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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-2-48

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Station location: Amsterdam, New York

Name of licensee COMMUNITY SERVICE BROADCASTING CORPORATION OF AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

Transmitter location About 498 upper Locust Avenue, Amsterdam, New York (MP 12-4-47) (Lic. 8-2-48)

Zip 12010

Main studio location About 498 upper Locust Avenue, Amsterdam, New York (MP 12-4-47) (Lic. 8-2-48)

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	To
Order B1-P-5021)	) 9-5-47	1490	250w	U	Subj. filing MP	
		approval T site and antenna				
	For a new broadcast station					
B1-P-5021 BMP- 3259	12-4-47	1490	250w	U	By 2-4-48 to 8-4-48	
Mod. C.P.(5021)		to chg. type T & for appr. T & S loc.				
BL-3090	8-2-48	1490	250w	U	8-2	8-1-51
	Lic. to cover CP (5021 as mod) for a new station.					
BR-2032	7-11-51	1490	250w	U	8-1	6-1-54
Telegram 5-27-54		Action on renewal deferred 5-[illegible]-54 and continued operation auth. until final determination on renewal				
BR-2032	6-30-54	Renewal of license			6-30	-1-57
BR-2032	5-1-57	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			6-1	6-1-60
BP-13728	10-11-61	1490kc	250w,1kwLS	U	12-11	6-11-62
	CP to increase daytime power to 1kw and install a new transmitter (COLLINS 20-V) (Cond'l).					
BMP-9915	11-24-61	Mod. of CP(BP-13728) to change type transmitter (GATES BC-1T).				
BR-2032	11-29-61	Renewal of license			11-29	6-1-63
BL-9329 (1)COND	7-19-62	Lic. to cover CP (BP-13,728 as mod)which Lauth. incr. daytime power and instl. new trans.				
BL-9522	10-22-62	Lic. to use old main trans.(COLLINS 300G) as an Aux. trans.daytime & Alt. main nighttime at main trans. loc. operated on 1490kc. 250w. U.				
		1490kc	250w	Alt.M-Aux.	10-22	6-1-63
BL-2032	5-31-63	Renewal of license(Alt.M-Aux)			6-1	6-1-66
	(Main)	1490kc	250w-1kw-LS	U	6-1	6-1-66
BRC-28342 (1)	2-28-66	Mod. of license to operate Main transmitter by remote control from 498 upper Locust Avenue, Amsterdam, New York (Next room from transmitter).				
BR-2032	5-27-66	Renewal of License (Aux.-Alt.Main)			6-1	6-1-69
	(Main)	1490kc	250w-1kw-LS	U (*)		6-1-69

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CARD #2

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-2-48

Call letters WCSS

Station location AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

Name of licensee COMMUNITY SERVICE BROADCASTING CORPORATION OF AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

Transmitter location ABOUT 498 UPPER LOCUST AVENUE, AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK (MF 12-4-47) (Lic. 8-2-48)

Main studio location ABOUT 498 UPPER LOCUST AVENUE, AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK (MF 12-4-47) (Lic. 8-2-48)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BR-2032(S)	5-22-69	RENEWAL & ALT. MAIN & AUX. TRANSMITTER			6-1-72
BZ-7295(1)	9-29-69	Direct Meas. (Main).			
BZ-7296(1)	9-29-69	Direct Meas. (Alt.-Aux.)			
EBSA	5-22-72				
BR-2032 (L)	6-8-72	Renewal of License (Main & Aux-Alt. Main)			6-1-75
BS-2032(1)	5-10-73	ML to change Obstruction markings to paragraphs 1, 3, 11 & 21.			
BR-2032(L)	5-28-75	RENEWAL (MAIN & MAIN)		AUX-ALT.	6-1-78
BZ-8917(L)	9-15-75	Direct Measuarement			6-1-78
ltr.	11-24-76	Main: GATES BC-1T Aux: COLLINS 300G			
BZ-9311(L)	1-27-77	Direct Measurement (Alt. and Auxiliary Transmitters)			6-1-78
BR-2032(S)	5-11-78	Renewal of License (Main & Aux-Alt.)			6-1-81

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name COMMUNITY SERVICE BROADCASTING CORPORATION OF AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK
(119 Stewart Street, Amsterdam, NEW York)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B1-P-5021 Rec'd	7-12-46 7-13-46	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on Frequency: 1490kc Power: 250w Hours of Operation: Unlimited T-S Location: To be determined. Amsterdam, New York	B-378, Docket No. 7703 GRANTED Hearing, Approval Decision ed	9-5-47 after subj. filing MPT site & ant. and Order issued
AMENDED Recd. Filed	11-7-46 11-8-46 11-15-46	AMENDED re stockholders and to submit Engr. data. (Engr. Geo. Davis) (Atty. E.D.Johnston)		

Gates 250-C Transmitter

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name COMMUNITY SERVICE BROADCASTING CORPORATION OF AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

Call Letters W.C.S.S.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-3259 Rec'd Filed	10-20-47 10-21-47 10-21-47	Mod. of C.P. of (B1-P-5021, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter (Collins 300-G) and for approval of antenna, transmitter and studio locations at About 498 upper Locust Avenue, Amsterdam, New York. (Filed by E. D. Johnston, Atty.; George C. Davis, Engr.)	GRANTED	12-4-47

