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Form BC 126
June 1954 #1878

FREQUENCY MODULATION

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 6-29-66

Call letters K Z F R (EFF. 1-12-81) XK T H O-FM

Station location XTAHOE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CAL. (MLH 6-28-67) N/A

Name of licensee EMERALD BROADCASTING CO.

Transmitter location Pioneer Trail near Al Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, California / (PH-3-20-70)
x Heavenly Valley, Bijou, California (BPH-1-3-66)(LH 6-29-66)

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Main studio location 3351 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, Calif. (Ltr. 5-30-78)
x356 Ala Wai Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, Calif. (BSH 1-13-69)
X Crescent V Shopping Center, Stateline, California (BPH-9-23-66)
XTahoe Marina Inn, Bijou, California (BPH-1-3-66)(LM 6-29-66)

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From- To- |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BPH-5149<br>HAAT:50'<br>cont'l | 1-3-66 | 103.1mc.<br>ch.#276 | ERP:1.55kw.<br>TPO:1kw. | Unl. | 3-3-66<br>9-3-66 |
| | CP for a new Class A FM broadcast station. | | | | |
| BPH-5149<br>(1) | 2-7-66 | Mod. of (BPH-5149) to assigned call letters K T H O-FM. | | | |
| BMPH-8684<br>HAAT: 6'<br>cond'l | 2-23-66 | 103.1mcs<br>ch# 276 | ERP: 1.6kw.<br>TPO: 1kw | Unl | 3-3-66<br>9-3-66 |
| | Modification of CP(BPH-5149 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change antenna-trans location 110 feet West of present location(no change in site description); and decr HAAT; | | | | |
| BLH-3244<br>HAAT: 6' | 6-29-66 | 103.1mcs<br>CH.#276 | ERP:1.6kw<br>TPO:826w | U | 6-29 12-1-68 |
| | Lic to cover CP(BPH-5149) as mod which auth a new FM broadcast station, specify type trans BAUER 607 | | | | |
| BPH-5545<br>HAAT: 50'<br>73.210<br>Waived | 9-23-66 | 103.1mc.<br>ch# 276 | ERP: 1.6kw<br>TPO: 950w (Rec) | U | 11-23-66<br>5-23-67 |
| | CP to change ant-translocation(same site); change studio location and remote control point; increase TPO and increase HAAT; | | | | |
| BLH-3589<br>HAAT: 50' | 5-12-67 | 103.1mcs<br>CH.#276 | ERP:1.6kw<br>TPO:850W | U | 5-12 12-1-68 |
| | Lic to cover CP(BPH-5545) which auth chg. ant-trans & studio loc. chg. RC point chg. TPO & HAAT. | | | | |
| BMLH-269<br>HAAT:50' | 6-28-67 | 103.1mcs<br>Ch.#276 | ERP:1.6kw<br>TPO:850w | .RC | 6-28-67<br>12-1-68 |
| | Mod. of Lic. to chg. name of licensed community. | | | | |
| BRH-1878<br>(S) | 11-26-68 | Renewal of License | | | 12-1-71 |
| BSH-1878<br>(L)<br>Appl. | 1-13-69 | Mod. of license to change studio loc. & RC to 356 Ala Wai Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, California. | | | |
| BPH-7032<br>(L)<br>HAAT:490'<br>(H&V) | 3-20-70 | 103.1mc<br>TPO: 1.20 kw & Ch #276<br>CP to chg. trans loc., Install ant, Chg. ERP:, TPO:, & HAAT: | ERP: 3kw (H & V) | | 11-20-70 |

Form BC 126
June 1954 #2

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters KTHO-FM

Station location South Lake Tahoe, California

Name of licensee EMERALD BROADCASTING CO.

