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FREQUENCY MODULATION

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

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Call Letters K A H M

Station Location Prescott, Arizona

Name SOUTHWEST FM BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter Location Badger Mountain, Near city of, Prescott, Arizona (MPH-4-17-81)
xx Willow Creek Road, 2 miles North of Prescott, Arizona

Main studio location North Projection of Mt. Vernon Street, North of Prescott, Arizona

Form BC-126
December 1978

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPH-790316AF HAAT: 300' (H&V) (L)	10/12/79	103.9mhz ERP: 3.0kw Class: A TPO: 2.15kw CP FOR NEW FM STATION	10/12/80
BPH790316AF (1)	1-21-80	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED	& EBSA ISS.
BMPH800919AK (2)	11-3-80	MPH(BMP-790316AF, as mod.) for ext. of time to:	4-23-81
BMPH-810302AW (3)	3-31-81	MP (BPH-790316AF, as Mod.) for ext. of time to:	9-30-81
BMPH-800903AH HAAT: 590'(H&V) (L)	4-17-81	103.9mhz. ERP: 630watts (H&V) U Mod. of CP(BPH-790316AF) to make chgs. in Ant. Sys.; chg. TL; chg. type Trans.; chg. type Ant.; decre ERP; incre. HAAT; & chg. TPO.	10-17-81

Form BC-121
May 1978

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters KAHM NEW FM

Name Southwest FM Broadcasting Company, Inc.
Prescott, Arizona(PO P.O. Box 1631 Prescott, Az. 86302)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH- 790316AF PRESS:	MAY 11 1979	Construction permit for new FM station on: Frequen cy: 103.9MHz#280 ERP: 3.0KW H&V HAAT: 300'H&V ant: COLLINS G4CPL-3,3 sections circular polarization	GRANTED	10/12/79
CUT OFF DATE	AUG 8 1979	TL: Willow Creek Rd.,near Prescott, Arizona SL&RC: North projection of Mt Vernon St., North of Prescott, Arizona 34 34 29 112 28 45 ATTY: Lawrence N Cohn		
AMENDED	5-8-79	additional info on trans site		

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

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

103.9MHz.

Call Letters: K A H M

Name: SOUTHWEST FM BROADCASTING CO., INC.

Station Location: PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMPH800903AH PRESS (0)	SEP 15 1980	Mod. of CP (BPH-790316AF) to make chgs. in Ant. Sys.; chg. TL to: Badger Mountain, Near Prescott, Arizona; chg. type Trans.; chg. type Ant. (COLLINS G4CPL-2, 2 sects. H&V); decre. ERP: 0.63kw (H&V); incre. HAAT: 590' (H&V) & chg. TPO. 34° 32' 27" 112° 45' 40" Atty. Lawrence N. Cohn (Cohn & Marks)	GR [illegible] 4-17-81

Form BC-121
March 1979

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

103.9MHz.

Call Letters: K A H M

Name: SOUTHWEST FM BROADCASTING CO., INC.

Station Location: PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMPH800919AK PRESS (O)	OCT 17 1980	MP (BPH-790316AF, as Mod.) For Extension of Time to: _____ (NEW STATION) Atty. Lawrence N. Cohn (Cohn & Marks)	GRANTED: 11-3-80 TO: 4-23-81
BMPH-810302AW PRESS:	APR 9 1981	MP(BPH-790316AF as mod.) for extension of time to_____(NEW STATION) Atty - Lawrence N. Cohn	GRANTED: 3-31-81 TO: 9-30-81

Form BC-121
March 1979

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.