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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 3-9-62

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Station location Bethesda, Maryland

Name of licensee HIGH FIDELITY BROADCASTERS, INC.

Triangle Towers, 4853 Cordell Ave., Bethesda, Md. (Ltr. 10-10-67)
xTriangle Towers, 4800 Cordell Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland BPH 6-15-67
x 4930 Del Ray Ave., Bethesda, Md. (PH 11-3-64) LH 4-1-65)

Transmitter location X8218 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland

Triangle Towers, 4853 Cordell Ave., Bethesda, Md. (Ltr. 10-10-67)
xTriangle Towers, 4800 Cordell Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland BPH- 6-15-67
20614 x4930 Del Ray Ave., Bethesda, Md. (PH 11-3-64) BLH 4-1-65)
x8218 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, Maryland MPH 8-31-61

Main studio location x 8225 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	To-
BPH-2959 HAAT:195'	7-20-60	102.3mc CH 272	1kw TPO:890w	U	9-20-60 3-20-61	
Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station.						
BMPH-6618 #1.	3-8-61	Mod.CP(BPH-2959) for extension completion date to			9-20-61.	
BTC-3806 EFF: Per Form 323	8-4-61 9-8-61	Voluntary relinquishment of negative control of permittee corporation by each William A. Tynan and Margaret B. Tynan (As a Family Group) and Robert J. Carpenter thru sale of stock by High Fidelity Broadcasters, Inc. to G. Franklin Montgomery and Five others.				
BMPH-6868 BMPH-6888	8-31-61	102.3mc CH 272	1kw TPO 740w	Un HAAT 200'	9-20	11-20-61
		Mod. of CP(BPH-2959 as mod) to chg. studio location; delete remote control; install new antenna; chg. HAAT. & extension of completion date.				
BLH-1989 HAAT: 200'	3-9-62	102.3mc License to cover CP (BPH-2959 as mod.) which authorized a new FM B/C. station.	1kw TPO: 740w	UNL	3-9	10-1-63
BTC-4278 EFF:	7-17-63 8-1-63	Voluntary transfer of control of license corporation from William A. Tynan et al. (all stockholders) to Dixon Industries, Inc.				
BRH-1286	2-27-66	xxxxxxxxx, Inc Renewal of License			2-27	10-1-66
BPH-4604 HAAT:215'	11-3-64	102.3mcs Ch.#272	ERP:900w TPO:820w	Unl.	1-3-65 7-3-65	
		CP to chg. ant.-trans. & studio loc.; and incr. TPO & HAAT and decr. ERP.				
BLH-2749 HAAT:215'	4-1-65	102.3mcs CH.272 Lic to cover CP(BPH-46-4) which auth decrease in ERP, increase in HAAT and TPO, and change in studio and ant-trans loc.	ERP:900w TPO:820w	U	4-1	10-1-66

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

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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
BTC-4828 EFF:	6-17-65 7-20-65	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Dixon Industries, Inc. to Philip Nesbitt & Maryan B. Nesbitt (Joint Tenant			
Ltr. dated 8-20-65 & rec'd 8-23-65 giving notification per Sect. 73.250(a)(5) Rules that a Gates FMS-5B trans. is now installed & in oper. (Eff:8-20-65)					
BRCH-668 (1)	11-15-65	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 4930 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland.			
BTC-5021 EFF:	3-16-66 4-1-66	Voluntary transfer of control of license corp. from H. Philip Nesbitt & Maryan B. Nesbitt, Joint Tenants, to George P. Griffith.			
BPH-5157 HAAT:215'	4-14-66	102.3mc. ch# 272	ERP: 3kw. TPO: 2.75kw	Unl.	4-14-66 12-14-66
CP to install new trans(Gates-FMS-5G), increase TPO and ERP;					
BLH-3257 HAAT:215'	6-28-66	102.3mcs Ch.#272	ERP:3kw TPO:2.7kw (Kc)	Unl.	6-28-66 10-1-66
Lic. to cover CP(BPH-5157) which auth. install new trans. & incr. ERP & TPO.					
BRH-1286	9-1-66	Renewal of license		10-1	10-1-69
BTC-5297 Consummated 6-19-67 EFF: 6-20-67	6-9-67	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from George P. Griffith to Bernard Margolius, Philip N. Margolius et al.			
BPH-5795 HAAT: 340' (h&v)	6-15-67	102.3mc. ch# 272	ERP: 2.3kw(h&v) TPO: 2.90kw	U	8-15-67 2-15-68
CP to chg. ant-trans & studio location; operate trans by RC from studio location; install new trans(Gates-FM-5B); install vert. polarized ant. (GATES--FMC-2, 2 sects); XXXXXX incr. TPO; decr. ERP(h&v); and incr. HAAT(h&v);					
Ltr.	10-10-67	Chg. studio & RC point to TriangleTower 4853 Cordell Ave., Bethesda, Md.			
BLH-3912(L)	4-9-68	Lic. to cover (BPH-5795) changes			10-1-69
BLH-3912(L)	4-9-68	This authorization supersedes authorization as of the same date to correct transmitter location.			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location .....

