

WJRO

June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 10-4-63W J R O Eff. 5-11-77
Call letters XXW I S ZStation location Glen Burnie, Maryland

ERALD BROADCASTING INC. (APL 3-13-81, EFF: 5-15-81)

x HARRY G. SELLS, HAROLD H. HERSCH, SAMUEL (AL-7-22-77 EFF: 7-29-77)

J. COLE AND LUTHER W. GREGORY dba RADIO STATION WJRO

X W I S Z, INC. (AL-5-22-64 EFF: 6-1-64)

Name of licensee x SOUTHFIELD BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.Transmitter location 159 8th Ave. / ^{N.W.} Glen Burnie, Maryland (red. BL-10-4-63)
Wagners Pond; 0.8 mi. N. of center of Glen Burnie, Maryland (BP 6-28-61)21061
Main studio location 159 8th Avenue, ^{N.W.} Glen Burnie, Maryland (red. BL-10-4-63)
Wagners Pond; 0.8 mi. N. of center of Glen Burnie, Maryland (BP 6-28-61)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BP-12372	6-28-61	1590kc	500w-DA-2	U	8-28 2-28-62
	CP for a new standard broadcast station (Cond'1)				
BP-12372 (1)	10-5-61	Mod. of CP(BP-12372) to assign Call Letters.			
BMP-10134 (2)	3-13-62	Mod. of CP(BP-12372) for extension of completion date to 8-8-62.			
BP-12372	6-19-62	1590kc	500w-DA-2	U	8-28 8-8-62
	Mod. of CP(BP-12372) to change Theoretical Specifications (Memo).				
BMP-10,443 (1)	8-24-62	Mod. of CP (BP-12,372 as mod) for ext. of completion date to 2-8-63			
BMP-10,781 (2)	3-4-63	Mod. of CP (BP-12,372, as mod) for ext. of completion date to 6-8-63			
BL-10,074	10-4-63	1590w	500w-DA-2	U	10-4 10-1-66
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-12,372 as mod) which auth a new standard b/c station; spec. type trans. as RCA BTA-1M.				
BAL-5038 Eff:	5-22-64 6-1-64	Voluntary assignment of license to W I S T. INC.			
BR-4294	1-16-67	1590kc	500w-DA-2	U	1-16-67-10-1-69
BP-18,945	1-13-71	1590kc	500w DA-2	U	1-13-72
	CP to add MEOV's to nighttime pattern.				
BP-18,945(1)	3-9-72	Mod. of CP(BP-18,945) to change spacing and Orientation, Theoretical Specification and delete field intensity measurements 206°, 263°, 290° daytime radials.			
EBSA BR-4294(S)	6-12-72 11-7-72	RENEWAL			
BL-13,192(L)	12-20-72	Lic(BP-18,945) for changes			10-1-75
BP-19,677	5-31-74	1590kHz,	500w DA-2	U	5-31-75
	CP to chg. the daytime DA pattern.				
BMP-13,992(1)	7-11-75	MP(BP-19,677) ext time to 11-30-75			

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June 1975

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XX^X W I S Z

Date first licensed

Call letters

Station location

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
BMP-14,107(2)	12-16-75	MP(BP-19,677 as mod.) to	5-30-76		to extend time
BMP-14183 {3}	5-28-76	MP{BP-19677 time to	as mod.}		to ext. 11-30-76
BMP-14,338{4}	5-3-77	MP{BP-19677 time to	as mod.}		to ext. 5-30-77
Wire - 5-11-77 EBSA-5-11-77		Call Letter Change			
BMP-14,422{5}	6-28-77	MP{BP-19,677}	as mod. to		extend completion date to 10-30-77
BAPL-497	7-22-77	VOL. AL	EFF:	7-29-77	
BMP-14,482(6)	11-29-77	MP(BP-19,677)	as mod. to		extend completion date to 4-30-78
BMP-14,589 (7)	5-16-78	MP(BP-19,677, as mod.) for ext. of time to:			10-30-78
BMP781017AL (8)	12-7-78	MP(BP-19,677, as mod)	for ext. of time to comp.		6-5-79
BP790727AN (9)	9/12/79	CP to replace expired permit (BP-19,677, as mod.)			3/10/80
BP-20,748	4-24-80	1590khz CP to incre. powers	1kw DA-2, Unl.		4-24-81
BAPL801203HT	3-13-81	VOL APL	EFF:		
BMP-810420AS (1)	7-6-81	MP (BP-20748) for ext. of time to:			12-31-81

