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[illegible] STATION LICENSE RECORD

METROPOLITAN

W K S B(eff. 2-19-80)

Date first licensed 8-13-48

Call letters XWRAK - FM

LOCATION: WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

STAINLESS BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL: 9-13-79 EFF:
x WRIGHT MACKEY CORPORATION (BAL 9-21-62 EFF: 11-8-62)
X WGAL, INC. (BR; 2-6-57 (BALH-8) EFF: 3-22-57

Name of licensee XWRAK, INCORPORATED

Armstrong Tsp., Ridge Rd., Bald Eagle Mt.
x North White Deer Ridge Road, Nr. Williamsport, Pennsylvania (CP 10-2 8-54)

Transmitter location ~~Ridge Road, Bald Eagle Mountain, Near Williamsport, Pennsylvania~~

17701

1559-61 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania

Main studio location x 244 W. Fourth Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Mcs. Freq.	E.R.P. Power	Time Div.	Period From To
B2-PH-241	11-21-45	92.5	3.2 Kw		By 12-30-46
		No. 223			To 6-30-47
Letter	6-7-46	Subject	to Comm.	approval	of antenna,
CP issued	10-30-46	transmi	tter and	program	details.
	-27-47	100.3	(No. 26		
	Freq. amendment		accord.	Dn 6759	
BMPH-218	6-16-47	100.3	3.2 kw.	U	By 12-30-46
Mod. for	extension	of com	letion	date.	to 12-30-47
BMPH-1056	12-5-47	Ext. of	completion	date	to 3-30-48
Telegram	2-26-48	Authority granted period ending March 3 30, 1948 operate using facilities spec. in C.P. BMPH-1056 for purpose providing FM Program Servic Notify Comm. when program service has commenced. C.P. expires March 30.			
Telegram	3-26-48	Retel 24. Auth. previously granted to operate with facilities specified in BPH 241 as modified for purpose FM program service extended for period ending June 30, 1948. Sections 3.252 and 3.253 rules relating to approved frequency and modulation monitor waived for same perio			
BMPH-1641	3-17-48	Ext. of	completion	date	to 6-30-48
BPH-2074	6-14-48	Ext. of	completion	date	to 9-30-48
Telegram	6-22-48	Retel May 21. Auth. extended period ending Sept. 30, 1948 operate using facilities specified in CP BMPH-3074 for purpose FM program service.			
BLH-247	8-13-48	100.3	3.2 kw	U	8-13-48
		Terr:	1270 ft.		to 12-1-49
		License to cover CP (B2-PH-241)			
BRH-184	11-30-49	Renewal	of license		12-1-49 to 12-1-51
BRH-184	11-21-51	Renewal	o f license	to	8-1-54
COMM. ACTION 6-11-52. Gr. Waiver Sec. 3.265 for STA operate REMOTE CONTROL from transmitter site WRAK (AM) for a period ending Nov. 11, 1952 CONDITIONS					
BPH-1768	11-13-52	C.P. to change ant. system. ERP 4 kw. from 1-13-53 to 7-13-53			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters .....KRAK-TV.....

WGAL, INC. GR: 2-6-57 (RALPH-8) EFF:

Name of licensee KRAK, INCORPORATED

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BPC-1365	12-24-52	Vol. TO from Sun-Gazette Co. TO Margaretta T.Steele, George E.Joy & Anne Steele Joy.			
CONN. ACTION. 12-3-52 - AUTH. Ext. operate remote control site WRAK for period ending 6-3-53					
BMPH-4638	7-23-53	Mod. for extension of completion date to			9-13-53
BRCR-31	7-27-53	Operation by remote control			
BMPH-4847	9-14-53	Ext. of compl. date			9-13-53 1-12-54
BMPH-4888	1-8-54	Extension of completion date			7-12-54
BRH-184	7-14-54	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-57
BMPH-1974	10-28-54	Mod. of CP (BPH-1760 as mod.) replace expired permit			10-28-54 4-28-55
BMPH-4984	3-9-55	Mod.CP(BPH-1974 ext.compl. to 7-12-55			
BMPH-5008	7-6-55	Mod.CP(BPH1974)EXT comp.date			1-15-56
BMPH-5028	2-24-56	Mod. CP (BPH-1974) for extension of completion date to			7-16-56 (S)
BMPH-5063	7-30-56	Mod.CP(BPH-1974 as mod.)for extension of completion date to			10-16-56(S)
BALRE-8	2-6-57	Vol assignment of C.P. & license to WRAL, INC.			
BRH-184	7-18-57	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		8-1	8-1-60
BRH-184	7-18-57	100.3mc 3.2 kw	U	8-1	8-1-60
		Superseding authorization to correct studio location			
BPH-2757	10-30-59	102.7mcs 53-kw	U	12-30	6-30-60
HAAT:1,260'		Ch.274 TPO: 5-kw			
CP to chg. freq., incr. ERP, decr. HAAT, and install new antenna and transmitter.					
BPH-2757	6-17-60	Ext. completion date to			12-1-60.
~~BRH-184~~	~~7-20-60~~	~~Renewal of License~~		~~8-1~~	~~8-1-60~~
BRH-184	7-20-60	Renewal of License		8-1	8-1-63
BMPH-6146 (2)	11-3-60	Mod. of CP(BPH-2757)to incr. HAAT, change type transmitter and make chges in antenna system. extend completion date to			1-2-61