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From To |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BRH-1878 (L) | 9-11-70 | Lic. (BRH-1932) | for change. | | 12-1-71 |
| Comlet | 11-18-71 | Coord: NL 38 55 01 | WL 119 57 43 | | |
| BRH-1878(L) | 11-26-71 | RENEWAL | | | 12-1-74 |
| EBSA | 5-22-72 | | | | |
| BTC-7623 | 12-24-74 | Vol. Relinq. of Neg. EFF: 1-24-75 | | | |
| BRH-1878(S) | 1-24-75 | Renewal of License | | | 12-1-77 |
| BRH-1878(L) | 4-21-78 | Renewal of License | | | 12-1-80 |
| BSH-1878(L) | 6-1-78 | 103.1mhz | 3kwH&V | -490'H&V | RC 12-1-80 |
| | ML chg. SL & RC | | | | |
| BTCH791022HW | 12-14-79 | VOL. TC | EFF: 12-21-79 | | |
| EBSA | 1-12-81 | CALL SIGN CHANGE | | | |

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters ....~~NEW~~ K T H O-FM

Name ....EMERALD BROADCASTING CO.
TAHOE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA (PO % DONALD C.McBAIN, 533 MARGUERITA AVE., SANTA MONICA, CALIF.90402

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BPH-5149<br>R.&F. | 9-24-65<br>10-6-65 | CP for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on:<br>Frequency: 103.1mc CH 276<br>ERP: 1.54kw<br>TPO: 1kw<br>HAAT: 49.5'<br>Trans: GATES FM-1B (1kw)<br>Antenna: Jampro JA-2, 2 sections<br>Trans.Loc: Heavenly Valley Ski Lodge, 1 mi. SE of Bijou, California<br>Studio Loc: ~~Harvey's Resort Hotel~~ Tahoe Marina Inn, ~~Stateline, Nevada~~ Bijou,Calif.<br>Remote Control Point: Same as studio<br><br>Attys-Haley, Bader & Potts<br>Engr-Mel Freedman, Modesto,Calif.<br><br>SEE CARD #2 FOR AMENDMENT | GRANTED<br>~~WITH~~<br>Waiver of Sect. 73.210 (a)(2) re studio loc. | 1-3-66 |

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AUG. 1955

# APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters ~~NEW~~ X K T H O-FM

Name EMERALD BROADCASTING CO.
TAHOE VALLEY, CALIF.

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMENDED<br>R&F | 11-4-65<br>11-9-65 | AMENDED to change studio loc tion and remote control point to Tahoe Marina Inn, Bijou, California REQUEST WAIVER SECTION 73.210(a(2) OF RULES. | See Card#1 | |
| BMPH-8684<br>R & F | 1-20-66<br>1-25-66 | Modification of CP(BPH-5149 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change ant.-trans. location ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~, 110' W. of present location.(same site); decr. HAAT to 535' A. G. Haley, Atty. (Haley, Bader & Potts) | GRANTED | 2-23-66 |
| BLH-3244<br>R & F | 3/31/66<br>4/1/66 | Lic. to cover CP (BPH-5149 as mod.) which auth. a new FM broadcast station, specify type trans. BAUER 607.<br>Attys: [illegible], Bader & Potts | GRANTED | 6-29-66 |

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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

CARD #3

Call Letters K T H O-FM

Name EMERALD BROADCASTING CO.
XTAHOE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BPH-5545<br>R & F | 9-3-66<br>9-6-66 | CP to change ant.-trans. location (same site); change studio location and remote control point to Crescent V Shopping Center, Stateline, California; increase TPO to .850kw; and increase HAAT to 50 feet.<br>REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.210(a)(2) OF THE RULES.<br><br>Haley, Bader & Potts, Attys. | GRANTED<br>73.210a of Rules Waived | 9-23-66 |
| BLH-3589<br>Rec'd<br>Filed | 10/20/66<br>11/2/66<br>1/3/67 | Lic. to cover CP (BPH-5545) which auth. chng. ant-trans. & studio loc.; chng. remote control point, chng. TPO & HAAT.<br><br>Atty: M. H. Bader | GRANTED | 5-12-67 |
| BMLH-269<br>R & F | 5-27-67<br>6-1-67 | Mod. of license to change name of licensed community from Tahoe Valley, California to South Lake Tahoe, California.<br>Atty - Haley, Bader & Potts | GRANTED | 6-28-67 |