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters new WISZName SOUTHFIELD BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
(P.O. - 1 Central Avenue, S.W., Glen Burnie, Md)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-12,372	9-11-58	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1550 ke 1590kc Power - 250 w 500w BA- 1 DA-2 Hours of operation - Unlimited Trans. location - Wagners Pond; 0.8 mi north of center of Glen Burnie, Maryland Studio location - Same as transmitter Atty. - Dow, Lohnes & Albertson Engr. - George C. Davis	GRANTED	6-28-61
Rec'd	9-11-58		Cond'l re: Phase Mon.;	
Filed	9-11-58		Field meas. equip.; DA & complete non-DA proof. Permittee shall accept any interf. that may result due to a grant of the proposal WTOW, Inc., File No. BP-11634.	
Amended R & F	5-15-59	Amended to change freq., increase power, change type trans. (GATES BC-500T) and change directional antenna and to change officers, directors and stockholders.		
	5-15-59			
AMENDMENT R & F	3-17-61	AMENDED to make changes in DA system		
	3-17-61			

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Name Southfield Broadcasting Company, Inc.
Glen Burnie, Md.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-10,134 R&F	2-8-62 2-9-62	Mod of CP (BP-12372 which auth a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 2-28-62 to _____. Atty: Dow, Lohnes and Albertson	GRANTED	3-13-62 to 8-8-62
BMP-10,443 R. & F.	7-19-62 7-19-62	Mod. of CP (BP-12372 as mod. which auth. new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 8-8-62 to 2-8-63. Atty: Harry G. Sells	GRANTED	8-24-62
BMP-10,781 R. & F.	1-22-63 1-23-63	Mod. of CP (BP-12,372 as mod., which auth. a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 2-8-63 to 6-8-63. Atty: Harry G. Sells	GRANTED	3-4-63

FORM BC-121
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters

Name W I S Z, INC.
x SOUTHFIELD BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
Glen Burnie, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-10,074 R. & F. PROG. TEST 4-29-63	4-17-63 4-19-63	Lic to cover CP(BP-12,372 as mod) which auth a new standard broadcast station; specify type trans as RCA-BTA-1M. Atty-Dow, Lohnes & Albertson Engr- George C. Davis	GRANTED	10-4-63
BAI-5038 R & F	2-18-64 2-25-64	Voluntary assignment of license to W I S Z, INC. Atty. - Dow, Lohnes & Albertson (H.Sells)	GRANTED Consummated Eff: 6-1-64	5-22-64 6-8-64, 6-1-64
BR-4294 R & F	6-21-66 6-24-66	Renewal of license Atty- Emery, Sells & Wood	GRANTED	1-16-67

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters W I S Z

Name W I S Z, INC.
Glen Burnie, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4294 R & F #526960 \$75. JUL 30 1969	7-1-69 7-3-69 7-3-69	Renewal of License Atty.: Harry G. Sells SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 7-3-72 as Amendment to pending renewal application. (Pub. Notice 7-3-72) AMENDED 8-23-72 re: employment policy	GRANTED GRANTED	11-7-72
BP-18,945 R & F #534325 \$30 Press JAN 8 1970 Amended 2-19-70 Amended 8-28-70	8-5-69 8-7-69 8-7-69 8 1970	CP to add MEOV's to nighttime pattern. Atty: Harry G. Sells re: Polar and a semi-log plots depicting the horizontal plane pattern re: Add MEOV's to daytime pattern and modify the MEOV's on the nighttime application	GRANTED	1-13-71
	10-6-70	Annual license fee paid \$76.00 #634778 AM & FM combined.		

