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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 12-12-46 Call letters x W M T W W P O R (8-1-51)

Station located: Portland, Maine

OCEAN COAST PROPERTIES(AL 1-27-71 EFF: 3-2-71)

x HILDRETH BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 4-9-58) EFF: 5-13-58)

x OLIVER BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL 7-18-51, Eff. 8-1-51)

x RADIO ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED (AL 10-3-49; EFF: 10-30-49)

Name of licensee x THE YANKEE NETWORK, INCORPORATED

Rear of 53 Baxter Boulevard, Portland, Maine (BR 9-7-60)(Redescription).

x Rear 52 Baxter Blvd. Portland, Maine (BL 1-8-58)

Rear (BP 6-25-57)

/57 Baxter Blvd., Portland, Maine (CP 7-26-51) Lic. 11-15-51)

Transmitter location x 212 Middle St., Portland, Maine (MP 9-24-46)

Baxter Bldg., 562 Congress St., Portland, Maine (BRC 9-13-66)

Zip-04111 X Casco Bank Building, 477 Congress Street (BRC-387)

x The Chapman Bldg., 477 Congress St., Portland, Maine (CP 7-26-51) Lic. 11-15-51

Main studio location x 212 Middle St., Portland, Maine (MP 9-24-46)

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
1-P-4571	5-16-46	1490	250w	U	
Letter 8-30-46 CP for new station granted subject filing MP for T site and antenna (Conditional Clause)					
-P-4571 B1-MP-2083	9-24-46	1490	250w	U	11-24 5-24-47
Mod.CP(4571) for change in type of T, approval of antenna and T & S sites (Conditional Clause)					
B1-L-2112 B1-Z-1929	12-12-46	1490	250w	U	12-12 8-1-48
Lic. to cover C.P.(4571 as mod.) for new station and determine operating power by direct method					
BR-1337	7-6-48	1490	250	U	8-1 8-1-51
BAL-906	10-3-49	Voluntary assignment of license from The Yankee Network, Incorporated to Radio Enterprises, Incorporated. EFF: 10-30-49)			
ML-1194 Eff. 8-1-51	7-18-51	Vol. assignment of license to OLIVER BROADCASTING CORPORATION, (COND'L CLAUSE)			
BP-8133 Eff.	7-26-51 8-1-51	CP chg. trans.	Mod locations and type of (COND'L CLAUSE)		10-1 4-1-52
BS-1337	7-25-51	Extension of license			8-1 11-1-51
BR-1337	10-25-51	1490	250	U	10-25 4-1-54
[illegible]	11-15-51	1490	250w	U	11-15 4-1-54
BL-3398	5-13-52	1490	250w	U	5-13 4-1-54
Determine operating power by direct method.					
BR-1337	3-3-54	Renewal of license.			4-1 4-1-57
BRC-387	5-4-54	Mod. of license to operate trans. by remote control from Casco Bank Building, 477 Congress Street, Portland, Maine			
BP-9164	3-24-54	CP install auxiliary transmitter power 250w			5-24 11-24-54
BL-5374	2-9-55	1490	250w	Aux.	2-9 4-1-57
Lic. cover CP (BP-9164) install Aux. trans.					
Z-3705 (2)	9-9-55	Auth. to determine oper. power by direct method.			

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Card 2

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters ..... WPOR

Name of licensee ..... OLIVER BROADCASTING CORPORATION (See card #1)

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BZ-3741 Aux.	2-1-56	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.			
BR-1337	3/20/57	1490	250w 250w	U Aux.	4/1/57 4/1/60
BP-11356	6-25-57	1490 CP to move main xmtr closer to tower	250w	U	8-25-57 2-25-58
BP-11357	6-25-57	1490 CP to move Aux xmtr closer to tower	250	Aux	8-25-57 2-25-58
BRC-1208 (1)	10-31-57	Modification of construction permit to operate Auxiliary transmitter by remote control from Casco Bank Building, 477 Congress Street, Portland, Maine			
BL-6871 (1)	1-8-58	License to cover CP(BP-11,356) which authorized moving main transmitter 100 yards to tower.			
BL-6872 (1)	1-8-58	License to cover CP(BP-11,357, as mod.) which authorized moving Aux. Transmitter 100 yards closer to tower and operating Aux. Transmitter by remote control from Casco Bank Building, 477 Congress St., Portland, Maine.			
BAL-2973 EFF:	4-9-58 [illegible]	Voluntary assignment of license to Hildreth Broadcasting Company			
	3-30-60	Commission deferred action on renewal application pending further consideratio			
BR-1337	9-7-60	1490kc Main & Aux.	250w	U	9-7 4-1-63
BP-14397	5-17-61	1490kc CP to increase daytime power to 1kw and install a new transmitter (RCA BTA-1R) (Cond'l).	250,1kw-LS	U	7-17 1-17-62
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed .....