Name of licensee HIGH FIDELITY BROADCASTERS, INC.

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BRH-1286(S)	9-30-9	Renewal of License			10-1 10-1-72
EBSA	5-22-72				
BPH-7985(L) HAAT: 340' (H&V)	8-8-72	102.3mc #272 CP install a new Alternate Main Transmitter.	ERP: 2.3kw(H&V)		Unl. 8-8-73
BRH-1286(S)	11-17-72	RENEWAL			10-1-75
BLH-5849(L)	6-20-73	-Lic.(BPH-7985) for Alternate trans.			10-1-75
CONTEL	10-15-74	Main Trans: Collins 830-E-1A alt. changed to Aux: GATES FMS-5B			
BRH-1286(L)	4-30-76	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.)			10-1-78
BRH-1286(S)	4-9-80	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.)			10-1-81

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

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Name HIGH FIDELITY BROADCASTERS, INC. Station location - Bethesda, Maryland
(P.O. - 4425 Chestnut Street, Bethesda, Md.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-2959 Rec'd Filed	3-26-60 3-29-60 3-29-60	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 102.3mc CH 272 ERP - 1kw Type transmitter - COMPOSITE Type antenna - GATES FM 22 (2 section) HAAT 196.3 ft Trans. location - 8218 Wisconsin Ave. Bethesda, Maryland Studio location - 8225 Woodmont Ave. Bethesda, Maryland Remote Control Point - Same as studio Atty. - Pilzer, Jacobs & Schlosberg	GRANTED HAAT:	7-20-60 195'
BMPH- Rec'd	12-8-60 12-9-60	Modification of construction permit(BPH-2959, which authorized a new FM Broadcast Station) to change antenna-transmitter from 8218 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Md. to 4435 Wisconsin Avenue, Washington, D.C. and chg. studio/from 8225 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda (including Remote Control Point) to 7801 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Md.,;Chg. type antenna to Andrew, Type No.1302-2 and increase HAAT to 250 feet.	RETURNED Request of applicant	1-24-61

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Name HIGH FIDELITY BROADCASTERS, INC.
Bethesda, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-6618 R & F	2-13-61 2-14-61	Mod. of C.P.(BPH-2959 which authorized a new FM Broadcast Station) for extension of completion date from 3-20-61 to 9-20-61	GRANTED	3-8-61
BTC-3806 Rec'd Filed	7-10-61 7-11-61 7-11-61	Voluntary relinquishment of negative control of permittee corporation by each William A. Tynan and Margaret B. Tynan (As A Family Group) and Robert J. Carpenter thru sale of stock by High Fidelity Broadcasters, Inc. to G. Franklin Montgomery and Five others.	GRANTED EFF: Per Form 323	8-4-61 9-8-61
BMPH-6868 Rec'd&Filed	7-18-61 7-19-61	Modification of CP(BPH-2959 CP for a new FM Broadcast station) to change location main studio from "8225 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland" to "8218 Wisconsin Avenue, Beth esda,Maryland"; delete remote control operation; make change s in antenna system(incr.height); install new antenna(Andrew,1302-2) and incr. HAAT from 195' to 198.3'.	GRANTED Condl re prior to auth of prog. tests subm.meas. data in accord.Sect. 2.524(a)(d) & photos re 2.523(b) 4 re type accet of trans.(issued with BMPH-6888)	8-31-61 TPO 740w ERP 1kw HAAT 200'