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Letters WISZ

Name WISZ, INC.
Glen Burnie, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-13,192	1-4-72	Lic.(BP-18,945, as mod.) for changes.	GRANTED	12-20-72
Rec'd	1-4-72			
W 029807-\$50.	1-4-72	AC-067		
Amended	1-14-72	Engr. data		
Amended	3-6-72	" " & new Sect. II-A		
Amended & F	3-6-72	" "		
PTA	3-8-72	Atty: Cohen and Dippell(Donald G. Everist)		
PRESS	APR 12 1972			
BP- 19,677	12-26-73	Construction permit to change the daytime	GRANTED	5-31-74
Rec'd	12-27-73	directional antenna pattern.		
Filed	12-27-73		DISMISSED	5-18-81
\$50-263882	12-27-73	Atty. Harry G. Sells	(By request of Atty. Mr. Harry Sells)	
AC-056				
PRESS: MAY 10 1974				
BR-4294	5-30-75	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
R & F	6-2-75	H.G.Sells,Atty.		
PN Recd.	"	AMENDED 9-25-75 re: ascert. of needs; programming;		
OPRESS	JUN 9 1975	and EEO (over) F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.		

(BR-4294) AMENDED 2-5-76 re: EEO

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 6-1-78 as an amendment
to pending renewal application. JUN 12 1978

(BR810601VZ) SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 6-1-81 as
an amendment to pending renewal application.

(Atty. Luther W. Gregory) PRESS: AUG 10 1981

PETITION TO DENY AND TO INTERVENE filed 9-1-81 by
Baltimore Black Media Coalition, Rev. Bernard Keels,
National Black Media Coalition & Pluria W. Marshall.

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Letters W I S ZName WISZ, INC.
STEN BUNTE, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-13,992 R & F \$100-431159 AC-056	5-21-75 5-22-75 5-22-75	MP(BP-19,677) for extension of completion date to 11-1-75(chg.) Atty: Harry G. Sells	GRANTED TO	7-11-75 11-30-75
JUN 25 1975				
BMP- Rec'd Filed \$400-495066 AC-001	10-31-75 11-5-75 11-5-75	Mod. of CP(BP-19,677,as mod.) to increase power to 1kw DA-2 Unl. Atty: Harry G. Sells (Sells & Gregory) Eng. Peter V. Gureckis	RETURNED (overlap)	1-28-77
BMP-14,107 R&F \$100-500885 ac:001 Press;	11-14-75 11-20-75 11-20-75	Mod. of CP (BP-19,677 as mod.) to extend completion date to May 1, 1976 Atty: Harry Sells	GRANTED	12-16-75
DEC 4 1975				

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Letters W.I.S.Z.

Name WISZ, INC.
GLEN BURNIE, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-14,183 R&F #100-568492 AC:001 PRESS: MAY 26 1976	5-14-76 5-14-76 5-14-76	Mod. of CP {BP-19,677 as mod.} to completion date to November 30, 1976 Atty: Harry G. Sells	GRANTED	5-28-76
BMP-14,338 R & F #100-640058 AC:001 PRESS: DEC 10 1976	11-22-76 11-23-76 11-24-76	MP(BP-19677 as mod.) to extend completion date to May 30, 1977. Atty: Harry Sells	GRANTED	5-3-77
BP-20,748 Resub. Filed PRESS FEB 6 1978 (Major)	10-31-75 3-9-77 3-9-77	construction permit to increase powers to 1kw DA-2 Unl. Atty: Harry G. Sells MUTUALLY EXCULSIVE WITH BP-20,257 Beech Grove, Indiana F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.	GRANTED Cond'1 OVER	4-24-80

Amend
BP-20,748

Amend R & F 3-9-77 re: Engineering Statement EE-2, EE-3

Amend R & F 6-3-77 re: Engineering Statement EE-2, Exhs. 2 thur 8

Amend Rec'd 3-9-78 re: Request Waiver of Sec. 73.24(j) of the rules, Sec. V-A, VG,
Eng. Statement & exhs.

Amend 4-3-78 re: Supplemental Engineering Statement, Coverage Contours Fig. 1 thur 3

Amend 4-10-78 re: Engineering statement in support of nighttime application.