*Cancelled - letter 11-19-59.

Form BC 126
June 1954

Card #3

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W R A K - FM

Station location Williamsport, Penna.

Name of licensee .....

See Card #1

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	To
BMPH-6482 (3)	12-6-60	To extend compeltion date			to	3-2-61
BMPH-6596 (4)	3-16-61	To extend completion date			to	9-2-61.
BMPH-6659 (5)	5-2[illegible]-61	Mod. CP(BPH-2757, as mod.) for extension of completion date to 1[illegible]-2-61.				
BLH-1937 HAAT: 1,270ft. CH:274	11-6-61	102.7mcs	53kw TPO: 10kw	U	11-6	8-1-63
	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-2757) as mod to chg. freq. ERP, HAAT, install new ant. & trans. and make chgs. in ant. sys. (ANTENNA: RCA BP-16A, 4sect.)					
BALH-547 EFF:	9-21-62 11-8-62	Voluntary assignment of license to Wright Mackey Corporation.				
BRH-184	7-29-63	102.7	53 kw	U	8-1	8-1-66
BRH-184	9-29-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			9-29	8-1-69
BRH-184 (S)	10-16-69	Renewal of license (IDSA)			8-1-72	
EBSA	5-25-72					
BRH-184(L)	7-31-72	RENEWAL				8-1-75
BRH-184(S)	10-7-75	Renewal of license			8-1-78	
BPH-10287 HAAT: 1270'	11-18-76	102.7MHz ERP: 53kw CP chg transmission line & Ant (RC)			U 11-18-77	
BLH-7491	9-27-77	Lic (BPH-10287) chgs			8-1-78	
BPH-10954 HAAT: 230' (L)	6-2-78	102.7mhz. ERP: 13.5kw #274 (RC) CP install new Aux. Ant at main TL FOR AUXILIARY PURPOSES ONLY			6-2-79	
BRH-184	8-31-78 (S)	REN. OF LIC.			8-1-81	
LTR. DATED (MAIN)	10-10-78	AMERICAN ELECTRONICS-LABORATORIES-INC FM-25KG transmitter now installed.				
BLH-780925AF (L)	7-11-79	Lic. (BPH-10954) FOR CHGS.			8-1-81	
BALH790208HD	9-13-79	VOL. AL		EFF:		
EBSA	2-19-80	CALL SIGN CHANGE				

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

FM

Card #4

First licensed .....

Call Letters WKSB .....

Station Location .....

SEE CARD # 1

Name .....

Transmitter Location .....

Main studio location .....

Form BC-126
December 1978

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BSCA-810402AK	5-26-81	SCA on 67 KHz.	8-1-84

Form BC-126 (Back)
December 1978

HIGH FREQUENCY (FM)

Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters ~~WGAL~~ WRAK-FM

WGAL, INC.

