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BC-126
February 1974

FREQUENCY MODULATION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed APRIL 16, 1981

Call letters W I B S

Station location Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Name of licensee George M. Arroyo and Jose A. Figueroa, d/b as Arroyo and Figueroa Associates

Transmitter location 0.4 mi. E. of Crown Mtn., Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I. (MPH 12-5-75)
Signal Hill, 0.7 mi. NW of city limits of Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands (PH 8-2-74)

Main studio location same as transmitter

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-8499 HAAT: 1,360 ft.	8-2-74	97.9mhz # 250 CP for NEW FM Station	ERP: 5.8kw	U	8-2-75
BPH-8499(1)	11-4-74	Call letters assigned			
EBSA	11-4-74				
BMPH-14,533	(2) 7-21-75	MP(BPH-8499) ext time to 2-2-76			
BMPH-14,248 HAAT: 1440' RESCINDED 12-12-75	12-5-75 (H&V)	97.9mhz. #250 MP(BPH-8499) chg trans, ant, TPO, ERP HAAT, freq. monitors; TL & SL	ERP: 50kw(H&V)		6-2-76
BMPH-14,730	(3) 2-13-76	MP(BPH-8499, as mod) ext 8-2-76			
BMPH-14248 HAAT: 1440' H&V {L}	4-12-76	97.9MHz. ERP: 50kw MP{BPH-8499, as mod} chg trans, ant TPO, ERP, HAAT			H&V 8-2-76
BMPH-14885 {1}	8-26-76	MP{BPH-8499, as mod} ext time to			2-1-77
BMPH-15034 (2)	2-28-77	MP (BPH-8499, as mod) ext time to			8-1-77
BMPH-15186 BMPH-15193 HAAT:1580'(h&v) (L)	8-25-77	97.9mhz #250 MP(BPH-8499, asmod)chg Trans; chg Ant; make chg ant sys(incr hght) chg TPO, HAAT ALSO ext of time	ERP:50kw(h&v) U		12-31-77
BMPH-15359 (1)	2-8-78	MP (BPH-8400, as mod) ext time to			6-1-78
BMPH-15510 (2)	6-23-78	MP(BPH-8499, as mod.) for ext. of time to:			12-1-78
BMPH-781201AP (3)	2-15-79	MP(BPH-8499, as mod.) For chgs.			6-1-79
BMPH790601AK (4)	7/19/79	MP (BMPH15186 & 15193 as mod.) for ext. of time to:			12/31/79
BMPH-791227BC (5)	2-17-81	MP (BMPH-15186 & 15193, as Mod.) for ext. of time to:			7-1-81

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BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed .....

Call Letters WIBS .....

Station Location .....

Name GEORGE M. ARROYO AND JOSE A. FIGUEROA, D/B AS ARROYO AND FIGUEROA ASSOCIATES .....

Transmitter Location .....

Main studio location .....

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Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BLH-800911AH HAAT: 1560'(H&V) (L)	4-16-81	97.9mHz ERP:50kW(H&V) License to cover (BPH-8499, as mod.) for a new station.	2-1-82

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W I B S
x NEW-FM

Name: George M. Arroyo and Jose A. Figueroa, d/b as Arroyo and Figueroa Associates
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Island (PO ~~Calle-Guagma-#229,-Hato-Rey,-P.-R.-~~
(PO: c/o Jose A. Figueroa, GPO Box 4447, San Juan, P.R. 00936) 00917)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-8499 R & F #214870 $200 CODE: 013 PRESS: AUG 6 1973 PN REC'd: 10-10-73	6-22-73 7-16-73 7-18-73	CP for New FM on: 97.9mhz. #250 HAAT: 1355' ERP: 5.78kw Trans: CCA-FM-1000D; Ant: CCA-6601, 6 sects. T-SL: Signal Hill, 0.7 mi. N.W. of city limits, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V. I. REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.240 of the COMMISSION RULES. 18° 21' 20" - 64° 56' 39" Atty - Ray R. Paul Engr- Willis C. Beecher	APR 17	Designated for Hearing 1974 19993 GRANTED 8-2-74 gr. fee $1800 req. Pd 014 10-31-74 W359302
AMENDED	12-27-73	Financial Condition.		
AMENDED	3-28-74	Financial Data and Demographic Data.		
	6-24-74	AFFIDAVIT OF NO CONSIDERATION FILED BY GEORGE M. ARROYO AND JOSE A. FIGUEROA, DBA ARROYO AND FIGUEROA ASSOCIATES.		
AMENDED (ORDER)	5-23-74	Additional Financial Information.		

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

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call W I B S 97.9mhz
Letters Unassigned

