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Call  
 Letters **WKBB**  
 LOCATION: **MUSKEGON, MICH.**

REAMS BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL gr 12/22/75 EFF:12/22/75)  
 X REAMS COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (AL 7-9-68 EFF. 7-10-68)  
 XWKBB RADIO CORPORATION (AL-12-8-58; EFF: 1-3-59)  
 X ASHBACKER RADIO CORPORATION (Vol.Assign.Lic. Eff.8-6-38)  
 Name of  
 Licensee: X Karl L. Ashbacker  
 K. L. Ashbacker (Radio Station WKBB)

592 West Pontaluna Road, Muskegon, Michigan (BS 6-14-61)(redescription)  
 X SN Cor. Sec.30 of Norton Twp., 4 mi.S of Muskegon, Michigan (CP 4-28-47 Lic. 7-27-48)  
 X U.S. Highway 31, between Muskegon and North Muskegon, Mich. (CP 2-21-47)  
 X Forest Ave. at Creston St., Muskegon, Mich. (C.P.7-17-36) Lic. 11-24-36.  
 X Occidental Hotel, Western Ave. at 3rd St., Muskegon, Mich.  
 X First National Bank & Trust Co. Bldg.,  
 Transmitter / 102 Ludington Avenue, Ludington, Michigan.  
 Location: 49444 592 West Pontaluna Road, Muskegon, Michigan (BS 6-14-61)  
 X WKBB Auditorium  
 424-432 Apple Ave., Muskegon, Mich. (Letter 6-4-41)&(Ren- 9-20-41) (Ren.10-4-41)  
 X Michigan Theatre Bldg., Western Ave. & Third Sts., Muskegon, Mich. (Letter 3-21-36)  
 X Occidental Hotel, Western Ave. at 3rd St., Muskegon, Mich.  
 Ludington, Mich. (Renewal 10-15-32)  
 X First National Bank and Trust Company Bldg., 102 E. Ludington Ave.,  
 Main Studio X First National Bank Bldg., 102 Ludington Avenue, Ludington, Michigan  
 Location:

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	PERIOD From To
2-S-B-327	TP 4-14-27	1170	15	-	Not stated
Superseded by -					
-S-B-327	TP 5-17-27	1170	50	-	Not stated
-R-B-327	6-1-27	1500	15	Unlimited	6-1 7-31-27
Effec. date of previous lic.				deferred by G.O. 13	6-15 8-15-27
-R-B-327	8-8-27	Letter	of Extension		8-15 10-15-27
Extended by G.O. 18					10-15 11-1-27
-R-B-327	10-24-27	Letter	of Extension		11-1 1-1-28
Extended by G.O. 21					1-1 2-1-28
" " " 22					2-1 3-1-28
" " " 23					3-1 4-1-28
" " " 25					4-1 5-1-28
" " " 27					5-1 6-1-28
" " " 32					6-1 8-1-28
" " " 35					8-1 9-1-28
" " Doc. No. 64					9-1 10-1-28
" " " 44					10-1 11-11-28
Reallocation					
-R-B-327	11-1-27	1500	50	Unlimited	11-11 1-31-29
-R-B-327	1-11-27	1500	50	"	1-31 4-30-29
-R-B-327	4-16-29	1500	50	"	4-30 7-31-29
Extended by G.O. 69					7-31 10-31-29
-R-B-327	10-5-29	1500	50	"	10-31 1-31-29
-R-B-327	1-16-30	1500	50	"	1-31 4-30-29
-R-B-327	4-10-30	1500	50	"	4-30 7-31-30
-R-B-327	7-7-30	1500	50	"	7-31 10-31-30
-R-B-327	10-6-30	1500	50	"	10-31 1-31-31
Extended by G.O. 103					1-31 4-30-31
-R-B-327	4-24-31	1500	50	"	4-30 1-1-32
-R-B-327	12-11-31	1500	50	"	1-1 7-1-32
-F-B-183	4-12-32	Install	automatic frequency control		
-P-B-2514	5-27-32	Changes in equipment and increase power to 100 w.			6-27 9-27-32
-R-B-327	6-3-32	1500	50	U	7-1 1-1-33
Per Min. 7-12-32		Postpone install.	app. monitor		9-1-32
Per Min. 8-30-32		Working of Rule 145	Ext. ONLY TO		9-30-32
-B-892	10-28-32	1500	100	U	10-28 1-1-33
-R-B-327	12-9-32	1500	100	U	1-1 7-1-33
-S-B-327	4-1-33	Partial suspension	on Rule 151		4-1 6-1-33
-S-B-327	5-31-33	"	"	"	6-1 7-1-33
-R-B-327	6-9-33	1500	100	U	7-1 1-1-34

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date First

Card No. 2

Licensed.....