Name XWRAK, INCORPORATED

P.O. 244 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, 61, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B2-PH-241 Recd. Filed	5-29-44 5-31-44 6-8-44	Construction permit for new high frequency FM broadcast station Frequency: 47,700 Kcs., Coverage: 11,675 Sq. Mi. Studio: 244 West Fourth St., Williamsport, Pa. Transmitter: Ridge Road, Bald Eagle Mountain, Williamsport, Pennsylvania (RCA FM 1-B Max.1kw) Filed by E. O. Sykes, Att'y. Letter recd. 9-18-45 in answer to Comm. letter of 9-7-45. No change. (Metropolitan) Program analysis rec'd 4-1-46 - 7-1-46 Engr. info. rec'd 8-22-46 re Comm. letter 6-7-46 changing transmitter location; type of transmitter and make changes in antenna system.	Granted For Met. type station-Conditional - Type 1 letter mailed 11-23-45 Basic Engr. approved 5-16-46. Program Plan approved 9-30-46 C.P. issued 10-30-46	11-21-45
BMPH-318 Rec'd Filed	4-10-47 4-11-47 4-11-47	Mod. of C. P. (B2-PH-241 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of commencement and completion dates from 12-30-46 and 6-30-47 to 6-30-47 and 12-30-47 respectively.	GRANTED	6-16-47

George C. Davis, Engineer

Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

CARD #2

Call Letters WRAK-FM

NGAL, INC.

Name X WRAK, INCORPORATED

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-1056 Rec'd Filed	11-7-47 11-10-47 11-10-47	Mod. of C. P. (B2-PH-241 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 12-30-47 to 3-30-48.	GRANTED	12-5-47
BMPH-1641 Recd. Filed	2-28-48 3- 1-48 3- 1-48	Mod. of C. P. (B2-PH-241 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 3-30-48 to 6-30-48.	GRANTED	3-17-48
BMPH-2074 Recd. Filed	5-26-48 5-27-48 5-27-48	Mod. of C. P. (B2-PH-241 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 6-30-48 to 9-30-48. Filed by John C. Spearman, Attorney	GRANTED	6-14-48
BLH-247 Rec'd. Filed	7-15-48 7-16-48 7-16-48	License to cover construction permit (B2-PH-241 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station. Filed by Russell Rowell Atty.	GRANTED	8-13-48

See card 3

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

CARD # 3

WGAL, INC.

Call Letters WRAK-FM

Name WRAK, INCORPORATED

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
SLH-247	Continued	Engr. info. recd. 9-9-48 re Field Intensity Survey.		
BRH-184 Recd Filed	9-29-49 9-30-49 9-30-49	Renewal of license. Final	GRANTED	11-30-49
BRH-184 Rec'd. Filed	8-16-51 8-21-51 8-21-51	Renewal of license. Filed by Russell Rowell, Atty.	GRANTED	11-21-51
BPH-1768	6-19-52	Construction permit to change ant. system to Andrew, Type 1308, 8-sec. Multi-V; ante. ht. av. terrain: 1270' to 1217'; overall height above gr. 258' to 242', etc.	GRANTED Terr. 1220	11-13-52

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FORM A-170
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WRAK-FM

Name X WRAK, INCORPORATED

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-1395 Rec'd Filed	10-15-52 10-20-52 10220-52	Vol. tC from Sun-Gazette Co. TO Margaretta T.Steele,George E.Joy & Anne Steele Joy. Filed by Russell, Rowell, Atty	GRANTED Eff:	11-20-52 12- 52
BMPH-4833 Recd&Filed	7-8-53 7-10-53	Mod. of CP (BPH-1768 which authorized changes in existing FM b/c sta) for extension of completion date from 7-13-53 to 9-13-53 Filed by Russell Rowell, Attorney	GRANTED	7-23-53
BRCH-41 Recd & Filed	7-15-53 7-17-53	301-A, appl. for remote control operation. Filed by Russell Rowell, Atty (1561 W.4th St) Amendment re location rec'd 7-23-53.	granted 7-27-53	
BMPH-4847 Recd&Filed	8-28-53 9-3-53	Mod. of CP (BPH-1768 which authorized changes in existing FM b/c sta) for extension of completion date from 9-13-53 to 1-12-54 Filed by Russell Rowell, Atty.	GRANTED	9-14-53
BMPH-4888	12-23-53	Mod. CP (BPH-1768 which authorized changes in existing FM B/c Sta) for extension of completion date from 1-12-54 to 7-12-54 Filed by Russell Rowell, Atty.	GRANTED	1-8-54

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

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FORM A-170
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WRAK-FM