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

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September 1969

# APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters KTHO-FM

Name EMERALD BROADCASTING CO.
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BRH-1878<br>R & F<br>#456143 $75<br>PRESS: | 8-20-68<br>9-3-68<br>9-3-68<br>SEP 12 1968 | Renewal of License.<br>Michael Bader, atty<br>AMENDED 10-8-68 re: Engineering | GRANTED | 11-26-68 |
| BPH-7032<br>R & F<br>#579513 $30<br>PRESS: MAR 16 1970 | 2-3-70<br>2-20-70<br>2-20-70 | CP to change Transmitter location to: Pioneer Trail near Al Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, California. Install Ant(Gates, FMC-6A-6 Horiz. & 6 Vert sects) make changes in antenna system(Increase Height); ERP:3kw; operate with vert. ERP: 3kw; HAAT: -493 feet operate with vert. HAAT: -493 feet.TPO: 1.20kws.<br><br>NORTH LA: 38° 55' 02"<br>WEST LONG: 119° 51' 37"<br>Atty - Michael H. Bader<br>Engr- Alfred E. Towne (San Carlos, Calif.) | GRANTED<br>Cond'L | 3-20-70<br>Submit 302's for KTHO (AM). |

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

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September 1969

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KTHO-FM

Name EMERALD BROADCASTING CO.
South Lake Tahoe, California

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
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| BLH-4849<br>R & F<br>#618761 $30.<br>PTA<br>PRESS AUG 27 1970 | 7-18-70<br>7-28-70<br>7-28-70<br>8-18-70 | Lic.(BPH-7032) for changes.<br>Atty: Wm A. Mogel(Haley, Bader & Potts) | GRANTED | 9-11-70 |
| BRH-1878<br>R & F<br>PRESS<br>SEP 23 1971 | 8-11-71<br>9-1-71 | Renewal of License<br>Atty-Haley, Bader & Potts | GRANTED | 11-26-71 |
| Letter | 9-14-72 | Atty-Haley, Bader & Potts no longer represent KTHO-FM | | |
| Letter | 10-18-72 | Michael Bader again represents KTHO-FM | | |
| BRH-1878<br>R & F<br>PN Recd.<br>PRESS SEP 6 1974 | 7-5-74<br>8-1-74<br>" | RENEWAL OF LICENSE<br>Wm.J.Byrnes,Atty.(Haley,)<br>AMENDED 11-8-74 re: EEO | GRANTED | 1-24-75 |

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

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September 1969

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KTHO-FM

Name EMERALD BROADCASTING CO.
South Lake Tahoe, California

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action Nature | Action Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BTC-7623<br>R & F<br>FEE PD: $250 # 372626<br>CODE 049(Form 316)<br>ALSO SEE AM<br>DEC 16 1974 | 12-6-74<br>12-11-74 | Voluntary relinquishment of negative control of lic corp by each, Robert W. Breckner and Donald C. McBain thru sale of stock to Norman Hankoff<br>Atty - Haley, Bader & Potts | GRANTED<br>EFF: | 12-24-74<br>1-24-75 |
| BRH-1878<br>R & F<br>P.N.<br>PRESS<br>AUG 23 1977 | 7-17-77<br>8-1-77<br>8-1-77 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE<br>Atty. John Wells King (Haley, Bader & Potts) | GRANTED | 4-21-78 |
| BTCH791022HW<br>Form 316 (Also see KTHO)<br>PRESS NOV 5 1979 | 10-16-79 | Vol. TC from Donald C. McBain, Robert W. Breckner and Norman Hankoff to Norman Hankoff, Robert W. Breckner and Sarah Breckner, Co-Trustees of Living Trust Agreement dated 4-20-79 and Donald C. McBain and Iris McBain, Co-Trustees of Living Trust Agreement dated 9-22-79<br>Atty - Michael Bader (Haley, Bader & Potts) | GRANTED<br>EFF: | 12-14-79<br>12-21-79 |

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# APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: ~~K~~THO-FM
K Z F R

Name: EMERALD BROADCASTING CO.

Station Location: SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA

| File No. | Date | Description | Action and Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| BRH 800801 H7<br>PRESS NOV 21 1980 | | RENEWAL OF LICENSE<br>Micahel H. Bader, Atty. | GT 1-14-81 |

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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.