Call

Letters **WKBZ**.....

Name of

**ASHBACKER RADIO CORPORATION (Vol.Assignment of Lic. Eff.8-6-38)**

Licensee:

**KARL L. ASHBACKER**

Transmitter

Location: .....

Main Studio

Location: .....

FRC-65

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	PERIOD From To	
2-S-B-327	6-20-33	Partial suspension Rule 151				7-1 11-1-35
2-R-B-327	12-22-33	1500	100w	U.	1-1 7-1-34	
P-B-3074	6-1-34	Move station to Muskegon			7-8 10-8-34	
2-R-B-327	6-12-34	1500	100w	U	7-1 1-1-35	
B2-MP-2	8-7-34	1500	100w	U	8-8 10-8-34	
Mod. of P-B-3074 to extend commencement date and to move studio and trans. location, Muskegon.						
B2-S-327	8-2-34	Author. to remain silent from 8-1-34 pending action on B2-MP-2 but not later than 10-8-34.				
B2-L-37	10-10-34	1500	100w	U	10-10 1-1-35	
License to cover 2-P-B-3074						
B2-P-218	11-7-34	C.P. to make equip chgs. and increase day power to 250w.			1-11 4-11-35.	
B2-R-327	12-18-34	1500	100w	U	1-1 7-1-35	
B2-L-145	5-7-35	1500	100w, 250w-LS	U	5-7 7-1-35	
Lic. to cover CP for chg. equip. & incr. day power						
B2-R-327	6-11-35	1500	100w, 250w-LS	U	7-1 1-1-36	
B2-R-327	12-10-35	1500	100w, 250w-LS	U	1-1 7-1-36	
B2-R-327	6-12-36	1500	100w, 250w-LS	U	7-1 1-1-37	
B2-P-1156	7-17-36	Move transmitter and install vertical antenna.			9-17 3-17-37	
B2-L-437	11-24-36	1500	100w, 250w-LS	U	11-24 1-1-37	
Lic. to cover C.P. to move trans. & install new antenna						
B2-R-487	12-8-36	1500	100w, 250w-LS	U	1-1 7-1-37	
B2-R-327	6-15-37	1500	100w, 250w-LS	U	7-1 1-1-38	
B2-R-327	12-15-37	1500	100w, 250w-LS	U	1-1 7-1-38	
B2-R-327	6-9-38	1500	100w, 250w-LS	U	7-1 1-1-39	
B2-AL-180	7-27-38	Vol. Assign. License to ASHBACHER RADIO CORPORATION				Effective 8-6-38
B2-R-327	12-19-38	1500	100w, 250w-LS	U	1-1 7-1-39	
B2-R-327	6-6-39	1500	100w, 250w-LS	U	7-1 1-1-40	
B2-ML-734	9-6-39	1500	250w	U	9-6 1-1-40	
Mod. License to incr. night power						
B2-R-327	12-18-39	1500	250w	U	1-1 12-1-40	
B2-R-327	2/3/40	1500	250w	U	3/1 8/1/40	

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed .....

Call letters **W K B Z** .....Name of licensee **ASHBACKER RADIO CORPORATION** .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

APPL. No.	DATE ISSUED	FREQ.	POWER	TIME Div.	PERIOD	
					From—	To—
Order	6/12/40	Extension of License			8/1	10/1/40
Order	9-10-40	"	"	"	10-1	3-29-41
NARBA REALLOCATION						
B2-R-327	3-24-41	1490	250w	U	3-29	12-1-41
B2-Z-963	6-12-41	1490	250w	U	6-12	12-1-41
Determine operating power by direct measurement						
B2-S-327	11-18-41	Extension of license			12-1	1-1-42
B2-S-327	12-16-41	Extension of license			1-1	2-1-42
B2-R-327	1-27-42	1490	250w	U	1-27	12-1-43
B2-S-327	11-6-42	1490	250w	U	12-1	12-1-43
Mod. Lic. accordance Order 107						
B2-R-327	11-23-43	1490	250w	U	12-1	12-1-45
B2-Z-1705	7-16-45	1490	250w	U	7-16	12-1-45
Determine operating power by direct measurement						
B2-S 327	7-16-45	1490	250w	U	10-1	12-1-45
Mod. Lic. Order 107A						
B2-S-327	11-21-45	Extension of license			12-1	2-1-46
B2-S-327	1-23-46	Extension of license			2-1	4-1-46
B2-S-327	3-20-46	Extension of license			4-1	6-1-46
B2-S-327	5-24-46	Extension of license			6-1	8-1-46
B2-R-327	5-29-46	1490	250w	U	5-29	8-1-48
B2-P-5121*	2-21-47	1490	250w	U	4-21	10-21-47
CP to make changes in antenna, install new T and change T site						
BMP-2681*	4-23-47	1490kc	250w	U	6-21	12-21-47
Mod. of C.P. (5121) for extension of C. & C. dates						
B2-P-3609	4-28-47	850	1kw*	U	6-28	12-28-47
*DA(1)						
CP chg. freq., incr. power, install DA for day and night use and new T, and chg. T location						
BS-1239	6-6-47	STA to opr Sundays 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm EST two days each week. 7:15 pm, to 8:45 pm, EST (WSAJ hrs.) 5-7-47 to 9-23-47 if WSAJ remains silent.				