Name WRAK, INCORPORATED

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-184 Recd. & filed	4-21-54 5-11-54	Renewal of license Frank U. Fletcher, atty	GRANTED	7-14-54
BPH-1974 Recd. & filed	10-15-54 10-18-54	Mod. of C. P. (BPH-1768 as mod) to replace expired permit. Russell Rowell, atty	GRANTED	10-28-54
BMPH-4984 Recd. & Filed	2-18-55 2-24-55	Mod. of C. P. (BPH-1974 which replaced expired permit) for extension of completion date to 7-12-55. Russell Rowell, atty	GRANTED	3-9-55
BMPH-5003 Recd & filed	6-20-55 6-21-55	Mod. of C. P. (BPH-1974 which replaced expired permit) for extension of compeltion date from 7-12-55 to 1-16-56. R. Rowell, atty	GRANTED	7-6-55
BMPH-5028 Recd & filed	1-6-56 1-10-56	Mod. of C. P (BPH-1974 as mod. which replaced expired permit) for extension of completion date from 1-15-56 to 6-16-56. Russell Rowell, atty	GRANTED	2-24-56 to 7-16-56

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

CARD 6
FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

WGAL, INC.

Name X WRAK, INC.

Call Letters WRAK-FM

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-5063 Recd & filed	6-19-56 6-22-56	Mod. of C. P. (BPH-1974 as mod. which replaced expired permit) for extension of completion date from 7-16-56 to 1-16-57. Russell Rowell, atty	GRANTED	7-30-56
BMPH-5076 Recd & filed	9-13-56 9-14-56	Mod. of C.P. (BPH-1974 as mod. which replaced expired permit) for extension of completion date from 10-16-56 to 4-16-57. Frank U Fletcher, atty	DISMISSED in view of BPH-2757 bein granted	11-19-59
BAPH-8 Recd& Filed	9-15-56 9-24-56	Vol. assignment of C.P. and license to W G A L, Inc. Filed by Lester Cohen, for Assignee; Russell Rowell, for Assignor.	GRANTED EFF:	2-6-57 3-22-57
BRH-184 Rec.& filed	4-26-57 5-1-57	Renewal of license Lester Cohen-atty	GRANTED	7-18-57

FORM BC-121 #7
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters W R A K-FM

Name WGAL, INC.
Williamsport, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-2757 Rec'd Filed	8-18-59 8-20-59 8-20-59	Construction permit to change frequency from 100.3 mc CH 262 to ~~99.1 mc CH 256~~; increase ERP from 3.2 kw to 52.5 kw; decrease HAAT from 1270 ft to 1260 ft; install a new antenna (RCA BFA 12A - 12 section) and new transmitter (RCA BTF 5B) Atty. - Hogan & Hartson Engr. - James C. McNary	GRANTED HAAT: ERP:	10-30-59 1,260' 53-kw
AMENDMENT R & F	10-12-59 10-13-59	AMENDED to change frequency to 102.7mc, CH-274		
BMPH-5298 R & F	5-24-60 5-26-60	Modification of C. P. (BPH-2757 which authorized change in frequency, increase in ERP, decrease HAAT & install new antenna & transmitter) for extension of completion date from 6-30-60 to 12-60. Atty's: Hogan & Hartson	GRANTED	6-17-60

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FORM BC-1218
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters W R A K-FM

Name WCAL, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-184 Rec'd Filed	4-25-60 5-5-60 5-5-60	Renewal of license Atty's: Hogan & Hartson	GRANTED	7-20-60
BMPH-6446 R & F	9-27-60 9-28-60	Modification of C. P. (BPH-2757 as modified which authorized change in frequency, increase in ERP, decrease HAAT & install new antenna & transmitter) to increase HAAT from 1260' to 1270', change type transmitter (RCA-BTF-10C) & make changes in antenna system. Atty's: Hogan & Hartson	GRANTED HAAT: Extended	11-3-60 1,270' to 1-2-61
BMPH-6482 Rec'd&Filed	10-25-60 10-27-60	Modification of CP(BPH-2757 as mod.) for extension of completion date to June, 1961. Hogan and Hartson, Attys.	GRANTED to	12-6-60 3-2-61
BMPH-6596 R & F	2-1-61 2-2-61	Mod. of C.P. (BPH-2757 as mod.) for extension of completion date from 3-2-61 to Sept. 1961 Atty. Hogan and Hartson	GRANTED to 9-2-61	3-16-61