Call letters W P O R

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-8880 (1)	2-14-62	Lic. to an inc. of new	cov. CP (BP-14,397) which auth. in daytime power and install. transmitter. Condl			
BL-8881	2-14-62	1490kc	250w Aux-Alt.		2-14-62	4-1-63
		Lic. to use former main transmitter (G.E. BT-20A) as an alternate main night and aux. daytime using 250w power and operation by remote control				
BR-1337	3-11-63	1490kc	250w,1kw-LS U 250w AUX ALT MAIN		4-1	4-1-66 to 4-1-66
BR-1337	3-21-66	Renewal of license (MAIN AUX.-LT. MAIN)			4-1	4-1-69
BRC-2956 (1)	9-13-66	Mod. of license to change studio location and remote control point to Baxter Bldg., 562 Congress Street, Portland, Maine (Main Transmitter)				
BR-1337(L)	3-26-69	Renewal of License&NDEA (main & auxiliary)			4-1	4-1-72
BTC-6437	12-23-70	VOL. TC EFF: 12-30-70				
BAL-7115	1-27-71	VOL. AL EFF: 3-2-71				
BZ-7879 (1)	10-26-71	Direct Measurement (Main & Aux.)				4-1-72
BR-1337	3-30-72	RENEWAL OF LICENSE LONG COMB. MAIN & AUX.				4-1-75
EBSA	5-25-72					
BR-1337(L)	4-21-75	Renewal of Main & Aux.				4-1-78
BR-1337(S)	4-6-78	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.)				4-1-81

Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMTW x New

Name THE YANKEE NETWORK, INCORPORATED
(P.O. 21 Brookline Ave., Boston, Mass.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B1-P-4571 Recd. Filed	1-29-46 2-19-46 2-19-46	C.P. for a new Standard Broadcast Station to be operated on: Frequency - 1490 kc Power - 250w Hours of operation - Unlimited time Transmitter location - to be determined, Portland, Maine Studio location - to be determined, Portland, Maine (Filed by Atty. P ierson & Ball - Engr. Geo. Davis)	GRANTED subject to filing MP for approval of T site and antenna and CONDITIONAL re waiver 3.55(b) and 3.60 Letter Issued with MP-2083	5-16-46 8-30-46

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Form 94 #2

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMTW

Name THE YANKEE NETWORK, INCORPORATED.
Portland, Maine.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B1-MP-2083 Rec'd Filed	7-17-46 7-22-46 7-22-46	Mod. of Construction Permit (B-P-4571, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna and approval of transmitter and studio locations at 212 Middle Street, Portland, Maine. (Filed by Atty. Pierson & Ball., Engr. Geo. Davis)	GRANTED Conditional re waiver 3.55(b) and 3.60	9-24-46
AMENDED Recd. Filed	9-12-46 9-13-46 9-13-46	AMENDED to change type transmitter (Raytheon Manufacturing Co. Type No. RA-250)		

Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters WMTW

Name THE YANKEE NETWORK, INCORPORATED

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B1-L-2112 Rec'd Filed B1-Z-1929 Rec'd Filed	9-27-46 9-27-46 9-27-46 9-27-46 9-27-46 9-27-46	License to cover C.P. (B1-P-4571, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Harrison T. Slaughter, Atty.)	GRANTED	12-12-46
BR-1337 Rec'd	5-24-48 5-26-48	Renewal of license Filed by Thomas N. Dowd atty.	GRANTED	7-6-48
BR-1337 Rec'd Filed	5-28-51 5-31-51 5-31-51	Renewal of License (Filed by Ralph L. Walker, Atty.)	Granted	10-25-51

