

WMAK



REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE

Cat. No. 4550L

Patent No. 1390179

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Date first licensed 8-4-48 Call letters WMAK
~~X~~ MOONEY-W.N.A.K., INC. (AL 10-19-67 eff. 10-31-67) Location: Nashville, Tennessee
 X LIN-MEDALLION PICTURE CORPORATION (BML 8-31-67)
 X MEDALLION PICTURES CORPORATION (BML 6-8-67)
 X WMAK, INC. (BML 8-23-61).
 X WCMR RADIO, INC., (AL 1-20-60; EFF: 3-7-60)
 Name of licensee ~~X~~ VOLUNTEER STATE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

On Old Ashland City Road $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles N.W. of center of Nashville, Tenn. (Lic. 8-4-48)

Transmitter location ~~X~~ N.W. of City of Nashville, Tennessee (CP 6-28-47)

WMAK Bldg., 9th & Division, Nashville, Tenn. (Ltr. 11-19-73)

~~X~~ 311 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee (BRC 6-5-63)

~~X~~ Same as transmitter (BS 12-27-61)

~~X~~ Maxwell House, Nashville, Tennessee (MP 12-18-47) (Lic. 8-4-48)

Main studio location ~~X~~ to be determined, Nashville, Tennessee (CP 6-28-47)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
33-P-4531	6-28-47	1300	5kw* *DA-N	U	8-28 2-28-48
		C.P. for a new station			
MP-3244	12-18-47	1300	5kw* *DA	U	8-28-47 6-15-48
		Mod. C.P. (4531) to chg. from DA night to DA day & night, chg. trans. site & specify studio location			
	10-24-47	Consent 4 shares stock from Edward M. Kirby and one share from Earl C. Arnold to Frank W. Mayburn giving him affirmative control of permittee - Letter written 12-30-47			
MP-3759 MP-3910	6-2-48	Mod. CP (4531) as mod., to make changes in DA for day and night use, and extension of C&C dates			8-28 7-15-48
BL-3244	8-4-48	1300	5kw-DA	U	8-4 11-1-48
		Lic. to cover CP (4531 as mod) for a new station.			
-2036	10-27-48	1300	5kw* *DA	U	11-1 11-1-51
-7775	2-14-51	1300	5kw, DA-1	U	4-14 10-14-51
		CP to make changes in DA pattern. (CONDL. CLAUSE)			
MP-5549	6-13-51	1300	5kw, DA-N	U	4-14 10-14-51
		Mod. of CP (7775) to change from DA-1 to DA-N. (CONDL. CLAUSE)			
L-1486	8-9-51	1300	5kw* *DA-N	U	8-9 11-1-51
		Lic. cover CP 7775 as mod. for chg. in DA-Night			
BR-2036	10-17-51	1300	5kw* *DA -N	U	11-1 8-1-52
BR-2036	7-17-52	1300kc	5kw DA-N (Cond. Cl.)	Unl.	8-1-52 8-1-55
BTC-1926 EFF:	3-30-55 4-9-55	Vol. trans. of control to Howard D. Steere, Emil J. Popke, Jr., & J.D. Berkey			
BR-2036	7-20-55	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1 8-1-58
BS-2036 (1)	9-20-55	Mod. Lic. chgs. in DA Specifications			
BR-2036	7-16-58	1300	5kw	U	8-1 8-1-61
BS-2036	10-14-58	Mod. Lic. chgs. in DA Specifications			
RAL-3711 EFF:	1-20-60 3-7-60	Voluntary assignment of license to WCFI RADIO, INC.			

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June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed _____ Call letters W M A K

Station location Nashville, Tennessee

MOONEY-WMAK, INC. (AL gr 2/23/77 EFF: 2/23/77)

~~MOONEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL 7-10-71 EFF: 7-20-71)~~

