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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 3-14-57

Call letters W.M.I.A

LOCATION: Arecibo, Puerto Rico

Name of licensee ABACOA RADIO CORPORATION

2.2 miles SSW of city of Arecibo, Puerto Rico. (BP 2-2-71)

Transmitter location X BARRIO SAN DANIEL, INSULAR ROAD #2, NEAR ARECIBO, PUERTO RICO (CP 8-29-56)
(L-3-14-57)

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Main studio location BARRIO SAN DANIEL, INSULAR ROAD #2, NEAR ARECIBO, PUERTO RICO (CP 8-29-56
(L-3-14-57)

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BP-10472	8-29-56	1070kc	500w	Un	10-29-56 4-29-57
	CP for a new standard broadcast station.				
BMP-7488 (1)	1-8-57	Mod. of CP(10472) to move antenna-transmitter location 100' from present site (no change in description) and change type transmitter.			
BL-6546	3-14-57	1070kc	500w	U	3-14 2-1-58
	License to cover BP-10472 mod. for new station.				
BR-3426	1-30-58	Renewal of license			2-1 2-1-61
BTC-2778 EFF:	5-13-58 5-31-58	Voluntary acquisition of control of licensee corporation by Manuel Pirallo Lopez, Carlos Pirallo Lopez, Jose Luis Pirallo Lopez and Carmen Esperanza Pirallo Lopez, as a family group, thru purchase of stock from Jose Donate Casanova and Gloria Ramos de Donate.			
- - -	1-25-61	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-3426	4-26-61	Renewal of license			4-26 2-1-64
BR-3426	12-18-64	Renewal of License			2-1 2-1-67
BZ-5347 (1)	1-29-65	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.			
BR-3426	1-13-67	1070kc	500w	U	2-1 2-1-70
BR-3426(SD	1-29-70	RENEWAL &NDEA			2-1-73
BP-18,953 (Main)	2-2-71	1070kc	500w	Unl.	2-2-72
	CP to chng. trans. site, operate trans. by RC from SL, increase tower height and add top loading.				
BP-18,954	2-2-71	1070kc	500w	Aux.	2-2-72
	CP to install new auxiliary transmitter (COLLINS 20V-2)				
Comtel	2-4-72	Auth. oper. Temp. with BP-18953 to 2-29-72			
BMP-13,377(1)	3-3-72	MP(BP-18,953) ext. time to 8-2-72			
BMP-13,378(1)	3-3-72	MP(BP-18,954) ext. time to 8-2-72			
EBSA	5-25-72				

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June 1954

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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-
BL-13,213	(L) 5-23-72	Lic.(BP-18,953) for changes 1070khz	500w	U (Main)	2-1-73
BR-3426 BL-13,262	(L) 10-11-73	1070khz Renewal and Lic.BP-18,954 for auxiliary transmitter	500w	RC U (Main & Aux)	2-1-76
BZ-8558	(L) 6-7-74	Direct Measurement (Main & Auxiliary)			2-1-76
Ltr.	10-2-75	Trans. now being installed GATES Vanguard II M6519(Main) Collins 20V-3 (Auxiliary)			
BR-3426	(L) 2-12-76	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.)			2-1-79
BR 780929	VW 1-31-79	(S) REN.OF LIC.(MAIN & AUX)			2-1-82

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name ABACOA RADIO CORPORATION
(P.O. - Box 126, Arecibo, Puerto Rico)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-10,472 Rec'd Filed	2-21-56 3-27-56 3-27-56	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1070kc Power - 500w Hours of operation - Unlimited Transmitter location - Barrio San Daniel, Insular Rd. #2, Near Arecibo, P.R. Studio location - Same as transmitter Atty. - Frank Stollenwerck Engr. - Kear & Kennedy (Willis C. Beecher)	GRANTED	8-29-56
BMP-7488 Rec'd Filed	12-11-56 12-14-56 12-14-56	Modification of construction permit (BP-10,472, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to move antenna-transmitter location 100' from present site (no change in description) and change type transmitter (Collins 20-V). Frank Stollenwerck, Atty. Kear & Kennedy, Engrs.	GRANTED	1-8-57

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

Gates BC 500-K

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955 #2

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name ABACOA RADIO CORPORATION
ARECIBO, PUERTO RICO

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-6546 Rec'd Filed	2-16-57 2-19-57 2-19-57	License to cover Construction Permit (BP-10,472 as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED	3-14-57
BR-3426 Rec'd Filed	10-31-57 11-6-57 11-6-57	Renewal of License	GRANTED	1-30-58
BTC-2778 Rec'd Filed	4-21-58 4-28-58 4-28-58	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Manuel Pirallo Lopez, Carlos Pirallo Lopez, Jose Luis Pirallo Lopez and Carmen Esperanza Pirallo Lopez, as a family group thru purchase of stock from Jose Donate Casanova and Gloria Ramos de Donate.	GRANTED EFF:	5-13-58 5-31-58
BR-3426 Rec'd&Filed	10-29-60 11-2-60	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	4-26-61

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name ABACOA RADIO CORPORATION
ARECIBO, PUERTO RICO