Form 94 #4

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMTW

Name THE YANKEE NETWORK, INCORPORATED

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAL-747 Rec'd Filed	6-19-48 6-25-48 6-25-48	Voluntary Assignment of License from The Yankee Network, Incorporated to Radio Enterprises, Incorporated. (Filed by Thomas N. Dowd, Atty.)	DOCKET # 9204 Denied 5-26-49 after hearing. DECISION AND ORDER ISSUED.	
BAL-906 Rec'd Filed	8-1-49 8-8-49 8-11-49	Voluntary assignment of license from The Yankee Network, Incorporated to Radio Enterprises, Incorporated. Thomas N. Dowd, Atty.	Granted EFF:	10-3-49 10-30-49
BP-8133 Rec'd Filed	5-22-51 6-1-51 6-1-51	Construction permit to change transmitter location from 212 Middle Street, Portland, Maine to 57 Baxter Blvd., Portland, Maine, change main studio location from 212 Middle Street, Portland, Maine to 477 Congress St., The Chapman Bldg., Portland, Maine and install a new transmitter (G. E. BT-20-A). Peter Shuebruk, Atty., New York, New York Robert M. Silliman, Engr. Contingent on gr. of appli. filed same date for AL of WMTW. File No. BAL-1194	GRANTED Effective Cond'l re program tests not commence until X WPOR discontinues oper.	7-26-51 8-1-51

FORM A-170 #5 **APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING**

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94 OLIVER BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL 7-18-51 Eff.8-1-51) Call Letters W P O R (8-1-51) x W M T W

Name x RADIO ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED ~~THE YANKEE NETWORK, INCORPORATED~~

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAL-1194 Rec'd Filed	5-25-51 6-1-51 6-1-51	Voluntary assignment of license from Radio Enterprises, Incorporated to Oliver Broadcasting Corporation. Ralph Walker, Atty for Assignor Peter Shuebruk, N.Y., Atty for Assignee.	GRANTED Eff. Subj. not to be consummated until lic.of WPOR is surrendered for cancellation	7-18-51 8-1-51
BL-4528 Rec'd Filed	8-29-51 9-4-51 9-4-51	License to cover construction permit (BP-8133which authorized change in trans. and studio locations and installation of a new transmitter).	Granted	11-15-51
BZ-3398 Rec'd Filed	4-17-52 4-24-52 4-24-52	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	5-13-52

FORM A-170 #6
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WPOR

Name OLIVER BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-1337 Rec'd Filed	12-28-53 12-31-53 12-31-53	Renewal of License Filed by Peter Shuebruk, Atty.	Granted	3-3-54
BP-9164 Rec'd Filed	1-22-54 1-26-54 1-26-54	Construction permit to install a new transmitter as an auxiliary transmitter at 57 Baxter Blvd., Portland, Maine (present location of the main transmitter) to be operated on 1490kc with power of 250w for auxiliary purposes only. Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine, Attys.	GRANTED	3-24-54
BRC-387 Rec'd Filed	4-16-54 4-21-54 4-21-54	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from Casco Bank Building, 477 Congress Street, Portland, Maine Filed by William J. Durka, Atty.	GRANTED	5-4-54

FORM A-170 #7
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WPOR

Name OLIVER BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Portland, Maine

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-5374 Rec'd Filed	6-24-54 6-28-54 6-28-54	License to cover construction permit (BP-9164) which authorized installation of a new transmitter to be used as an auxiliary transmitter Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine, Attys.	GRANTED	2-9-55
BZ-3705 Rec'd Filed	8-17-55 8-29-55 8-29-55	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power (Main) Benito Gaguine	GRANTED	9-9-55
BZ-3741 Rec'd Filed	11-6-55 12-13-55 12-13-55	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Aux.) William J. Durka, Atty.	GRANTED	2-1-56
BR-1337 Recd Filed	12-27-56 1-3-57 1-3-57	Renewal of license, (Main Transmitter) Peter Shuebruk, Atty		
Amend. Recd Filed	1-4-57 1-8-57 1-8-57	(Auxiliary)	GRANTED	3-20-57