PETITION TO DENY filed 4-5-78 by Thomas Schattenfield on behalf of Montgomery County
Broadcasting Company, Inc. Engineering Statement

OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY FILED BY APPLICANT 5-3-78

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FILED 5-12-78 BY THOMAS SCHATTENFIELD ON BEHALF OF MONTGOMERY
COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY FILED 5-30-78 BY THOMAS SCHATTENFIELD ON BEHALF OF
MONTGOMERY COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

SUPPLEMENT TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY FILED 8-10-78 BY HARRY SELLS ON BEHALF OF
APPLICANT

8-10-78 SUPPLEMENT TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY FILED BY WJRO THRU ITS ATTY. HARRY G.
SELLS

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1590khz

HARRY G. SELLS, HAROLD H. HERSH, SAMUEL J. COLE AND LUTHER
 Name XWISZ, Inc.
GLEN BURNIE, MARYLAND

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W. GREGORY dba RADIO STATION WJRO

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-14,422 R & F PRESS	5-31-77 5-31-77	Mod. of CP(BP-19,677) to extend completion date to October 30, 1977.	GRANTED TO:	6-28-77 10-30-77
BAPL-497 R & F FORM 316	6/27/77 6/27/77 JUL 15 1977	Voluntary assignment of license and CP (BP-19,677 - chg DA Pattern) to Harry G. Sells, Harold H. Hersch, Samuel J. Cole and Luther W. Gregory dba RADIO STATION WJRO Atty - <u>Sells & Gregory</u>	GRANTED EFF:	7-22-77 7-29-77
BMP-14,482 R & F PRESS:	10-20-77 10-20-77	MP(BP-19,677, as mod) for ext. of time to <u>4-30-78</u> (FOR CHANGES) Atty.-Harry Sells	GRANTED to	11-29-77 4-30-78

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Letters W J R OName HARRY G. SELLS, HAROLD H. HERSCH, SAMUEL J. COLE AND
LUTHER W. GREGORY DBA RADIO STATION WJRO
Glen Burnie, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-14,589 R & F PRESS: MAY 1 1978	4-20-78	MP (BP-19,677, as mod) for extension of time to: <u>10-30-78</u> (FOR CHANGES) Atty: Harry G. Sells	GRANTED TO	5-16-78
	4-24-78			10-30-78
	5-12-78			MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FILED BY WINX(MONTGOMERY COUNTY B/CingCo. OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY FILED BY WISZ, INC.
	5-3-78	REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY FILED BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY B/CING CO., INC. THROUGH ITS ATTORNEYS THOMAS SCHATTENFIELD & HARRY F. COLE		5-30-78
BMP781017AL PRESS	NOV 22 1978	MP (BP-19,677, as Mod.) for Extension of Time to: <u>4-30-79</u> (FOR CHANGES)	GRANTED TO	12-7-78 6-5-79

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

1590KHz.

Call Letters: W J R O

ERALD BROADCASTING INC.

Name: ^xHARRY G. SELLS, HAROLD H. HERSCH, SAMUEL J. COLE AND
LUTHER W. GREGORY DBA RADIO STATION WJRO

Station Location: GLEN BURNIE, MARYLAND

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BP790727AN PRESS (O)	AUG 16 1979	Construction Permit to Replace Expired Permit (BP-19,677, as Mod.). Atty. Harry G. Sells (Sells & Gregory)	GRANTED 9/12/79 DISMISSED 5-18-81 RE: ATTY REQUEST
BAPL801203HT Form 314 PRESS DEC 23 1980 PN filed 12-24-80		Voluntary assignment of license and CP (BP-20748-to incr. powers) to Erald Broadcasting Inc. Atty: Harry G. Sells (Sells & Gregory)	GRANTED 3-13-81 EFF: 5-15-81

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W J R O

Name: Harry G. Sells, Harold H. Hersch, Samuel J. Cole and
Luther W. Gregory dba Radio Station WJRO

Station Location: Glen Burnie, Maryland

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMP-810420AS PRESS:	MAY (0) 26 1981	MP(BP-20,748) for extension of time to: _____ (FOR CHGS.) Atty - Harry G. Sells	GRANTED: 7-6-81 TO: 12-31-81

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 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.