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Name High Fidelity Broadcasters, Inc.
Bethesda, Md.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-6888 R&F	8-14-61 8-15-61	Mod of CP (BPH-2959 as mod which auth a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 9-20-61 to 11-20-61.	GRANTED	8-31-61
BLH-1989 R & F	10-22-61 10-24-61	License to cover C.P. (BPH-2959 as modified) which authorized a new FM Broadcast Station.	GRANTED	3-9-62
PRO. TEST 11-2-61				
BTC-4278 R & F	4-19-63 4-22-63	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from William A. Tynan et al(all stockholders) to Dixon Industries, Inc. Atty. - Wilner & Bergson(J. Smith)	GRANTED EFF:	7-17-63 8-1-63
BRH-1286 Rec'd Filed	7-19-63 7-22-63 7-22-63	Renewal of License	GRANTED	2-27-64

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

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Name HIGH FIDELITY BROADCASTERS, INC.
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-4604 R&F	9-24-64 9-28-64	Construction permit to chg studio and ant trans loc to 4930 Del Ray Ave., Bethesda, Md.; decr ERP to .90kw; incr HAAT to 216'; and incr TPO to .820kw. Atty: Wilner & Bergson	GRANTED	11-3-64
BLH-2749 R&F	12-18-64 12-18-64	License to cover CP (BPH-4604) which authorized decrease in ERP, increase in HAAT and TPO, and change in studio and ant-trans location. Atty: Wilner & Bergson	GRANTED	4-1-65
BTC-1828 R & F (form 316)	5-26-65 5-27-65	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corp. from Dixon Industries, Inc. to H.Philip Nesbitt & Maryan B. Nesbitt (Joint Tenants) Atty. - Wilner & Bergson	GRANTED EFF:	6-17-65 7-20-65

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name HIGH FIDELITY BROADCASTERS, INC.
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-5157 R&F	9-24-65 10-26-65	Construction permit to install new trans (Gates-FM-5G), increase TPO to 2.73kw, and increase ERP to 3kw. Atty: Wilner & Bergson	GRANTED	4-14-66
BRCH-668 Rec'd Filed	11-4-65 11-8-65 11-8-65	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 4930 Del Rav Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland. John Gordon Smith, Atty.	GRANTED	11-15-65
BTC-5021 R & F	1-4-66 2-1-66	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from H. Philip Nesbitt & Maryan B. Nesbitt, Joint Tenants, to George P. Griffith REQ. WAIVER OF SEC. 1.597(a)(3) of RULES Atty for transferor - Wilner & Bergson for transferee - Miller & Schroeder	GRANTED EFF:	3-16-66 4-1-66

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W H F S

Name HIGH FIDELITY BROADCASTERS, INC.
Bethesda, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLH-3257 R & F	5/2/66 5/2/66	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-5157) which auth. install new trans., chng. TPO & ERP. Attys: Miller & Schroeder	GRANTED	6-28-66
BRH-1286 R & F	6-17-66 7-1-66	Renewal of License Miller and Schroeder, Attys.(J.P.Bankson,Jr.)	GRANTED	9-1-66
BTC-5297 R & F	3-21-67 3-23-67	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from George P. Griffith to Bernard Margolius, Philip N. Margolius et al(5 stockholders) Atty - Miller &Schroeder	GRANTED Consummated EFF:	6-9-67 6-19-67 6-20-67
BPH-5795 R & F	4-12-67 4-13-67	CP to chg. ant-trans & studio loc., to Triangle Towers, 4800 Cordell Ave., Bethesda, Md.,; operate trans. by RC from studio loc.(Basement);install new type trans(Gates-FM -5B); install vert. polarized ant(RCA-RPC-2, 2 sects); incr. TPO to 2.54kw; decr. ERP to 2.3kw(h&v) and incr. HAAT to 335 feet(h&v). Atty - John P. Bankson, Jr. Engr:Raymond E. Rohrer & Associates,Washington,D.C.	GRANTED	6-15-67