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FORM BC-121
FORMERLY FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WPOR

Name OLIVER BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-11,356 Rec'd Filed	5-13-57 5-15-57 6-13-57	Construction Permit to move Main transmitter 100 yards closer to tower (Rear of 57 Baxter Avenue, Portland, Maine). Atty's: Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine	GRANTED	6-25-57
BP-11,357 Rec'd Filed	5-13-57 5-15-57 6-13-57	Construction Permit to move Auxiliary Transmitter 100 yards closer to tower (Rear of 57 Baxter Avenue, Portland, Maine.) Atty's: Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine.	GRANTED	6-25-57
BRC-1208 Rec'd Filed	10-24-57 10-29-57 10-29-57	Modification of construction permit to operate Auxiliary transmitter by remote control from Casco Bank Building, 477 Congress Street, Portland, Maine Peter Shuebruk, Atty. (N.Y.)	GRANTED	10-31-57

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FORM BC-121 #9 APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING
AUG. 1955

Name HILDRETH BROADCASTING COMPANY x OLIVER BROADCASTING CORPORATION

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-6871 Rec'd Filed	9-30-57 10-3-57 10-3-57	License to cover construction permit (BP-11,356) which authorized moving main transmitter 100 yards closer to tower. Jerome S. Boros, Atty.	GRANTED	1-8-58
BL-6872 Rec'd Filed	9-30-57 10-15-57 10-15-57	License to cover construction permit (BP-11,357, as mod.) which authorized moving Aux. Transmitter 100 yards closer to tower and operating Aux. transmitter by remote control from Casco Bank Building, 477 Congress St., Portland, Maine. Jerome S. Boros, Atty.	GRANTED	1-8-58
BAL-2973 Rec'd Filed	3-7-58 3-11-58 3-11-58	Voluntary assignment of license to Hildreth Broadcasting Company. Peter Shuebruk, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	4-9-58 5-13-58

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FORM BC-121 #10
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WPOR

Name HILDRETH BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-12,171 Rec'd Filed	6-28-58 7-10-58 7-10-58	Construction permit to change frequency from 1490kc to 1140kc; increase power from 250w Un to 10kwUnl; change antenna-transmitter location from Rear of 52 Baxter Boulevard, Portland, Me. to 1.3 miles south of Oak Hill, 6.5 miles SSW of Portland, Maine; install directional antenna night & day (DA-1); changes in ground system; install a new transmitter (RCA BTA 10H) and delete remote control oper. of transmitter. Atty. - Fly, Shuebruk, Blume & Gaguine Engr. - George C. Davis	DISMISSED Request of Applicant.	10-7-60
AMENDMENT R & F	4-21-59 4-30-59	AMENDED to request waiver of Section 3.28(c) of Rules.		
BR-1337 Rec'd&Filed	12-28-59 1-11-60	Renewal of license.(Main & Auxiliary) Fly,Shuebruk,Blume and Gaguine, Attys.	GRANTED	9-7-60

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name HILDRETH BROADCASTING COMPANY
PORTLAND, MAINE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-14,397 Rec'd Filed	9-29-60 10-3-60 10-3-60	Construction Permit to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw and install a new transmitter (RCA-BTA-1R) Atty.- Fly, Shuebruk, Blume & Gaguine Eng.- George C. Davis	GRANTED Cond'l re: Permittee shall accept such interf. re Class IV inc. power; Permittee shall submit with the application for license antenna resistanc meas., Permittee shall accept any interf. that may result due to a subsequent grant of the applic. of WSME, Sanford, Maine, File No. BP-14260, WMEX BP-13760	5-17-61
BL-8880 R & F	10-4-61 10-10-61	License to cover C.P. (BP-14,397) which authorized an increase in daytime power and installation of new transmitter . Atty. Shuebruk	GRANTED Condl re accept interf re class IV inc power or gr. of BP 13760 WMEX	2-14-62