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-15,292 R&F	1-8-62 1-8-62	CP to increase daytime power from 500w to 5kw and install new transmitter (ITA-AM-5000A) Atty. Robert M. Booth, Jr. Eng. John H. Mullaney and Assoc.	DENIED	7-21-65
BR-3426 R & F	12-9-63 12-17-63	Renewal of license. 2-1-64 Joseph F. Hennessey, Atty.	GRANTED	12-18-64
BZ-5347 R. & F.	7-24-64 8-18-64	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. Atty - Booth & Lovett	GRANTED	1-20-65

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name ABACOA RADIO CORPORATION
Arecibo, Puerto Rico

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3426 R & F	10-26-66 11-2-66	Renewal of License Atty.: Robert M. Booth, Jr.	GRANTED	1-13-67
BR-3426 R & F #554088375 PN PRESS	10-31-69 11-3-69 11-3-69 11-3-69 DEC 5 1969	Renewal of license Atty: Booth & Frerot	GRANTED	1-29-70
BP-18,953 R & F #649156 $50 ACC. 060 Press	11-30-70 12-9-70 12-9-70 JAN 20 1971	Construction permit to change transmitter site to 2.2 miles from center of Arecibo, Puerto Rico, operate transmitter by remote control from main studio location, increase tower height and add top loading. (Main) 18° 27' 33" - 66° 45' 20" Atty: Robert M. Booth, Jr.	GRANTED	2-2-71

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name ABACOA RADIO CORPORATION
Arecibo, Puerto Rico

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-18,954 R & F #649157 $50 ACC. 060 Press JAN 25 1971	11-30-70 12-9-70 12-9-70	Construction permit to install new transmitter Collins 20V-2 for auxiliary use on 500 watts Non-DA. (at new site) Atty: Robert M. Booth, Jr.	GRANTED	2-2-71
BMP-13,377 R & F $50-037947 AC-067 FEB 14 1972	2-2-72 2-2-72 2-2-72	MP(BP-18,953) for extension of completion date to 8-2-72 (changes (Main) Atty: Robert M. Booth, Jr.	GRANTED to	3-3-72 8-2-72
BMP-13,378 R & F $50-037948 AC-067 FEB 14 1972	2-2-72 2-2-72 2-2-72	MP(BP-18,954) for extension of compeltion date to 8-2-72 (changes (Aux.) Atty: Robert M. Booth, Jr.	GRANTED to	3-3-72 8-2-72

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September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1070kc.

Call Letters WMIA

Name ABACOA RADIO CORPORATION
Arecibo, Puerto Rico

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-13,213 Rec'd W 057116-$50. Amended & F PTA Amended PRESS	3-17-72 3-20-72 3-29-72 3-29-72 4-10-72 4-14-72 MAY 9 1972	Lic.(BP-18,953, as mod.) for changes - Main Transmitter. AC-067 re freq. monitor pend. rec. amend.,w/in 20 days,of ant. twr Antenna tower Atty: John H. Mullaney & Assoc.(Peter V. Gureckis)	GRANTED	5-23-72
BL-13,262 R.~~&F~~ W 088720-$50. Filed PTA PRESS	6-26-72 7-3-72 7-5-72-AC-067 7-5-72 7-14-72 JUL 31 1972	Lic. (BP-18,954, as mod.) for Auxiliary Trans. Atty: Booth & Freret	GRANTED issued with renewal	10-11-73

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September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1070 kc

Call Letters W M I A

Name ABACOA RADIO CORPORATION
ARECIBO, PUERTO RICO

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3426 R & F PN Recd. PRESS PN	10-26-72 11-3-72 " DEC 14 1972 12-19-72	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Robert M. Booth,Jr.Atty AMENDED 1-19-73 re: employment program AMENDED 1-29-73 re: equal employment program	GRANTED issued with BL-13,262	10-11-73
BZ-8558 R & F DM PRESS 8 JUN 1974	4-18-74 4-23-74 5-6-74	Direct Measurement(Main & Auxiliary)	GRANTED	6-7-74
BR-3426 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	9-22-75 10-2-75 " NOV 10 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY)	GRANTED	2-12-76

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

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Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1070KHz.

Call Letters WMIA

Name ABACOA RADIO CORPORATION
ARECIBO, PUERTO RICO

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR780929VW PRESS DEC 4 1978		RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) Atty. Julian P. Freret (Booth & Freret)	GRANTED	1-31-79
BTC810319HD Form 315 PRESS APR 0 9 1981 PN filed 7-22-81		Vol TC from Carlos Pirallo, Jose Pirallo, Carmen Pirallo & Estate of Manuel Pirallo to Carlos Pirallo, Jose Pirallo, Carmen Pirallo, Estate of Manuel Pirallo, Carlos D. Pirallo & Lirio M. Pirallo Atty - Julian P. Freret		

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

W.R.I.A. - RECORD OF DENIAL OF INFORMAL APPLICATIONS

Tele. W.M.I.A. 5-1-50. Request to remain silent in order to move studio to transmitter site denied.

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 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. 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.