Amended 6-14-67 to chg type ant.to GATES FMC-2 & TPO to 2.80kw

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters W H F S

Name HIGH FIDELITY BROADCASTERS, INC.
Bethesda, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLH-3912 R & F #391125 $30 PT	11/14/67 11/16/67 11/16/67 11/24/67	Lic. (BPH-5795, for changes).(GATES FMS-5B) Atty. John P. Bankson Engr: Raymond E. Rohrer	GRANTED	4-9-68
BRH-1286 R & F #526902 $75. P. N.	6-25-69 7-2-69 7-2-69 7-2-69 1969	Renewal of License Atty.: John P. Bankson, Jr.	GRANTED	9-30-69
BRH-1286 R & F P.N. PRESS JUL 14 1972	6-30-72 7-3-72 7-3-72	Renewal of License Atty: John P. Bankson, Jr. AMENDED 8-29-72 re: employment policy	GRANTED	11-17-72

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

102.3mc

Call Letters WHFS

Name High Fidelity Broadcasters, Inc.
Bethesda, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-7985 R & F #092834 $50 Code 061 Press	7-20-72 7-20-72 7-20-72 AUG 1 - 1972	CP to install a new Alternate Main Transmitter (Collins 830E-1a with Wilkinson FMC-10 stereo exciter). Atty: Arthur H. Schroeder	GRANTED	8-8-72
BLH-5849 R & F W 189993 $50 PTA PRESS	5-18-73 5-22-73 5-22-73-AC-068-~~Miller, Schroeder & Bankson~~ 5-30-73 JUN 7 1973 10-1-75	Lic.(BPH-7985) for Alternate transmitter.	GRANTED	6-20-73
Ltr. Dated 11-16-73 firm Hamel, Park, McCabe & Saunders,(John P. Bankson,Jr.) now represent station.				
BRH-1286 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	5-1-75 5-30-75 " JUL 11 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY). John P. Bankson,Jr.Atty. AMENDED 10-10-75 re: EEO	GRANTED Cond'l re EEO	4-30-76

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102.3 mc

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters W H F S

Name HIGH FIDELITY BROADCASTERS, INC.
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-1286 R & F PRESS	5-26-78 5-31-78 JUL 7 · 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) John P. Bankson, Jr., Atty. PETITION TO DENY AND TO INTERVENE filed 9-1-78 by the Office of Human Rights of the District of Columbia PETITION TO INTERVENE filed 9-1-78 by D. C. Media Task Force MOTION TO STRIKE PETITION TO INTERVENE filed 9-15-78 by Forbes W. Blair, Counsel on behalf of Seven Locks Broadcasting Company MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS TO DENY filed 9-26-78 by John P. Bankson, Jr., Counsel on behalf of High Fidelity Broadcasters, Inc. (OVER)	GRANTED Cond't re: EEO	4-9-80

(BRH-1286) OPPOSITION TO PETITIONS TO DENY AND TO INTERVENE filed 10-16-78 by John F. Bankson, Jr., Counsel on behalf of High Fidelity Broadcasters, Inc.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY AND TO INTERVENE filed 11-6-78 by Office of Human Rights of the District of Columbia

AMENDED 7-1-80 re: EEO

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

102.3 mc FM

Call Letters: WHFS

Name: HIGH FIDELITY BROADCASTERS, INC.

Station Location: BETHESDA, MARYLAND

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRH810528UD PRESS: JUL 21	1981	Renewal of License Atty: John P. Bankson, Jr.	

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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.