\* CANCELLED 9-2-47 at request of applicant.

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters ..... W K B Z

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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--
BS-1239	9-23-47	STA to opr. add'l time from 7:15 pm, to 8:45 pm, EST, provided WSAF remains silent Sep. 23, 1947, to broadcast sustaining and commercial programs only.			
BMP-3400	1-5-48	850	1kw* *DA	U	6-28-47 4-30-48
Mod. C.P. (P-3609) for ext. completion date					
BMP-3705	3-25-48	850	1kw-DA	U	6-28 4-30-48
Mod. CP (3609 as mod) to change type of T.					
BMP-3753	4-5-48	Mod. CP (3609 as mod) for ext. of completion date.			6-28 5-30-48
BMP-3886	5-25-48	Mod. CP (3609 as mod) for ext. of completion date.			6-28 6-30-48
BL-3265	7-27-48	850	1kw-DA	U	7-27 11-1-49
Lic. to cover CP (3609 as mod) to change freq., increase power, install DA day and night, install new T and change T site.					
BR-327	10-21-49	850	1kw-DA	U	11-1 11-1-52
BP-7340	4-4-51	850	1kw*5kw*LS *DA-2	U	6-4 12-4-51
CP to increase day power, install new T and change from DA-1 to DA-2. (COND'L CLAUSE)					
BMP-5752	12-6-51	Mod. of CP 7340 for extension of completion date (COND'L CLAUSE)			6-4 5-15-52
BTC-1206	12-26-51	Transfer of control of licensee corp.			
Eff.	12-29-51	from Grant F. Ashbacher to ARCH SHAWD			
BMP-5886	5-23-52	Mod. CP (7340 as mod.) to change type transmitter & extension of C & C date			7-23 1-23-53
(CONDITIONAL CLAUSE)					
BR-327	10-15-52	850kc	1kw-DA	Unl.	11-1 10-1-55
Forfeited 4-13-53 Request of attorney.					
BMP-5875	5-9-52	Mod. of CP for ext. time			6-4 11-15-52
(BP-7340)					
BR-327	9-7-55	Renewal of license			10-1 10-1-58
BR-327	9-17-58	Renewal of license			10-1 1-1-61
BTC-2946	11-19-58	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee Corporation from Arch Shawd to W K B Z			
EFF:	1-3-59	Radio Corporation			

Form BC 126 #5  
June 1954

## B BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W K B Z .....

Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BAL-3258 EFF:	12-8-58 1-3-59	Voluntary assignment of license to WKBZ RADIO CORPORATION			
BS-327 (1)	6-14-61	Mod. license to change studio location to transmitter site as redescrbed.			
BR-327	9-7-61	850kc	1kw-DA-11 In		10-1 10-1-64
BTC-4203 Eff:	3-29-63 4-1-63	Voluntary acquisition of negative control of licensee corporation by each Frederick L. Allman (50%) and Robert K. Richards (50%) thru sale of stock by Walter Patterson to the licensee corporation, WKBZ Radio Corporation.			
BR-327	9-14-64	Renewal of License			10-1 10-1-67
BR-327	9-15-67	Renewal of License Renewal of NDEA			10-1 10-1-70
BTC-5595	7-5-68	Vol. TC	EFF:	7-10-68	
BAL-6396 EFF:	7-9-68 7-10-68	Vol. AL			
BR-327(L)	10-15-70	Renewal and NDEA			10-1-73
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-327(L)	10-11-73	RENEWAL			10-1-76
LETTER	6-17-75	Main Transmitter: BC=1H1			
BAL-8518	12/22/75	Vol AL	EFF: 12/22/75		
BTC-8582	5-10-78	VOL. TC	EFF: 5-19-78		
BR-327(L)	6-20-78	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.)			10-1-79
BTC791206HT	12-19-79	VOL. TC	EFF: 2-19-80		
BR-790601VY	9-21-79	(S) RENEWAL			10-1-82
CCMTEL	8-28-80	AU. & TERMS COMTEL 6-16-80 EXT. THRU 12-1-80			
COMTEL	12-5-80	AUTH. & TERMS COMTEL 6-16-80 EXT. THRU 2-1-81.			