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters W.R.A.K-FM

Name WGAL, Inc.
Williamsport, Pa.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-6859 R&F	7-27-61 7-28-61	Mod of CP (BPH-2757 as mod which chg frequency; incr ERP; decrease HAAT & install new antenna and trans) for an extension of completion date from 9-2-61 to 10-2-61 Atty: Hogan & Hartson	GRANTED	8-22-61
BLH-1937 R & F	8-22-61 8-24-61	Lic. to cover CP(BPH-2757) as mod. to change frequency, ERP, HAAT, install new antenna & transmitter and make changes in antenna system. Hogan and Hartson, Attys. (ANTENNA: RCA BF-14A, 4 sect. pylon)	GRANTED	11-6-61
BALH-547 Rec'd Filed	8-1-62 8-13-62 8-13-62	Voluntary assignment of license to Wright Mackey Corporation. Howard F. Roycroft, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	9-21-62 11-8-62

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Name WRIGHT MACKEY CORPORATION
WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-184 R & F	4-23-63 5-1-63	Renewal of License Earl R. Stanley, Atty.	GRANTED	7-29-63
BRH-184 R & F	4-20-66 5-2-66	Renewal of license Atty. Dow, Lohnes & Albertson (CharlesRobertson)	GRANTED	9-29-66
BRH-184 R & F #510238 $75 PRESS MAY 5	4-21-69 4-25-69 4-28-69 1969	Renewal of License Atty.- Dow, Lhones & Albertson (E. R. Stanley) AMENDED 7-15-69 re: Programming	GRANTED	10-16-69
BRH-184 R & F PN Recd. PRESS APR 27 1972	4-12-72 4-21-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Daniel W. Toohey,Atty. (Dow,Albertson) AMENDED 5-25-72 re: commercial policy	GRANTED	7-31-72

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Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

102.7 mcs

Call Letters WRAK-FM

Name WRIGHT MACKEY CORPORATION
WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-184 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-14-75 3-27-75 " MAY 1 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE E.R.Stanley,Atty.	GRANTED	10-7-75
BPH-10287 R & F 629930#100 CODE 001 PRESS	10-22-76 10-28-76 10-29-76 NOV 16 1976	CP replace defective antenna: RCA, BFA-6B, 6 sects; mke chg Ant sys: decr hght; chg transmission line Atty. Patrick M. Connolly Engr----	GRANTED	11-18-76
BLH-7491 R & F PTA PRESS	8-4-77 8-8-77 8-18-77 SEP 6 1977	Lic. (BPH-10287) for chgs ohag: 253.7 feet Atty. Earl R. Stanley Engr. Glen L. Sherman	GRANTED	9-27-77

#12 102.7mhz.

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters ....W R A K-FM.....

Name ....WRIGHT MACKEY CORPORATION.....
Williamsport, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-10954 R & F PRESS: MAR 2 1978	1-31-78 2-6-78	CP install Aux. Ant (ANDREW 1302-2, 2 sects) at main TL; to be operated on 102.7mhz. #274, ERP: 13.4kw, HAAT: 1270'. FOR AUXILIARY PURPOSES ONLY. Atty:---- Engr;----	ACCEPTED & GRANTED	6-2-78
BRH-184 R & F PRESS	3-13-78 4-3-78 APR 13 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE E.R.Stanley,Atty.(Dow & Lohnes)	GRANTED	8-31-78

Form BC-121 #18
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WKSB
XWRAK-FM

Name STAINLESS BROADCASTING COMPANY
x WRIGHT MACKEY CORPORATION
Williamsport, Penna.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BALH 790208ID FORM 314 (ALSO SEE AM) PRESS: FEB 14 1979 PN FILED	3-7-79	Vol AL to STAINLESS BROADCASTING COMPANY (over) Atty - J.D. Monahan (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED EFF: COMM. LTR	9-13-79 (Cond'l)
BLH-780925AF PTA: PRESS:	10-4-78 MAR 21 1979	License to cover (BPH-10954) FOR CHANGES Atty: --	GRANTED	7-11-79
BRH810327UU PRESS	MAY 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	gtd	7-7-81 ISSUED
BSCA810402AK PRESS (O	MAY 20 1981	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a Subcarrier Frequency of 67 Kilohertz. Atty. J. Dominic Monahan (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED:	5-26-81

F.C.C. · WASHINGTON, D.C.

NOTE: BALH790208HD re: Applicant not eligible for tax certificate pursuant to Sec. 1071 of IRS rules.

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.