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REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

AM

Date first licensed 12-8-48

Call letters WBIS

LOCATION: BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT

RADIO HOUSE, INC. (AL gr 11/11/75 EFF:12/1/75)

Name of licensee ~~xx~~ THE BRISTOL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter location Approx. 1 mile south of Bristol City Hall, Bristol, Conn. (CP & MP
(Lic. 12-8-48) 6-21-48)

06010 1021 Farmington Ave., Bristol, Conn. (Ltr. 3-21-67)
X183 Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut (BRC-371)

Main studio location X185 Main Street, Bristol, Conn. (CP & MP 6-21-48) (Lic. 12-8-48)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BP-6207	12-19-47	1440	500w	Daytime	
	Ltr. 1-20-48. CP for new station granted subject to filing MP for approval T site and antenna.				
BP-6207 BMP-3875	6-21-48	1440	500w	Daytime	8-21 2-21-49
	Mod. CP (6207) to change type of T, for approval of antenna and T site and specify studio site.				
BL-3414	12-8-48	1440	500w	Daytime	12-8 11-1-50
	L.c. to cover CP (6207 as mod) for a new station.				
BR-2171	10-30-50	1440	500w	Daytime	11-1 11-1-53
Telegram	10-29-53	Action on renewal deferred			10-28-53 and continued operation auth. until final determination on renewal.
BR-2171	11-25-53	Renewal of License			11-25 4-1-54
BR-2171	3-24-54	Renewal of License			4-1-54 4-1-57
BRC-371 (1)	4-21-54	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 183 Main St., Bristol, Connecticut			
BTC-1676 Eff	3-24-54 4-1-54	Transfer of control from David Cramer, et al to The Hatch Broadcasting Co.			
BR-2171	3-27-57	1440kc	500w	Day	4-1 4-1-60
BR-2171	3-16-60	Renewal of license			4-1 4-1-63
EZ-4656 (1)	5-31-62	1440kc	500w	Day	
	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.				
	3-27-63	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.			
BR-2171	5-7-63	1440kc	500w	Day	5-7-63 4-1-66
BR-2171	7-24-67	Renewal of License			7-24 4-1-69
Ltr. 10-16-67, rec'd 10-19-67 giving notification per Sect. 73.48(a)(5) Rules that a Bauer 707 trans. is now installed & in oper.					
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		

Form BC 126

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June 1954

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Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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BR-2171 (L) BRC-3082	4-25-69				4-25-69 to 4-1-72
BR-2171 EBSA	3-30-72 6-12-72				RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Short) 4-1-75
BTC-7219	9-28-73		INVOL TC		
BR-2171(L)	5-19-75		Renewal of License		4-1-78
BAL-8506	11/11/75		Vol AL	EFF: 12/1/75	
BTC-8264	4/14/77		Vol TC	EFF: 4/14/77	
BR-2171	3-13-78		(L) RENEWAL OF LICENSE		4-1-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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 Name THE BRISTOL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
(PO 157 Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP- 6207 Rec'd Filed	7-7-47	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1440kc Power: 250w 500w Hours of operation: Daytime only Trans. location: To be determined- Bristol, Connecticut Studio location: To be determined- Bristol, Connecticut (Filed by Philip M. Baker, Atty.; Willis C. Beecher, Engr.)	GRANTED	12-18-47
	7-14-47		subject to filing MP for approval of T site and antenna.	
	7-14-47		Ltr. 1-20-48	
* AMENDED	10-20-47	AMENDED to change power from 250w to 500w and change type transmitter (RCA BTA 1 L)	Issued with MP 6-21-48	
Recd.	10-23-47			
Filed	10-23-47			

Transmitter-RCA BTA-250-b 1 L

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Letters H.B.I.S.Name THE BRISTOL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-3875 Rec'd Filed	5-6-48 5-7-48 5-7-48	Mod. of C.P. (BP-6207, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter (Gates BC-500-D), for approval of antenna and transmitter location at approx. 1 mile south of Bristol City Hall, Bristol, Connecticut, and to specify studio location as 185 Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut. (Filed by Philip M. Baker, Atty.; Willis C. Beecher, Engr.)	GRANTED	6-21-48
BL-3414 Rec'd Filed	10-20-48 10-22-48 10-22-48	License to cover C.P. (BP-6207, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. (Philip M. Baker, Atty. Robert E.L. Kennedy, Engr.)	GRANTED	12-8-48

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BR-2171 Rec'd	8-31-50 9-1-50	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	10-30-50
BR-2171 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	7-30-53 8-3-53 8-27-53 8-28-53 8-28-53	Renewal of License (Signed by Mgr.)	RETURNED GRANTED	8-20-53 11-25-53
BR-2171 Rec'd Filed	12-4-53 12-7-53 12-7-53	Renewal of License, Informal request	GRANTED	3-24-54
BTC-1676 Rec'd Filed	2-12-54 2-19-54 2-19-54	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from David Cramer, Frederick W. Beach, Donald R. Funk and Francis V. Tracy to The Hatch Broadcasting Company. Franklin C. Salisbury, Atty.	GRANTED EFF	3-24-54 4-1-54