Form 94
#3

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WCSS

Name COMMUNITY SERVICE BROADCASTING CORPORATION OF AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-3090 Rec'd Filed	4-3-48 4-6-48 4-6-48	License to cover C.P. (B1-P-5021, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. (E. D. Johnston, Atty.) (above no longer represents station per ltr. 5/14/51)	GRANTED	8-2-48
BR-2032 Rec'd	5-18-51 5-29-51	Renewal of license	Granted	7-11-51
BR-2032 Rec'd Filed	4-12-54 4-15-54 4-15-54	Renewal of license	Granted	6-30-54

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AUG. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name COMMUNITY SERVICE BROADCASTING CORPORATION OF AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

Call Letters W.C.S.S.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2032 Rec'd Filed	2-11-57 3-1-57 3-1-57	Renewal of License. Neville Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	5-1-57
BP-13,728 Rec'd Filed	12-2-59 12-11-59 12-11-59	Construction Permit to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw and install a new transmitter (Collins 20-V) Requests waiver of Sec. 1.106(b); 1.354 (c) and 1.361(b) of the Rules Waives right to 309(b) notification Atty.- Miller & Schroeder Engr.- Pete Johnson, Charleston, W. Va.	GRANTED Cond'l re: Permittee shall submit with applic for license, antenna resistance measurements. Permittee shall accept such interf. as may be imposed by other 250w Class IV stations.	10-11-61
BR-2032 Rec'd&Filed	2-29-60 3-7-60	Renewal of license. Miller and Schroeder, Attys.	GRANTED	11-29-61

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name Community Service Broadcasting Corporation of Amsterdam, New York
Amsterdam, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-9915 R&F	10-23-61 10-27-61	Mod of CP (BP-13728 which auth incr day power and install new trans) to change type trans (Gates BC-1T). Atty: Miller & Schroeder	GRANTED	11-24-61
BL-9329 R. & F.	4-2-62 4-4-62	Lic to cover CP(BP-13,728 as mod) which auth incr in daytime power and installation of a new transmitter. Atty- MILLER & SCHROEDER	GRANTED re: accept interference 250w Class IV stations.	7-19-62
BL-9522 R. & F.	7-21-62 7-25-62	Lic. to use old main trans. (Collins-300-G) as an Aux. trans. daytime and Alt. Main Nighttime at main trans. loc to be operated on 1490kc, 250w, U. Atty: Miller & Schroeder	GRANTED	10-22-62
BR-2032 Rec.& Filed	2/18/63 2/19/63	Renewal of License (Main & Aux-Alt-M.)	GRANTED	5-31-63

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

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1490kc

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name COMMUNITY SERVICE BROADCASTING CORPORATION OF AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK
~~Amsterdam, New York~~

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRC-2834 Rec'd Filed	2-3-66 2-4-66 2-21-66	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 498 upper Locust Avenue, Amsterdam, New York (Next room from transmitter). (Main Transmitter)	GRANTED	2-28-66
BR-2032 R & F	2-4-66 2-4-66	Renewal of License (Main & Aux-Alt. Main)	GRANTED	5-27-66
BR-2032 R & F #485959 $30. #485958 $75. PRESS	1-22-69 1-24-69 1-24-69 1-24-69	Renewal of license (Main & Aux.-Alt. Main) AMENDED 4-9-69 re: Foreign language programming	GRANTED	5-22-69
BZ-7295 R & F DM	8/29/69 9/8/69 9/12/69	Direct Meas. (Main)	GRANTED	9-29-69
BZ-7296 R & F DM	8/29/69 9/8/69 9/12/69	Direct Meas. (Atl-Aux.)	GRANTED	9-29-69

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

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1490khz

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W C S S

Name COMMUNITY SERVICE BROADCASTING CORPORATION OF AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK
AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2032 R & F PN Recd. PRESS FEB 1X 1972	1-14-72 2-7-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX.-ALT.MAIN) AMENDED 3-20-72 re: community needs & interests: equal employment program	GRANTED	6-8-72
BR-2032 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	1-5-75 1-6-75 " FEB 11 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTER.MAIN & AUXILIARY TRANSMITTERS	GRANTED	5-28-75
BZ-8917 R & F DM PRESS AUG 7	7-8-75 7-9-75 7-31-75 1975	Direct Measurement (Alternate and Auxiliary)	GRANTED	9-15-75
BZ-9311 R & F DM PRESS DEC 21	11-26-76 11-30-76 12-15-76 1976	Direct Measuremnet	GRANTED	1-27-77

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

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name COMMUNITY SERVICE BROADCASTING CORPORATION OF AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK
AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2032 R & F PRESS	12-28-78 1-4-78 FEB 28 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY TRANS.)	GRANTED	5-11-78
BR-810122YB PN FILED PRESS:	1-22-81 MAR 16 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. TRANS)	Lic	5-27-81 ISSUED
BZ-810824AB R & F DM PRESS SEP 04 1981	8-24-81	DIRECT MEASUREMENT ATTY: ---		ISSUED

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

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.