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

#1.

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Letters WKBZ

Name Karl L. Ashbacher  
K. L. Ashbacher (Radio Station WKBZ)

File No.	Date d	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
2-S-B-327	3-29-27	Application for license - requesting 1170 Kc. 150 watts or More.	1-T.P. 4-1-27, 1170 Kc. 15 watts, Superseded by - 2-T.P. granted 5-17-27, 1170 Kc. 50 watts, Unlimited. 3-Lic. 6-1-27, 1500 Kc. 15 watts Unlimited. 4-General Order 13.	
2-R-B-327	7-23-27	Renewal of license - Requesting change of freq. from 1500 Kc. to 1200 Kc. - increase power from 15 watts to 100 watts.	1-Letter of 8-8-27. 2-General Order 18.	
2-R-B-327	8-3-27	Renewal of license		
2-R-B-327	10-3-27	Renewal of license	1-Letter 10-24-27 2-General Orders, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 32, 35, Doc. No. 64, G.O. 44.	

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

#2.

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WKBZ

Name Karl L. Ashbacker  
K. L. Ashbacker (Radio Station WKBZ)

File No.	Date d Received	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
2-R-B-327	1-10-28	Renewal of license - Reallocation	Granted	11-1-28, 1500 Kc. 50 watts, Unlimited.
2-M-B-69	10-11-28	Modification of license - Change of freq. from 1500 Kc. to 1200 Kc. - change power from 15 watts to 100 watts.	Denied	11-19-29. Order 11-19-29.
2-R-B-327	12-6-28	Renewal of license	Granted	1-11-29
2-R-B-327	3-22-29	Renewal of license	Granted	4-16-29
2-R-B-327	6-14-29	Renewal of license	G.O. 69	6-20-29
2-R-B-327	9-28-29	Renewal of license	Granted	10-5-29
2-R-B-327	12-28-29	Renewal of license	Granted	1-16-30
2-R-B-327	3-28-30	Renewal of license	Granted	4-10-30
2-R-B-327	6-18-30	Renewal of license	Granted	7-7-30
2-R-B-327	9-20-30	Renewal of license	Granted	10-21-30
2-R-B-327	12-20-30	Renewal of license	G.O. 103	1-20-31
			Granted	4-24-31
2-R-B-327	10-28-31	Renewal of license	Granted	12-11-31

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W K B Z

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Name KARL L. ASHBACHER

File No.	Dated Received	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
2-R-B-183	3-14-32	install automatic frequency control	Granted	4-12-32
2-P-B-2514	3-14-32	make changes in equipment and increase power from 50 w. to 100 w.	Granted	5-27-32
2-R-B-327	4-24-32	Renewal of license	Granted	6-3-32
2-L-B-892 Resubmitted	9-17-32	Covers P-B-2514 Corrected.	<del>Retired 9-18-32 not in proper form.</del> Granted	10-28-32
2-R-B-327	10-15-32	Renewal of license	Granted	12-9-32
2-R-B-327	4-17-33	Renewal of license	Granted	6-9-33
2-R-B-327	10-16-33	Renewal of License	Granted	12-22-33
2-P-B-3074	12-4-33	Construction Permit to change location of transmitter & Studio from 102 E. Ludington Ave. Ludington, to Hackley Nat'l Bank Bldg., Western Ave. & Jefferson, Muskegon, Michigan.	Granted after hearing Statement of Facts 'and ORDER Min. 6-1-34 Eff. 6-8-34	

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Letters W K B ZName Karl L. Ashbacker

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
2-R-B-327	4-21-34	Renewal of license	Granted	6-12-34
B2-MP-2	7-10-34	FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Modification of C.P. (2-P-B-3074) for extension of commencement date from 7-8-34 to 8-8-34, completion date to remain same, 10-8-34.	Granted	8-7-34
Amended	7-12-34	Amended to request move for studio and transmitter from Hackley Union Nat'l. Bldg., Western Av. at Jefferson, Muskegon, Mich. to Occidental Hotel, Western Av. at 3rd St., Muskegon.		
B2-L-37	9-8-34	License to cover 2-P-B-3074 as modified, to move transmitter and studio to Muskegon, Mich.	Granted	10-10-34
B2-R-327	11-6-34	Renewal of license	Granted	12-18-34

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Letters WKBYName KARL L. ASHBACKER

