

W B P A

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

AM

First licensed

Call Letters

WBPA

Station Location

EKLHORN CITY, KENTUCKY

Name

MOUNTAIN INTERSTATE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter Location

One mile NE of center of Elkhorn City, Ky.

Main studio location

302 Main St., Elkhorn City, Ky.

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BP-20,712 CP FOR A NEW STATION.	7-13-79	1460 KHz. 1kW Daytime	7-13-80
BP-20,712 (1)	10/9/79	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED	& EBSA ISSD.
BL-791109AI(L)	2-29-80 AM STATION	Lic. to cover BP-20712 for NEW 1460khz 1kw Daytime	8-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters new W.B.P.A.

Name MOUNTAIN INTERSTATE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
Elkhorn City, Kentucky, Theater Bldg, 302 Main St., Elkhorn City, Ky. 41522

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP- 20,712	1-3-77	CP for a new standard broadcast stationoon:	GR.	7-13-79
Rec'd	1-5-77	Freq. 1460khz.		
Filed	1-5-77	Power 1kw		
PN FILED	3-11-77	Hours of oper. Daytime		
AUG 17 1978		Trans. Gates BC-1F		
		Trans. loc. Approx. 1.0 mi. N.E. of center of Elkhorn City, Ky.		
		Studio loc. & RC 302 Main St., Elkhorn City, Ky.		
		Harold K. McCombs, Jr. 37° 18' 25" 82° 19' 53"		
		Eng. E. Harold Munn, Jr.		
AMENDED	4-4-77	list of general survey members		

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W B P A

1460khz

Name: MOUNTAIN INTERSTATE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Station Location: Elkhorn City, Kentucky

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BL-791109AI		Lic. to cover BP-20712 for NEW AM STATION	GRANTED 2-29-80
R & F	11-9-79	Atty: Harold K. McCombs, Jr.	
PTA	11-23-79		
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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.

