1)	5-28-69	Call letters assigned.			
BMPED-648 (2)	9-22-69	MP(BPED-945) ext. time to			1-1-70
BMPED-680(3)	1-6-70	MP(BPED-945 as mod) ext time			3-15-70
BMPED-699 (4)	3-31-70	MP(BPED-945 as mod) ext time			6-30-70
BSCA-933(S)	5-21-70	Request for SCA on sub-carrier frequency of 67 kilocycles			
BLED-799(L)	8-4-70	Lic. (BPED-945, as mod.) New ED			8-1-73
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRED-451(S) BRSCA-933	7-31-73 " "	RENEWAL OF LIC. "	" SCA		8-1-76 " "
BRED-451(S) BRSCA-933	7-12-76 "	Renewal of "		License SCA	8-1-79 "
BPED-2612 HAAT: 600' (L)	3-21-79 (H&V)	91.3mhz CP to chg TL, type trans., type ant., ant. syst, ERP & HAAT	ERP: 100kW (H&V)		3-21-80
BMSCA790713AI	8/3/79	SCA			8/1/82
BRED790328UQ(S)	7-18-79	Renewal of license			8-1-82
BLED-800327AF HAAT:600' (H&V)/(L)	6-6-80	91.3MHz Lic. to cover (BPED-2612) for changes.	ERP: 100KW (H&V)		8-1-82

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WKMS-FM ~~NEW, EDUC., FM~~

Name BOARD OF REGENTS, MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
MURRAY, KENTUCKY (PO c/o Dr. Ray Mofield, Chairman, Dept. of Communications, Murray, Ky. 42071)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPED-945 R & F PRESS: DEC 16 1968 PN REC'D:	11-5-68 11-12-68 1-9-69	CP for new Educ. FM on: 91.3mc #217 ERP:13.2kw(H&V) HAAT:487' TPO:5kw Trans.:RCA BTF-5E; Ant.:RCA BFC-6, 6 secs. TL: 1.67 mi. NNW of Farmington, Ky. SL: Fine Arts Bldg., Murray State Univ., Murray, Ky. (RC) Atty.: None Engr.: Ralph J. Bitzer (St. Louis)	GRANTED	1-21-69
BSCA-933 R & F APR 16 1969	4-8-69 4-10-69.	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kcs.	GRANTED	5-21-70
BMPED-648 R & F No Fee Required SEP 12 1969	9-2-69 9-8-69	MP (BPED-945) ext. time to 1-1-70.(New Station)	GRANTED to	9-22-69 1-1-70

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W K M S-FM

Name BOARD OF REGENTS, MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
MURRAY, KENTUCKY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPED-680 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: DEC 30 1968	12-12-69 12-17-69	MP(BPED-945 as mod)ext. time to 1-1-70 (NEW STATION).	GRANTED to	1-6-70 3-15-70
BMPED-699 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: PTA- MAR 10 1970	3-9-70 3-13-70 5-8-70	MP(BPED-945 as mod) ext. time to 6-30-70 (NEW STATION).	GRANTED	3-31-70
~~BPCA-1-01~~ AMENDMENT R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS:	4-20-70 4-30-70	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kilocycles.	GRANTED	5-21-70
AMENDED	4-30-70	Describe use of Equipment.		

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMUK-FM

Name BOARD OF REGENTS, MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
Murray, Kentucky

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLED-799 R & F PTA PRESS JUL 15 1970	4-25-70 4-30-70 5-8-70	Lic.(BPED-945, as mod.) for new non-comm. Ed. FM B/c Station. SL redes as: Wilson Hall, M.S.U. campus. Trans: GATES, FM 5-H - Antenna: GATES, FMC-6.	GRANTED	8-4-70
BRED-451 BRSCA-~~1,014~~ 933 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JUN 0	4-27-73 " 5-2-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA	GRANTED	7-31-73
BRED-451 BRSCA-933 R & F Press	3-10-76 3-10-76 3-12-76 MAY 14 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA	GRANTED	7-12-76

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WKMS-FM

Name Board of Regents, Murray State University
Murray, Kentucky

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPED-2612	12-5-77	Construction permit to chg TL: Near Hermitite	GRANTED	3-21-79
Rec'd	12-7-77	Lookout Tower just off Trace, Kentucky; chg		
Filed	12-7-77	type trans(HARRIS FM-20K);type ant:(HARRIS		
Pn Rec'd		FMH-10, 10 sections); make chgs, in antenna		
PRESS: MAY 4 1978		system(incr hght); chg ERP:100KW and HAAT:602.-		
		-0 - 599.21'		
		21° 08		
		36° 55' 18" 88° 05' 50"		
		ATTY:------		
		ENGR:------		
AMENDED	6-26-78	community ascertainment and financial		
AMENDED	7-3-78	chg of address of a student representative		
AMENDED	10-2-78	correct coordinates		
		Ltr dated 10-31-78 withdrawing 10-2-78 amendment		
AMENDED	12-11-78	chg HAAT: 599.21'		
Amended Rec'd	12-13-78	re: Sec. V-G		

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91.3mhz

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WKMS-FM

Name BOARD OF REGENTS, MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
MURRAY, KENTUCKY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRED 790328 UQ BRSCA " PRESS	JUN 12 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA	GRANTED	7-18-79
BMSCA790713AI PRESS (0)	JUL 31 1979	Modification of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to make chgs. in Programming & Equipment.	GRANTED	8/3/79
BLED-800327AF PTA PRESS	JUN 2 1980	License to cover (BPED-2612) for changes. Atty: None.	GRANTED	6-6-80

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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.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) 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 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). Prior to that move, 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.

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.