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Form BC 126  
June 1954

4149

### BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-9-62

Call letters W F G W

Station location Black Mountain, N. C.

Name of licensee BLUE RIDGE BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter location On US 70, 1.35 mi. W. of Black Mountain, North Carolina (BP 9-7-61)

Main Studio Location On US 70, 1.35 mi. W. of Black Mountain, North Carolina (BP 9-7-61)

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| APPL. NO.         | DATE ISSUED       | FREQ.  | POWER        | TIME DIV | PERIOD FROM TO  |
|-------------------|-------------------|--|--------------|----------|---|
| BP-13704          | 9-7-61            | 1010kc   | 10kw-DA-D    | Day      | 11-7 5-7-62<br>CP for a new standard broadcast station (Cond'l).  |
| BP-13704<br>(1)   | 9-18-61           | Mod. of CP(BP-13704) to assign Call Letters.                           |              |          |   |
| BP-13704<br>(2)   | 9-18-61           | Mod. of CP(BP-13704) to extend completion date to 11-1-61              |              |          |   |
| BL-9386           | 8-9-62            | 1010kc   | 10kw DA-D    | Day      | 8-9 12-1-63<br>Lic. to cover CP (BP-13,074 as mod) which auth. a new standard b/c station.  |
| BR-4149           | 11-27-63          | 1010kc   | 10kw<br>DA-D | Day      | 12-1 12-1-66  |
| BP-16262          | 12-23-64          | 1010kc   | 50kw/10kw    | CR       | 2-23 8-23-65<br>CP to increase power to 50kw/10kwCR, change to DA-2, install new transmitter (GATES BC-50C) and new DA system (Cond'l). |
| BP-16262          | 12-23-64          | Superseding authorization to correct the hours of operation.           |              |          |   |
| BMP-11,568<br>(1) | 8-20-65           | Mod. of CP(BP-16,262) for extension of date to December 1, 1965        |              |          |   |
| BMP-11,655<br>(2) | 12-17-65          | Mod. of CP (BP-16,262, as mod.) for ext. of completion date to 4-1-66. |              |          |   |
| BL-11,221         | 3-15-66           | 1010kc   | 50kw/10kw    | CR       | 3-15 12-1-66<br>Lic to cover CP(BP-16,262 as mod) which auth incr power chg from DA-D to DA-2 install new trans and new DA system (CR)  |
| BL-11,304         | 6-27-66           | 1010kc   | 10kw         | AuxC.R.  | 6-27 12-1-66<br>Lic to use old main transmitter GATES BC-10P at main trans loc to be operated on 1010kc 10kw DA-D for aux purposes      |
| BS-4149<br>(1)    | 9-30-66           | Mod. of license to change operating specifications (Memo).             |              |          |   |
| BR-4149           | 11-18-66          | Renewal of License(Aux.)<br>(MAIN) 1010kc 50kw/10kw                    |              | CR(DA)   | 12-1 12-1-69  |
| BS-4149<br>(1)    | 6-13-67<br>(Memo) | Mod. of lic. to chg. operating spec. to 230° values. (MAIN)            |              |          |   |

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Date first licensed .....

Call letters .....

Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl.<br>No.   | Date<br>Issued | Freq.  | Power                    | Time<br>Div.   | Period<br>From - To |
|----------------|----------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| BR-4149        | 11-26-69       | Renewal  | (6)<br>(Main & NDEA)     | (5)<br>& Aux.) | 12-1-72             |
| EBSA           | 5-25-72        |  |                          |                |                     |
| BR-4149(L)     | 12-6-72        | RENEWAL MAIN & AUX.<br>1010khz 10kw(CR), 50kw Day<br>10kw Aux.       |                          |                | 12-1-75<br>DA-2     |
| BR-4149(S)     | 11-19-75       | Renewal of Main & Aux.   |                          |                | 12-1-78             |
| Comtel         | 2-5-79         | Marking: Center tower 1, 3, 11 & 21.<br>NW & SW towers none required |                          |                |                     |
| BR-780728VY(L) | 7-16-79        |  | RENEWAL<br>(MAIN & AUX.) |                | 12-1-81             |

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

Call  
Letters NEW WFGWName BLUE RIDGE BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
(PO 104 Broadway, Black Mountain, North Carolina)

| File No.                   | Dated                         | Application for  | Action  |                      |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|----------------------|
|                            |                               |  | Nature  | Date                 |
| BP-13704<br>Rec'd<br>Filed | 12-3-59<br>12-4-59<br>12-4-59 | Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on:<br>Frequency: 1010kc<br>Power: 1kw<br>Mode of operation: Daytime<br>Transmitter location: On U.S. 70, 1.35 mi. W of Black Mountain, N. Carolina<br>Studio location: Same<br>STATION LOCATION: BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. CAROLINA<br><br>George E. Gantney, Engr.<br>Atty. - Loucks & Jansky (6-24-60) | GRANTED<br>Cond'l re: Phase Mon.,<br>Field meas. equip., DA &<br>complete non-DA proof. | 9-7-61               |
| BMP-10,267<br>R.&F.        | 4-17-62<br>4-19-62            | Mod. of CP(BP-13,704, which auth. anew standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 5-7-62 to _____<br><br>Atty- Loucks & Jansky  | GRANTED   | 5-11-62<br>to 6-8-62 |