Name of licensee WCMR RADIO, INC. _____

Transmitter location _____

Main studio location _____

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BRC-1664	5-4-60	1300kc	5kw-DA-N	Un.	5-4 8-1-61
	Modification of license to operate transmitter by Remote Control from Maxwell House Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee, while using non-directional antenna				
BTC-3671	3-22-61	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Frederic Gregg, Jr., Charles H. Wright to Frederic Gregg, Jr., John R. Ozier & Frank M. Farris, Jr., as voting Trustees.			
EFF: Per Form 322	4-19-61				
	7-26-61	Comm. deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
WML-1956	8-23-61	Mod. of license to change licensee name to WMAK, INC.			
Telegram sent.	Authorization to be issued with renewal of license.				
BR-2036	11-3-61	1300kc	5kw (DA-N)	Un1	11-3 8-1-64
WML-1956 BR-2036	11-3-61	1300kc	5kw (DA-N)	Un1	11-3 8-1-64
BS-2036 (1)	12-27-61	Mod. of license to change studio loc. and to delete remote control operation.			
BTC-3905	1-17-62	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Frederic Gregg, Jr., John R. Ozier and Frank M. Farris, Jr., As Voting Trustees to Lin Broadcasting Corporation.			
EFF:	4-30-62				
BRC-2249 (2)	6-5-63	Mod. of license to change studio loc. to 311 Church Street, Nashville, Tenn. and operate transmitter by remote control from studio location, while using non-directional antenna.			
BR-2036	11-9-64	1300kc.	5kw	U (12-4)	11-9 8-1-67
BTC-5169	9-27-66	Voluntary relinquishment of positive control of Lin Broadcasting Corporation (parent corp. of lic. corp.) by Frederic Gregg, Jr., et al, thru issuance of Add'l stock to Medallion Pictures Corporation and to the general public.			
EFF:	11-14-66				
Ltr. dtd.	10-26-66	& rec'd 10-28-66 giving notification per Sect. 73.48(a)(5) Rules that a Continental 315C trans. is now installed & in oper. (Eff:10-25-66)			

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June 1954

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters WMAK

Station location

Name of licensee See Card #2

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
EML-2213 (1)	6-8-67	Mod. of	license to change licensee		
		name to	MEDALLION PICTURES CORPORATION.		
BR-2036 EML-2223	8-31-67	Renewal of License			8-31 8-1-70
		Mod. of license to change name of licensee to	LIN-MEDALLION PICTURE CORPORATION.		
		Renewal of NDEA			
BZ-6632	10-19-67	1300kc	5kw-DA-N	U	10-19 8-1-70
BL-11,760	10-19-67	1300 kc	5kw-DA-N	RC Aux.	10-19- 8-1-70
		Lic. to	use former Main Trans.		
BAL-6148 eff. 10-31-67	10-19-67	Voluntary assignment of license			
BTC-5779	4-9-69	Vol. TC			
BS-2036(L)	7-30-69	Mod. of Lic. to chng. monitor points & operating specifications.			(Memo)
BAL-7347	7-19-71	VOL. AL	EFF: 7-20-71		
EBSA A pl. dtd.	5-22-72 1-7-72	Main Trans: Gates	BC-10H		
BR-2036 BL-13,273 (L) BZ-8122 BRC-3586	1-22-73	1300kc	5kw DA+N	RC U	Alts. 8-1-73
BR-2036(S)	7-31-73	RENEWAL-ALT. TRANSMITTERS			8-1-76
BS-2036(1)	11-21-73	ML chg. SL & RC			
BR-2036 BZ-9205(L)	9-14-76	Renewal of License & Direct Measure- ment			8-1-79
BAL-8910	2/23/77	Vol AL	EFF: 2/23/77		
BR790321UK (S)	7-26-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call

Letters New Name VOLUNTEER STATE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

(P.O. Commerce Union Bank Bldg., Nashville, Tenn.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B3-P-4531	2-7-46	C.P. for a new Standard Broadcast Station to be operated on:	B-323, Docket No. 7443	
Rec'd	2-8-46	Frequency - 1300 kc	GRANTED	1-23-47
Filed	2-8-46	Power - 5kw - DA-N	hearing	Decision and Order issued
		Hours of operation - Unlimited time	Above action set aside,	
		Transmitter location - Northwest of Nashville, Tennessee	record reopened and appl	
		Studio location - to be determined, Nashville, Tennessee	designated for further	
		(Filed by Atty. Norman Case - Engr. Frank McIntosh)	hearing on	3-5-47
		Re: DA changes .	GRANTED	6-28-47
Amended	5-16-46	(Filed by Norman Case, Atty; Frank McIntosh, Engr.)	after further hearing - Decision and Order issued	
Rec'd	5-17-46			
Filed	5-20-46			

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call
Letters WMAKName VOLUNTEER STATE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-3244 Rec'd Filed	10-17-47 10-20-47 10-20-47	Mod. of C.P. (B3-P-4531, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change from employing DA for night use only to DA for Day and Night use (DA-1), change transmitter location from NW of Nashville, Tenn. <u>TO</u> On old Ashland City Road, 6½ mi. NW of center of Nashville, Tenn. and to specify studio location as Maxwell House, Nashville, Tenn., and for extension of completion date to 180 days after grant. (Filed by Frank W. Wozencraft, Atty.; Frank H. McIntosh, Engr.)	GRANTED	12-18-47