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FORM A-170

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FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRC-371 Rec'd Filed	4-9-54 4-12-54 4-12-54	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 183 Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut.	GRANTED	4-21-54
BR-2171 Rec'd Filed	1-24-57 1-28-57 1-28-57	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-27-57
BR-2171 Rec'd Filed	1-4-60 1-7-60 1-7-60	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-16-60
BZ-4656 Rec'd Resub R. & F.	2-27-62 3-29-62 4-2-62	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	RETURNED Section I Incomplete GRANTED	3-5-62 5-31-62 5-31-62
BR-2171 Rec&Filed	1/4/63 1/7/63	Renewal of License	GRANTED	5-7-63

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Aug. 1955

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Letters N.B.T.S.Name THE BRISTOL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2171 R & F	12-31-65 1-4-66	Renewal of license	GRANTED	7-24-67
BRC-3082 Rec'd Filed	3-23-67 3-27-67 3-27-67	Modification of license to change remote control point to 1021 Farmington Avenue, Bristol, Connecticut.	GRANTED (NOT ISSUED TO BE ISSUED WITH RENEWAL)	4-20-67 4-25-69
Rec'd OCT 9 1967	9-29-67 10-2-67	CP to install a new transmitter (Buner 707).	Returned Unnecessary	10-5-67
BR-2171 R & F #479932 \$75. PRESS	12-23-68 12-26-68 12-26-68 JAN 9 1968	Renewal of license AMENDED 4-9-69 re: programming	GRANTED (Issued with BRC-3082)	4-25-69

Form BC-121
September 1969

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Bristol, Connecticut

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BR-2171 R & F P.N. PRESS JAN 19 1972	12-27-71 1-3-72 1-3-72	Renewal of License Atty: John D. Pellegrin (Fisher, Wayland, etc.) AMENDED 2-11-72 re: programming	GRANTED	3-30-72
BTC-7219 Rec'd FEE PD: #250 #220295 CODE 047 (Form 316) FILED (COURT ORDER FILED) AUG 21 1973	7-30-73 8-1-73 8-10-73	Involuntary transfer of control of The Hatch Broadcasting Company (parent corp of lic corp) from Eric S. Hatch to E. Constance Hatch, Executrix of the Estate of Eric S. Hatch, Deceased Atty - Fisher, Wayland etc	GRANTED	9-28-73
BAL-8060 Rec'd Filed Fee Paid: \$1,000 #254517 Code 047 (Form 314) PUB. NOTICE FILED JAN 18 1974	11-19-73 11-21-73 1-14-74 12-20-73	Voluntary assignment of licensee to 2001 Broadcasting Corp. John D. Pellegrin, Atty. (Fisher, Wayland) Certified Art. of Inc. filed 1-14-74 (SEE OVER)	DISMISSED Req. of licensee	4-11-74

RE: BAI-8060 - Atty was called 1-17-74 - Table II incompl
re 5 yrs. occupations

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1440 khz

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BR-2171 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-21-74 11-27-74 " DEC 11 1974	RENEWAL OF LICENSE John D. Pellegrin, Atty. AMENDED 4-9-75 re: ascert. of comm. needs & programming	GRANTED	5-19-75
BAL-8506 R & F FEE PD: \$200 #475257 CODE 047 PN filed 9-30-75 OCT 1 1975	9-8-75 9-11-75	Voluntary assignment of license to RADIO HOUSE, INC. (J. Pellegrin) Atty for assignor - Fisher, Wayland etc for assignee - Eugene T. Smith AMENDED 10-29-75 financial data & re comm policies	GRANTED EFF: fee req Fee Pd	11/11/75 12/1/75 1/29/76 W 526527
BTC-8264 R & F (Form 315) PN filed	1-24-77 1-27-77 " FEB 2 1977 3/7/77	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Robert H. Baker, Robert J. Baker, Marsh R. Howard and Thurston B. Howard to David A. Rodgers REQUEST WAIVER SECTION 1.597 (SEE OVER) Atty for transferor - E.T. Smith for transferee - George Malti, San Francisco, Ca.	GRANTED EFF:	4/14/77 4/14/77

RE: BTC-8264 - AMENDED 2-14-77 - financial data

AMENDED 3-22-77 (transferor) - reasons for req. for waiver

AMENDED 3-25-77 - noncompetition agreement

AMENDED 3-29-77 (transferee) - re Tables I & II (show office & drctrs); re financing; B/C int

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1440 Khz.

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BR-2171 R & F P.N. PRESS	11-21-77 11-25-77 11-25-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. George M. Malti (Farrand, Malti, Spillane & Cooper)	GRANTED	3-13-78

BR-801126UZ PRESS	JAN 3 1978 DEC 18 1980	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. L. Adrian Roberts	<i>gr</i>	3/30/81 ISSUED

BP810410AW (C) ACCEPTED MAY 19'81	CUT OFF JUN 26 '81 6-30-81	Construction permit to chg hrs of operation to unlimited by adding nighttime service with 500w; increase daytime power to 1kw; install -N; chg frequency to 1120khz, and make chgs in ant sys. MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 ATTY: Michael J. McCarthy Public Notice		

W B I S - Record of denial of Informal Applications

Ltr. 8-9-49 request to remain on air 10-3-49 to broadcast
election returns not considered - Rules
no longer provide for STA's

Letter 6-17-54 - Remain on air until 12 midnight, 11-2-54
to broadcast election returns

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.