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-P-218	11-7-34	Construction permit to make changes in equipment and increase power from 100w to 100w, 250w-LS	Granted	12-11-34
B2-L-145	4-8-35	License to cover CP (B2-P-218) to make changes in equipment and increase power from 100w to 100w-250w LS	Granted	5-7-35
B2-R-327 Resubmitted	4-22-35 5-24-35	Renewal of license 15(b) 12 " " "	<del>Refd</del> Granted	<del>5-21-35</del> 6-11-35
B2-ML-248	10-2-35	Modification of license to change frequency from 1500 kc to 1200 kc.	ORDER of Dismissal With Prejudice, Min.	6-12-36
B2-R-327	10-25-35	Renewal of License	Granted	12-10-35

## APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

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Call letters WKBYName KARL L. ASHBACHER

FILE NO.	DATED	APPLICATION FOR—	ACTION	
			NATURE	DATE
B2-R-327	4-15-36	Renewal of license	Granted	6-12-36
B2-P-1156	5-12-36	Construction permit to move transmitter from Occidental Hotel, Western Ave. at Third St., Muskegon, Michigan, to Forest Ave. at Creston St., Muskegon, Michigan and install a vertical antenna	Granted	7-17-36
B2-R-327	10-15-36	Renewal of license (N.P.'s - Gen. - expired)	Returned	11-18-36
Resubmitted	"	"	Granted	12-8-36
B2-L-437	11-4-36	License to cover C.P. (B2-P-1156) to move trans. and install vertical antenna	Granted	11-24-36
B2-R-327	11-20-36	Renewal of license (Unnecessary)	Returned	2-1-37
B2-R-327	12-10-36	Renewal of License (Unnecessary)	Returned	2-1-37



## APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

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Call letters **W K B Z**Name **ASHBACKER RADIO CORPORATION**

FILE No.	DATED	APPLICATION FOR—	ACTION	
			NATURE	DATE
B2-R-327 Resubmitted	4-12-39 "	Renewal of license <del>—(Sec. 3b, 7d)-----</del>	Returned Granted	5-5-39 6-6-39
B2-ML-734	7-20-39	Modification of license to increase power from 100w;250w-LS to 250w day and night.	Granted	9-6-39
B2-R-327	10-25-39	Renewal of license	Granted	12-18-39
B2-R-327	5-15-40	Renewal of license	Granted	8-24-41 1490kc, 250w, U
B2-Z-963 Rec'd	5-16-41 5-19-41	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement. Form 335 filed 6-5-41	Granted	6-12-41

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W K B ZName ASHBACKER RADIO CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-R-327 Resub.	9-20-41 10-4-41	Renewal of license and Form 335	Ret'd---9-20-41-for add-copy+defer Sec--22(a) GRANTED	1-27-42
B2-ML-1106 Rec'd Filed	11-26-41 11-28-41 11-28-41	Modif. of license for change in frequency from 1490 kc to 1450 kc. 5-28-42 rec'd petition re Com. Memo. Opinion of 4-27-42. Form 335 filed. Filed by E.D. Johnston - Filed by Fred. W. Albertson.	Bucket-No:-6454 Dismissed without Prejudice--Request-of Applicant. Min--#263--5-11-43- Petition to reinstate Dismissed Request of Attorney	10-29-43
Petition to reinstate accord. Comm. release 8-11-43 Rec'd Filed	9-10-43 9-10-43 9-10-43			

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W K B ZName ASHBACHER RADIO CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-P-3435 Rec'd Filed	1-9-42 1-16-42 1-16-42	Construction permit to install new transmitter Form 335 filed. Filed by J. F. Foley. Atty.	Dismissed without prejudice & retired to closed files (Request attorney) 4-13-42	
B2-R-327 Rec'd	9-10-43 9-18-43	Renewal of license Filed by Fred W. Albertson atty.	Granted	11-23-43
B2-P-3553 Rec'd Filed	9-10-43 9-24-43 10-16-43	Construction permit to mount FM antenna atop present antenna (Filed by Fred Albertson)	Dismissed Request of Attorney	8-22-46

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-P-3609	4-27-44	Construction permit to change frequency from 1490kc to 1230kc. (Filed by Philip J. Hennessey, Jr.) (Grant R. Wrethall, Engr.)	Docket No. 6628 GRANTED	4-28-47
Recd.	5-1-44			
Filed	5-5-44			
AMENDED	1-27-47	AMENDED to change frequency from 1230kc to 850kc; power from 250w to 1kw; install DA for day and night use; change type transmitter (RCA BTA 1L); change transmitter location from Forrest Ave. at Greston St., Muskegon, Mich. TO 4 miles South of the city of Muskegon in SW corner Sec. 30 of Norton Township, Muskegon, Mich. <del>.....</del> <del>.....</del> (Filed by George S. Smith, Atty.) (E. C. Page, Engr.)		
Recd.	1-31-47			
Filed	2-7-47			