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call
Letters W M A XName VOLUNTEER STATE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-3759 Rec'd Filed	3-16-48 3-30-48 3-30-48	Mod. of C.P. (B3-P-4531, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to make changes in directional antenna specifications. Norman S. Case, Atty. Frank H. McIntosh, Engr.	Granted	6-2-48
BMP-3910 Rec'd Filed	5-20-48 5-21-48 5-21-48	Mod. of C.P. (B3-P-4531, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from: 6-15-48 to: 7-15-48. (Norman S. Case, Atty.)	Granted	6-2-48
BL-3244 Rec'd Filed	6-16-48 6-17-48 6-17-48	License to cover C.P. (B3-P-4531, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. (Frank W. Wozencraft, Atty, Andrew F. Inglis, Engr.)	GRANTED	8-4-48

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call
Letters W M A KName VOLUNTEER STATE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2036 Rec'd	8-29-48 9-2-48	Renewal of License (Filed by Norman Case, attorney)	Granted	10-27-48
BP-7775 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	7-7-50 7-19-50 7-28-50 8-1-50 8-1-50	Construction permit to make changes in the directional antenna pattern (DA-1). Case & Wozencraft, Attys., McIntosh & Inglis, Engrs.	Returned 7-25-50, Sect. I dated after it was notarized. GRANTED	2-14-51 re a properly designed phase monitor; re field meas. equip; re a complete non-DA proof in addition to proof on DA system.
BMP-5549 Rec'd Filed	4-23-51 4-25-51 4-25-51	Modification of construction permit (BP-7775, which authorized changes in the DA pattern (DA-1)) to change from employing directional antenna day and night (DA-1) to directional antenna for night use only. Elizabeth L. Dahlberg, Engr.	GRANTED	6-13-51 re properly designed phase monitor; re field meas. equipment.

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FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

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Letters **WMAK**Name **VOLUNTEER STATE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-4486 Rec'd. Filed	6-7-51 6-11-51 6-11-51	License to cover construction permit (BP-7775), which authorized change in directional antenna (DA-1). Andrew F. Inglis, Engr.	GRANTED	8-9-51
AMENDED Rec'd. Filed	6-29-51 7-2-51 7-2-51	Amended to cover CP (BP-7775, as modified) to change to DA-N only.		
BR-2036 Rec'd Filed	7-31-51 8-6-51 8-6-51	Renewal of license	Granted	10-17-51
BR-2036 Rec'd Filed	5-27-52 6-2-52 6-2-52	Renewal of License	GRANTED	7-17-52

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Letters WMAKName VOLUNTEER STATE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-1926 Rec'd Filed	2-28-55	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Frank W. Mayborn and Frank M. Ferris, Jr., to Howard D. Steere, Emil J. Popke, Jr., and J. D. Berkey (100%). John P. Southmayd, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	3-30-55
	3-7-55			4-9-55
BR-2036 Rec'd Filed	4-13-55	Renewal of License Filed by John P. Southmayd, Atty.	GRANTED	7-20-55
	4-20-55			
	4-20-55			
BR-2036 Rec'd. Filed	4-28-58	Renewal of license. John P. Southmayd, Atty.	GRANTED	7-16-58
	5-6-58			
	5-6-58			

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AUG. 1955

WCFM RADIO, INC.

Call
Letters W M A K

Name

* VOLUNTEER STATE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Nashville, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-3714 Rec'd Files	11-6-59 11-30-59 11-30-59	Voluntary assignment of license to WCFM, RADIO, INC. John P. Southmayd, Atty. for Assignor William P. Bernton, Atty. for Assignee	GRANTED EFF:	1-20-60 3-7-60
BRC-1664 Rec'd Filed	4-21-60 4-29-60 4-29-60	Modification of license to operate transmitter by Remote Control from Maxwell House Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee while using Non- directional antenna Eugene Mallick, Atty.	GRANTED	5-4-60
BTC-3671 Rec'd Filed	1-27-61 1-30-61 1-30-61	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Frederic Gregg, Jr., Charles F. King and Charles H. Wright to Frederic Gregg, Jr., John R. Ozier and Frank M. Farris, Jr., As Voting Trustees. E. Theodore Mallick, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	3-22-61 4-19-61

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Letters WMAK#8
Name WMAK, INC.
xWCMI RADIO, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
HR-2036 Rec'd & Filed	5-27-61 6-13-61	Renewal of License	GRANTED issued with	11-3-61 BML-1956.
BML-1956 R&F	6-26-61 6-28-61	Mod. of license to chg. name to WMAK, Inc. Atty: Mallyck & Bernton	GRANTED Telegram sent.	8-23-61 Auth. to be issued with renewal. issued with renewal 11-26-61
BTC-3905 Rec'd Filed	11-15-61 11-20-61 11-20-61	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Frederic Gregg, Jr., John R. Ozier and Frank M. