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Form BC 126
June 1954
OFFICIAL NO. 1651

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

FM WQCM (Eff 6-17-74)
WHAG-FM(EFF:7-2-
~~W-Q-C-M(EFF: 7-1-70)~~70

Date first licensed MARCH 18, 1965

Call letters ~~WHAG-FM~~

Station location HALFWAY, MD.

Name of licensee INTERSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (ALH gr 3/3/77 EFF: 3/7/77
xx REGIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location At base of north tower, 1250 Downsville Pike, Hagerstown, Md.(LH 3-18-65)

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Main studio location 1250 Downsville Pike, Hagerstown, Md. (LH 3-18-65)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPH-3767 HAAT: 160' Cond'l.	9/9/64 CP For a	96.7mc CH. 244 new Class	ERP:3kw TPO:880watts A FM broadcast	Unl.	11/9/64 5/9/65 station.
BLH-2712 HAAT:160'	3-8-65 Lic. to cover CP(BPH-3767) which auth. a new FM broadcast station, with RC. (Type trans.-Gates FMS-1C).	96.7mcs Ch.#244	ERP:3kw TPO:1kw	Unl.	3-8-65 10-1-66
BSH-1651 (1)	7-23-65	Mod. of Lic. to correctly show TPO as 880w. (Memo)			
BRH-1651	9-1-66	96.7mcs	3kw	Unl.	10-1 10-1-69
BTC-5216 EFF:	1-10-67 2-9-67	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Arthur A. Snowberger, John L. Miller and Richard Hildreth to Adler Communications Corporation.			
BPH-6933 HAAT:165'(h&v) SET ASIDE 1-9-70	12-9-69 CP: trans; ant; TPO; ERP and HAAT.	96.7mc Ch#244	TPO:2.40kw ERP:3kw		2-9- 8-9-70
BPH-6933 HAAT:165'(h&v) Cond.	1-9-70 CP: trans; ant; TPO: ERP AND HAAT.	96.7mc Ch#244	TOP:2.40kw ERP:3kw		3-9- 9-9-70
BRH-1651(S)	5-7-70	Renewal			10-1-72
EBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-1651(S)	10-27-72	RENEWAL			10-1-75
BLH-4782(L)	11-3-72	Lic(BPH-6933)for changes			10-1-75
BSH-1651(1)	6-17-74	ML to change call letters			
EBSA	6-17-74				
BRH-1651(L)	10-7-75	Renewal of license			10-1-78
BALH-2419	3/3/77	Vol ALH EFF: 3/7/77			
FCC 4-14-77 Change in mailing address					
BRH-1651(L)	10-23-78	Renewal of License			10-1-81

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WHAG-FM

Name REGIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY
~~HAGERSTOWN,~~ MARYLAND (P.O. 1250 Downsville Pike, Hagerstown, Maryland)
HALFWAY,

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-3767 Rec'd Filed	5-8-62 5-8-62 5-8-62	Construction Permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency ~~95.7mc CH 239~~ ~~93.5mc CH 228~~ 96.7mc CH 244 ERP ~~3.292kw~~ 3kw Type Antenna - Jampro JA-4-A (4 sections) HAAT ~~160 feet~~ 161 ft Type transmitter - Gates FM-~~1B~~ 1C TPO ~~1kw~~ 910 watts (redesc. per AM)1250 Downsville Pike Trans. location - ~~On East side of Hwy. 632, 2.5 mi. south of city limits~~, Hagerstown, Maryland Studio location - Same as transmitter Remote Control - Same as studio Atty. Spearman and Roberson Eng. Creutz & Snowberger	GRANTED	9/9/64
AMENDMENT R & F	11-1-62 11-7-62	AMENDED to change frequency to ~~93.5mc CH 228~~; ERP 3kw, TPO 910 watts; HAAT 161 ft; change station location to HALFWAY, MARYLAND		

SEE PAGE 2 for Amend.

FORM BC-121 #2
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters NEW WHAG-FM

Name REGIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY
HALFWAY, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
AMEND BPH-3767 R. & F.	6-23-64 6-24-64	AMENDED to chg. freq to 96.7mc, CH 244 and type trans.(GATES FM-1C).	GRANTED	9/9/64
BLH-2712 R&F PROG. TEST 12-14-64	12-7-64 12-7-64	License to cover CP (BPH-3767) which authorized a new FM broadcast station; and specify remote control point at 1250 Downsville Pike, Hagerstown, Maryland.	GRANTED	3-18-65
BRH-1651 R & F	6-29-66 7-5-66	Renewal of license Atty- Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenehan & Hildreth	GRANTED	9-1-66
BTC-5216 R & F	11-30-66 11-30-66	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Arthur A. Snowberger, John L. Miller and Richard Hildreth to Adler Communications Corporation Atty - Richard Hildreth	GRANTED EFF:	1-10-67 2-9-67

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

FORM BC-121 #3
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters ~~WHAG~~ WHAG-FM

Name REGIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY
Hagerstown, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-1651 R & F #527019 $75. P.N. filed PRESS AUG 1	7-1-69 7-3-69 7-3-69 7-16-69 1969	Renewal of license Atty-Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, etc.	GRANTED	5-7-70
BPH-6933 R & F #558053 $30 PRESS:	11-18-69 11-19-69 11-19-69 DEC 8 1969	CP trans(CCA-FM-3000D); add vert. polarized ant(CCA-6811-3 sects); TPO 2.4kws; operate with vert. ERP: 3kws. Atty - Richard Hildreth(Fletcher, Heald etc.)	GRANTED GRANT SET ASIDE 1-9-70 REGRANTED 1-9-70 Cond. does not constitut finding re RM-1450 & related rule making.	12-9-69
BLH-4782 R & F #594196 $30. PTA ltd Amended PTA ext. Amended PRESS JUL 15 1970	4-15-70 4-17-70 4-17-70 4-27-70 4-28-70 4-30-70 6-2-70	Lic.(BPH-6933) for changes. Atty: Richard Hildreth(Fletcher, Heald, etc.) trans. type & par. 8, Sect. II-B coordinates	GRANTED	11-3-72

Form BC-121 #4
September 1969
10-65

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

96.7 mc FM

Call Letters WQCM
x WHAG-FM

Name INTERSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
x REGIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY
HALFWAY, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-1651 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JUL 10 1972	6-12-72 7-3-72 7-10-72	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Vincent J. Curtis,Jr.Atty AMENDED 7-24-72 re: programming; emp. policy AMENDED 9-25-72 re: employment practices	GRANTED	10-27-72
BRH-1651 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JUN 23 1975	6-2-75 " "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE M.S.Johnson,Atty. AMENDED 9-18-75 re: programming	GRANTED	10-7-75
BALH-2119 R & F SEE AM WHAG FOR FEE PD JAN 28 1977	12-30-76 12-30-76	Voluntary assignment of license to INTERSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Atty - Fletcher, Heald etc(V. Curtis) SEE AM WHAG FOR AMENDMENTS ETC	GRANTED EFF:	3/3/77 3/7/77

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96.7 Mhz.

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W Q C M

Name INTERSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
HALFWAY, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-1651 R & F PRESS	5-31-78 6-1-78 JUN 28 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Vincent J. Curtis, Jr. (Fletcher, Heald, Kenehan & Hildreth)	GRANTED	10-23-78
BRH-810601D8 Press: AUG	5 1981	Renewal of License Atty: ----------	gtd.	10-22-81 ISSUED

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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.