GATES EC-10P

Aug. 1955

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WTGHName BLUE RIDGE BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
Black Mountain, North Carolina

| File No.  | Dated                         | Application for   | Action  |  |
|---|-------------------------------|---|---------|--|
|   |                               |   | Nature  | Date   |
| BL-9386<br>R. & F.  | 5-12-62<br>5-16-62            | Lic to cover CP(EP-13,70w, as mod) which with a new standard broadcast station.<br>Att:- LOUCAS & JANSKY<br>Engr- GAUTNEY & JONES   | GRANTED | 8-9-62   |
| BR-4149<br>Rec'd<br>Filed   | 8-15-63<br>8-16-63<br>8-16-63 | Renewal of license  | GRANTED | 11-27-63   |
| BP-16262<br>Rec'd<br>Filed<br>(ltr. 9-16-64)<br>(item 5-airal agenda) | 8-14-63<br>8-16-63<br>7-13-64 | CP to increase power from 10kw to 50kw/10kw<br>change from DA-D to DA-D(2), install new transmitter (Gates BC-50C) and new DA system<br>Atty. Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters<br>Eng. Gautney & Jones<br>(R. Russell Eagan) | GRANTED | 12-23-64<br>Cond'l re: Phase Mon.,<br>Field meas. equip., DA &<br>complete non-DA proof. |



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 Letters W F G W

Name BLUE RIDGE BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
Black Mountain, North Carolina

| File No.           | Dated                | Application for   | Action        |                    |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|---------------|--------------------|
|                    |                      |   | Nature        | Date               |
| BMP-11,568<br>R&F  | 7-20-65<br>7-22-65   | Mod. of C.P. (BP-16,262 which auth. incr. power to 50kw/10kw <del>CR</del> CR, change to DA-2, install new trans. and new DA system.) for extension of completion date from 8-23-65 to 10-1-65.<br><br>Atty: R. Russell Eagan | GRANTED<br>to | 8-20-65<br>12-1-65 |
| BMP-11,653<br>R&F  | 11-15-65<br>11-22-65 | Mod. of C.P. (BP-16,262, as mod. which auth. incr. power to 50kw/10kw CR, chng. to DA-2, install new trans. and new DA system.) for extension of completion date from 12-1-65 to <del>1-1-66</del>                            | GRANTED       | 12-17-65           |
| AMENDED<br>R&F     | 11-24-65<br>11-30-65 | AMENDED to change extension date to 4-1-66.<br>Atty: R. Russell Eagan   |               |                    |
| BL-11,221<br>R & F | 12/7/65<br>12/8/65   | Lic. to cover CP (BP-16,262 as mod.) which auth. incr. power, chng. from DA-D to DA-2, install new trans. and new DA system. (CR)<br><br>Attys: Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters                                   | GRANTED       | 3-15-66            |

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Call Letters WFGW

Name BLUE RIDGE BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
Black Mountain, N. C.

| File No.  | Dated   | Application for   | Action  |                               |
|---|---|---|---|-------------------------------|
|   |   |   | Nature  | Date                          |
| BL- 11,304<br>Rec'd<br>Resub.<br>R & F                    | 12/6/65<br>12/17/65<br>3/28/66<br>4/1/66                | Lic. to use old main transmitter GATES BC-10P at main trans. loc. to be operated on 1010kc 10kw DA-D, for aux. purposes only.<br><br>Attvs: Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters | <del>RETURNED</del><br>Incomplete - subject in<br><del>re-submission</del><br>GRANTED | <del>6-27-66</del><br>6-27-66 |
| BR-4149<br>R & F  | 8/26/66<br>8/31/66                                      | Renewal of license (Main & Aux.)<br>Atty: Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters   | GRANTED   | 11-18-66                      |
| BR-4149<br>R & F<br>#539229 \$105.<br>P.N. filed<br>PRESS | 8-29-69<br>9-2-69<br>9-2-69<br>9-2-69<br><br>OCT 8 1969 | Renewal of license (Main & Aux.)<br>Atty: Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, etc.<br>(Erwin G. Krasnow)<br>AMENDED 10-22-69 re: Engineering data<br>AMENDED 11-17-69 re: business interests       | GRANTED   | 11-26-69                      |

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters W F G W

Name BLUE RIDGE BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
BLACK MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

| File No.                                       | Dated   | Application for   | Action  |          |
|--|---|---|---------|----------|
|  |   |   | Nature  | Date     |
| BR-4149<br>Recd.<br>PN Recd.<br>PRESS<br>FILED | 9-1-72<br>"<br>"<br><b>OCT 4 1972</b><br>9-12-72  | RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY TRANS.)<br>Erwin G. Krasnow, Atty. (Kirkland, Ellis)                                       | GRANTED | 12-6-72  |
| BR-4149<br>R & F<br>P. N. Rec'd<br>Press       | 7-16-75<br>8-1-75<br>8-1-75<br><b>SEP 23 1975</b> | Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary)<br>Atty: Frances M. Green (Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering)<br>AMENDED 11-5-75 re: programming | GRANTED | 11-19-75 |
| BR780728VY<br>R & F<br>PRESS                   | 7-14-78<br>7-28-78<br><b>SEP 1 1978</b>           | RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY)<br>Atty. Cornelius J. Golden, Jr. (Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering)                            | GRANTED | 7-16-79  |

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