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WPOR

Name HILDRETH BROADCASTING COMPANY
Portland, Maine

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-8881 R & F	10-19-61 10-26-61	License to use former main transmitter (G.E. BT-20A) as an alternate main night and auxiliary daytime using 250w power and operation by remote control from 477 Congress St., Portland, Maine Atty. Shuebruk	GRANTED	2-14-62
BR-1337 Received Filed	12/27/62 1/4/63 1/4/63	Renewal of License (Main & Aux.-Alt.Main) Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine, Attys.	GRANTED	3-11-63
BR-1337 R & F	12-20-65 12-30-65	Renewal of license (Main & Aux.-Alt.Main) Atty- Fly, Shuebruk, Blume & Gaguine	GRANTED	3-21-66

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WPOR

Name HILDRETH BROADCASTING COMPANY
Portland, Maine

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRC-2956 R & F	9-1-66 9-6-66	Modification of license to change studio location and remote control point to Baxter Bldg., 562 Congress Street, Portland, Maine. (Main Transmitter) Atty.: Herbert M. Schulkind	GRANTED	9-13-66
BR-1337 R & F #481435 $75. #481428 $30. PRESS FEB 18 1969	12-20-68 1-2-69 1-2-69 1-2-69	Renewal of license---(Main & Auxiliary) Note! Alt. Main not wanted Atty. Herbert M. Schulkind	GRANTED	3-25-69
BAL-7115 R & F #617487 $75 PRESS: PN REC'D: SEP 1 1 1979 Pub. notice filed 8-1-70 ALSO SEE WPOR-FM Amended 9-4-70	7-29-70 7-31-70 7-31-70	Voluntary assignment of license to Ocean Coast Properties.' Attys.: Assignor-Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine Assignee-Firestone Stock Subscription Agreements filed for Edwards & Smith. AMENDED 12-17-70 to reflect ~~pending~~ BTC-6437 (not contingent) (gr 12-23-70)	GRANTED Req. grant fee $4,800.00 EFF:	1-27-71 3-2-71

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AMEND 12-21-70 - Table I completed re stock sub., fin.data

AMENDED 1-4-71 - re programming

AMENDED 12-31-70 - ltr from atty re bus. int (assignee)

1490kc

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WPOR

OCEAN COAST PROPERTIES

Name XHILDRETH BROADCASTING COMPANY
PORTLAND, MAINE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-6437 R & F Form 316 FEE DP$250 #644013 CODE 054 ALSO SEE: WPOR ETC NOV 25 1970	11-5-70 11-13-70	Voluntary relinquishment of positive control of Community Broadcasting Service(parent corp) by Horace A. Hildreth thru transfer of stock to Horace A. Hildreth, Jr., Ann H. Russell, Josephine H. Detmer, Katherine H. Pierce et al (members of the family) Atty - Fly, Shuebruk, Blume & Gaguine	GRANTED EFF:	12-23-70 12-30-70
BZ-7879 Rec'd Amended & F DM PRESS	2-17-71 3-1-71 9-7-71 9-10-71 OCT 22 1971	Direct Measurement (Main & Auxiliary) Revised Form 302 Atty: Finkelstein & Firestone	GRANTED	10-26-71

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Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WPOR

Name OCEAN COAST PROPERTIES
PORTLAND, MAINE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-1337 R & E PN Recd. PRESS JAN 12 1972	12-8-71 12-27-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 1-28-72 re: employment policy (am&fm)	GRANTED	3-30-72
BR-1337 R & F	3-1-72 3-2-72	Renewal of Auxiliary		
BR-1337 R & F PN FILED PRESS:	11-18-74 12-2-74 12-2-74 JAN 21 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX.) Atty: Martin E. Finestone AMENDED 4-11-75 re: ascert. of comm. needs & EEO	GRANTED	4-21-75
BR-1337 R & F P.N. PRESS	11-10-77 12-1-77 12-1-77 DEC 12 1977	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Atty.: Sydney F. Arak	GRANTED	4-6-78

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W P O R

Name: OCEAN COAST PROPERTIES

Station Location: PORTLAND, MAINE

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR 801201 YS PRESS	JAN 21 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) Sydney F. Arak, Atty.	GRANTED 3-30-81

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 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.