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-Z-1705 Recd. Filed	6-21-45 6-25-45 6-25-45	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (335s filed)	Granted	7-16-45
B2-R.327 Recd.	9-11-45 9-28-45	Renewal of license Filed by Fred Albertson atty.	Granted	5-29-46
B2-SSA-139 Recd. Filed	12-7-47 12-12-45 12-12-45	Special Service Authorization to operate on 1230kc with power of 250w, unlimited time, during the present license period (Filed by Philip J. Hennessey, Jr. Atty.)	DENIED ORDER ISSUED	2-6-46

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-P-5121 Rec'd Filed	7-23-46	Construction Permit to make changes in Antenna and to change transmitter location from: Forest Avenue at Creston Street, Muskegon, Michigan to: U. S. Highway 31 between Muskegon and North Muskegon, Michigan.  (David E. Tolman, Atty.: )	GRANTED	2-21-47
	7-25-46		Cancelled	9-2-47
	7-25-46		at request of applicant	
Amended	8-16-46	Amended to install new transmitter		
Rec'd	8-19-46	(RCA BTA-250-L).		
Filed	8-19-46	(Filed by Tolman, Atty.)		

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-2681	4-16-47	Mod. of C.P. (B2-P-5121, which authorized installation of new transmitter, changes in antenna, and change in transmitter location) for extension of commencement and completion dates from 4-21-47 and 10-21-47 respectively to 6-21-47 and 12-21-47 respectively.	GRANTED	4-23-47
Rec'd.	4-17-47		CANCELLED	9-2-47
Filed	4-17-47		at request of applicant	
BMP-2977	6-9-47	Mod. of C.P. (B2-P-3609, which authorized change in frequency, increase power, installation of DA for day & night, install new transmitter, and change transmitter location) to make changes in directional antenna and mount FM antenna on AM Tower.  (Filed by E.C. Page, Engr.)	DISMISSED	3-8-48
Rec'd	7-21-47		Request of the Atty.	
Filed	7-21-47			

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-3400 Rec'd Filed	11-28-47 12-1-47 12-1-47	Mod. of C.P. (B2-P-3609, as mod., which authorized change in frequency, increase power, installation of DA for day and night, install new transmitter, and change transmitter location <del>and extend completion date from 12-28-47 to 4-30-48.</del> (Quayle B. Smith, Atty.)	GRANTED	12-5-47
BMP-3705 Rec'd Filed	3-12-48 3-15-48 3-15-48	Mod. of C.P. (B2-P-3609, as mod., which authorized change in frequency, increase power, installation of DA for day and night, install new transmitter, change transmitter location <del>and extend completion date from 12-28-47 to 4-30-48.</del> to change type of transmitter (Raytheon RA-1000). David E. Tolman, Atty.	GRANTED	3-25-48

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-3753 Rec'd Filed	3-26-48	Mod. of C.P. (B2-P-3609, as mod., which authorized change in frequency, increase power, installation of DA for day and night, install new transmitter and change transmitter location) for extension of completion date from: 4-30-48 to: 5-30-48.  (David E. Tolman, Atty.)	GRANTED	4-5-48
	3-30-48			
	3-30-48			
BMP-3886 Rec'd Filed	5-8-48	Mod. of C.P. (B2-P-3609, as mod., which authorized change in frequency, increase power, installation of DA for day and night, install new transmitter and change transmitter location) for extension of completion date from: 5-30-48 to: 6-30-48.  (Quayle B. Smith, Atty.)	GRANTED	5-25-48
	5-10-48			
	5-10-48			

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-3265 Rec'd Filed	5-4-48 5-17-48 7-13-48	License to cover C. P. (B2-P-3609, as mod.,) which authorized change in frequency, increase power, installation of DA for day and night, install new transmitter and change transmitter location.  (Harold G. Cowgill, Atty. Wilbur F. DuBois, Engr.)	GRANTED	7-27-48
BR-327 Rec'd	8-17-49 8-25-49	Renewal of license. (Filed by Harold G. Cowgill, Atty.)	GRANTED	10-21-49

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
HP-7340	8-29-49	Construction permit to increase power from 1kw to <del>1kw-5kw-LS</del> , change from employing DA-1 to DA-8 and install new transmitter (Raytheon RA-5).	DOCKET 9707	
Rec'd	9-2-49		GRANTED 4-4-51	
Filed	9-2-49		re blanketing clause; re properly designed phase monitor; re field meas. equip.	
		Harold G. Cowgill, Atty. Virginia R. Erwin, Engr.		
AMENDED	3-6-50	AMENDED to change power from 1kw, 5kw-LS to 5kw; change from using DA-2 to use DA-1 and <del>make change in DA pattern; change in ground system.</del>		
Recd.	3-14-50			
Filed	3-14-50			
AMENDED	5-2-50	<del>AMENDED to make change in DA pattern.</del>		
Recd.	5-2-50			
Filed	5-2-50			
AMENDED	1-25-51	Amended to change power from 5kw to 1kw-5kw-LS, employing present directional antenna (DA-1).		
Rec'd	1-29-51			
Filed	2-2-51			