Name George M. Arroyo and Jose A. Figueroa, d/b Arroyo and Figueroa Associates
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-14,248 R & F #335286 $200 Code 013 Press P, N. Rec'd	8-5-74 8-13-74 8-16-74 SEP 20 1974 10-20-75	MP (BPH-8499) chg. trans. (Wilkinson FM-10,000E); chg. ant. (Phelps Dodge CFM-LP-10, 10 sects. (H&V); make chg. ant. system (incr. hght.); chg. modulation and frequency monitors; chg. TPO; ERP: 50KW(H&V) and HAAT: 1385' (H&V). Atty: Eugene L. Burke(Prince & Paul)	~~GRANTED~~ Grant Rescinded 12-12-75 GRANTED 4-12-76 COND'L gr fee req $2,700	~~12-5-75~~
BMPH-14,533 R & F #444624$100 Code 001 PRESS	6-15-75 7-1-75 7-2-75 JUL 16 1975	MP(BPH-8499) ext. time to 1-2-76. (New Station) Atty: Ray R. Paul (Prince & Paul)	GRANTED TO	7-21-75 2-2-76
BMPH-14,248 Continued from Above AMENDED Press AMENDED PRESS	9-18-75 OCT 9 - 1975 10-16-75 NOV 3 1975	Engr. Data: Chg. TL-SL: 0.4 miles East of Crown Mountain, 1.5 miles northwest of Charlotte Amalie, Virgin Island; make chg. ant. system (incr.hght.); and chg. HAAT: 1438' (H&V). Req. for Waiver of Sect. 73.210(c) of Comm. Rules; Sect. IV-A	GRANTED 4-12-76 COND'L gr fee $2,700.	

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

97.9mhz.

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Call Letters WIBS

Name George M. Arroyo & Jose A. Figueroa dba Arroyo & Figueroa Associates
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
/BMPH-14,730 R & F #521288$100 CODE 001 PRESS FEB 6 1976	1-16-76 1-18-76 1-23-76	MP(BPH-8499, as mod) ext time to 11-2-76 (New Station) Atty. Eugene L. Burke	GRANTED TO	2-13-76 8-2-76
BMPH-14,248 AMENDED	(Con't. from card #2) 2-10-76	Section II (Legal Qualification--With Ref. to the Duopoly Rule)	GRANTED *** COND'L gr fee req $2,700.00 Pd 002 W 577753	4-12-76 6-10-76
BMPH-14885 R & F 598814$100 CODE 001 PRESS AUG 20 1976 Amended	7-23-76 7-29-76 7-30-76 8-13-76	MP{BPH-8499, as mod} ext time to 2-1-77 {New Station} Atty. Ray R. Paul additional data w/ref to extension	GRANTED TO	8-26-76 2-1-77

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May 1978

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

97.9MHz

Call Letters W I B S

Name George M. Arroyo & Jose A. Figueroa d/b as Arroyo and Figueroa Associates
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-15034 R & F PRESS	1-12-77 1-27-77 FEB 23 1977	MP{BPH-8499, as mod} ext time to 8-1-77 {New Station} Atty. Ray R. Paul	GRANTED TO	2-28-77 8-1-77
BMPH-15186 R & F PRESS	6-1-77 6-22-77 JUL 20 1977	MP{BPH-8499, as mod} chg Transmitter {CCA ELECTRONICS, FM-12000E}; Antenna {CCA ELECTRONICS, SFC-LP-10, 10 sects H&V}; mke chgs in Antenns system {incr. hght}; chg TPO & HAAT {1575 feet H&V} Major Enviromental Action Under Section 1.1305 of Commission's Rules Atty. Ray R. Paul	GRANTED	8-25-77
AMENDED	8-5-77	Engr. George M. Arroyo engineering data on antenna(reduce allmeasurements by 5'plus ht.		
BMPH-15193 R & F PRESS	7-1-77 7-22-77 JUL 28 1977	MP{BPH-8499; as mod} ext time to 12-2-77 {New Station} Atty Ray R. Paul	GRANTED TO ISSUED WITH BMPH-15193	8-25-77 12-31-77 or. same date.

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97.9mhz.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W I B S

Name GEORGE M. ARROYO AND JOSE A. FIGUEROA D/B ARROYO AND FIGUEROA ASSOCIATES
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-15359 R & F PRESS:	11-30-77 12-8-77 DEC 28 1977	Modification of Construction permit (BPH-8499, as mod) for extension of time to: 6-1-78 (NEW STATION) Atty: Ray R. Paul	GRANTED TO	2-8-78 6-1-78
BMPH-15510 R & F PRESS: JUN 6 1978	4-30-78 5-9-78	MP (BPH-8499, as mod) for extension of time to: 1-1-79 (NEW STATION) Atty: Ray R. Paul	GRANTED TO	6-23-78 12-1-78
BMPH781201AP PRESS	JAN 10 1979	MP (BPH-8499, as Mod.) for Extension of Time to: 6-1-79 (NEW STATION).	GRANTED	2-15-79

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97.9MHz.

APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W I B S

Name: GEORGE M. ARROYO AND JOSE A. FIGUEROA, D/B AS
ARROYO AND FIGUEROA ASSOCIATES

Station Location: CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMPH790601AK PRESS (0)	JUL 2 1979	MP (BPH-8499, as Mod.) for Extension of Time to: 12-1-79 (NEW STATION) Atty. Ray R. Paul (SEE OVER)	GRANTED 7/19/79
BMPH-791227BC (0) PRESS: Amended	JAN 31 1980 9-25-80	MP(BPH-8499, as mod.) for extension of completion date. Atty: Ray R. Paul (Alexandria, VA.) Victor Ferrall now represent licensee	GRANTED: 2-17-81 TO: 7-1-81
BLH-800911AH PTA PRESS	APR 9 1981	License to cover (BPH-8499, as mod.) for a new station. Atty: Ray R. Paul	GRANTED 4-16-81

302 9-11-80

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March 1979

9-23-80 ANSWER TO INFORMAL OBJECTIONS FILED BY GARY SCOLLARD ON BEHALF OF ARROYO AND FIGUEROA ASSOCIATES

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.