WBRL

AM

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed .....

Call Letters W B R L

Station Location Berlin, New Hampshire

Name Mc LAUGHLIN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter Location Flint Street, Berlin, New Hampshire (BP-5-23-80)

Main studio location 40 Main Street, Berlin, New Hampshire

Form BC-126
December 1978

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BP-800215AP	5-23-80	1400khz 250w 1kw LS CP FOR NEW AM STATION	5-23-81 Unl.
BP-800215AP (1)		Call Letters Assigned and EBSA ISSUED.	
BL-800620AG (L)	12-10-80	Lic. to cover(BP800215AP) for New Station.	4-1-84

Form BC-126 (Back)
December 1978

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W B R L
NEW AM

Name: McLaughlin Broadcasting Company, Inc.

Station Location: Berlin, New Hampshire(PO 211 Emery Street, Berlin, New Hampshire 03570)

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BP 800215AP ACCEPTED MAR 19 '80	CUT OFF MAY 05 '80	Construction permit for new AM on: Frequency: 1400KHz Power: 250w 1kw LS Hours of operation: Unlimited TL: Flint Street, Berlin, New Hampshire SL&RC: 40 Main Street, Berlin, New Hampshire.	GRANTED 5-23-80
PN FILED	3-17-80	REQUESTING FACILITIES OF STATION WBRL	
AMENDED	3-10-80	financial(credit ltr)	
AMENDED	5-22-80	certified copy of by-laws ,balance sheet	

Form BC-121
March 1979

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

1400 kHz

Call Letters: W B R L

Name: McLAUGHLIN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Station Location: Berlin, New Hampshire

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BL-800620AG R & F PRESS	6-20-80 NOV 18 1980	Lic. to cover (BP-800215AP) for a NEW STATION. Atty: B. Jay Baraff (Baraff, Koerner)	GRANTED 12-10-80
Letter	4-23-81	Re: STA , issued 1-12-81	

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. 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 – 3" by 5" filing cards – 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). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only one set is known to exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

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.