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-1206 Rec'd Filed	10-5-51 10-8-51 10-8-51	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Grant F. Ashbacker to Arch Shawd (5000 shares of common stock) (100%)  Harold G. Cowgill, Atty.	GRANTED Eff.	12-26-51 12-29-51
BMP-5752 Rec'd Filed	11-17-51 11-19-51 11-19-51	Modification of construction permit (BP-7340, which auth. increase power and installation of new transmitter and changes in the antenna system) for extension of completion date from 12-4-51 to 5-15-52.	GRANTED Cond'l re blanketing; phase monitor and field meas. equip.	12-6-51
BMP-5875 Rec'd Filed	4-21-52 4-25-52 4-25-52	Modification of construction permit (BP-7340, as mod., which auth. increase power and install. of a new transmitter and changes in the antenna system) for extension of completion date from 5-15-52 to 11-15-52.  Neville Miller, Atty.	Granted	5-9-52

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Name ASHBACKER RADIO CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-5886	5-1-52	Modification of construction permit (BP-7340 as mod., which auth. increase power and install of a new transmitter and changes in the antenna system) to change type of transmitter. (Gates EC-5-B).		
Rec'd	5-12-52		GRANTED	5-23-52
Filed	5-12-52		and extension of C & C dates SAME CONDITIONS AS CP	
		Neville Miller, Atty.	FORFEITED	4-13-53
		Kenneth E. Pendleton, Engr.	per Section 1.314(a) of Commission's Rules	
BR-327	6-16-52	Renewal of License	GRANTED	10-15-52
Rec'd	7-29-52	Filed by Neville Miller, Atty.		
Filed	7-29-52			
BMP-6091	12-11-52	Modification of construction permit (BP-7340, as mod., which auth. increase power and install of a new transmitter and changes in the antenna system) for extension of completion date from January 23, 1953 to July 15, 1953.		
Rec'd	12-18-52		DISMISSED	4-13-53
Filed	12-18-52		Request of attorney	

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Letters W.K.B.Z.

Name ASHBACKER RADIO CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-327 Rec'd Filed	6-6-55 6-29-55 6-29-55	Renewal of License Neville Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	9-7-55
BR-327 Rec'd Filed	6-4-58 6-30-58 6-30-58	Renewal of license Neville Miller, Attorney	Granted	9-17-58
BTC-2946 Rec'd. Filed	10-28-58 10-29-58 10-29-58	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Arch Shawd to W K B Z Radio Corporation.  William A. Porter, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	11-19-58 1-3-59

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WKBZ RADIO CORPORATION

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Letters W K B ZName \* ASHBACKER RADIO CORPORATIONMuskegon, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-3258	11-26-58	Voluntary assignment of license to WKBZ Radio Corporation.  William A. Porter, Atty.	GRANTED	12-8-58
Rec'd.	11-28-58		EFF	1-3-59
Filed	11-28-58			
BR-327	6-29-61	Renewal of license	GRANTED	9-7-61
Rec'd	7-3-61	Collins, Robb, <u>Porter</u> & Kistler, Attys.		
Filed	7-3-61			
BTC-4203	1-29-63	Voluntary acquisition of negative control of licensee corporation by each Frederick L. Allman (50%) and Robert K. Richards (50%) thru sale of stock by Walter Patterson to the licensee corporation, WKBZ Radio Corporation.  Atty. - Collins, Robb, <u>Porter</u> & Kistler	GRANTED	3-29-63
R & F	1-29-63		EFF:	4-1-63

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Name WKBZ Radio Corporation  
Muskegon, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-327 Rec'd Filed	6-26-64 6-29-64 6-29-64	Renewal of license  Atty. William A. Porter	GRANTED	9-14-64
BR-327 R & F	6-26-67 6-27-67	Renewal of license Atty- William A. Porter	GRANTED	9-15-67
BTC-5595 R & F	3-18-68 3-22-68	Vol. transfer of control of lic. corp. from Robert K. Richards and Frederick L. Allman to Reams Communications Corporation Mutually contingent on grant of BTC-5594 (WKYR) Atty for transferor - Wm. A. Porter for transferee - Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED EFF.	7-5-68 7-10-68
HAL-5369 Rec'd (Form 316) FEE PD: \$30.00 & FILED MAR. 28 1968	5-21-68 4-30-68 #425015 5-23-68	Voluntary assignment of license to REAMS COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION Contingent on grant of BTC-5595 Atty - Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED EFF.	7-9-68 7-10-68

RE: BTC-5595 - Financial & prog. data filed 6-19-68

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Letters W.K.B.Z.REAMS BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
X REAMS COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATIONName XWKBZ RADIO CORPORATION  
MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-327 R & F \$75 #613776 PN Recd. PRESS	6-17-70 7-6-70 " " JUL 14 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Robert E. Hodson, Atty. AMENDED 9-25-70 re: financial data	GRANTED	10-15-70
9-28-70 Annual fee \$28.00 deducted from \$75.00 Renewal filing fee. Credit \$47.00 to 1971.				
BR-327 R & F P.N. PRESS JUL 1970	6-11-73 6-26-73 6-26-73	Renewal of License Atty.: Brian A. Johnson	GRANTED	10-11-73
BAL-8518 R & F FEE PD: \$200 #480932 CODE 047 OCT 8 1975 PN filed 11/26/75	9-16-75 9-26-75	Voluntary assignment of license to REAMS BROADCASTING CORPORATION Atty - Pierson, Ball & Dowd AMENDED 9-30-75 - legal data(re Sec.II) (SEE OVER)	GRANTED EFF: FEE REQ:	12/22/75 12/22/75 pd 4/8/76 W 553512

RE: BAL-8518 - Assignee is licensee of WCWA & FM WIOT  
(Articles etc on file)

AMENDED 12-1-75 - statement stating Cert of Auth has been  
granted for Mich (no cert filed - Attys were called 1-9-75)  
financial & prog. data *filed 2-3-76*

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MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-327 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	5-19-76 6-1-76 JUL 26 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE  AMENDED 9-17-76 re: engineering AMENDED 11-15-76 re: EEO	GRANTED	6-20-78
BTC-8582 R & F FORM 316 (ALSO SEE WCWA FEB 15 1978 & FM WIOT)	7-18-77 1-17-78	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Frazier Reams, Jr., Morton Neipp, The Toledo Trust Company, Trustee and John R. Linn TO John R. Linn, Frazier Reams, Jr., The Toledo Trust Company, Trustee and Morton Neipp (Chge percentages only (over)  Atty - Pierson, Ball & Dowd(B. Green)	GRANTED EFF:	5-10-78 5-19-78
BR 790601 VY PRESS JUL 10 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE Wm.H.Fitz,Atty.	GRANTED	9-21-79

BTC-8582 Amended 4-19-78 re: EEOP data; Bus. interest  
of Kopp and Martz; interest of Toledo Co. in Gerity B/c.  
Co.

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Name: REAMS BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Station Location: Muskegon, Michigan

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BTC791206HT Form 316 (Also see WCWA & WIOT(fm) PRESS DEC 14 1979	11-30-79	Vol. acquisition of positive control of lic corp by Frazier Reams, Jr., Individually (28%) and as controlling stockholder of Realin Corp (proposed 30% stockholder of licensee) thru sale of stock by John R. Linn  Atty - William Green (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)	GRANTED 12-19-79 EFF: 2-19-80
810316AA		Construction permit to increase daytime power to 10kw.	

BZ-121-81 H-44-81, name of A in addition to Dodge.

**ASHBACKER RADIO CORPORATION (Vol. Assign. Lic. Eff. 8-6-38)**  
 Licensee **x Karl L. Ashbacker**

File No.	Date	Call Letters	Name and Location of Applicant	Remarks	Disposition
2-P-B-2385	7-25-31	NEW	Karl L. & Grant F. Ashbaker, d/b as Western Michigan Broadcasting Co., Muskegon, Mich.	1500 kc. 100 w. share with WKBZ (WKBZ owned by K.L. Ashbaker, one of the applicants)	Dismissed 3-4-32 Req. of Appl.
B2-P-3406 Petition to reinstate accord. Comm. release of	11-26-41 8-11-43 9-10-43	New Filed 9-10-43	Karl L. & Grant F. Ashbaker, d/b as Ludington Broadcasting Co. Ludington, Mich.	1490 kc, 250w, U. contingent upon B2-ML-1106) for chg. in freq. being granted	Dismissed 11-28-42 Amended to omit request for WKBZ's fac.
B2-P-5191	8-27-46	New	Ashbacker Radio Corp. Manistee, Michigan	1490kc, 250w contingent upon the request of WKBZ for 1230kc	Dismissed 12-2-47
BP-6445 Rec'd Filed	11-17-47 11-19-47 11-19-47	WMUS	Greater Muskegon Broadcasters, Inc. Muskegon, Michigan	1490kc, 250w, EX U	Denied 6-27-58

Renewal Requested	Date Received	Designated for Hearing	Reason	Remarks
1-8-32	not received	not set for hearing	2-P-B-2385	closed.

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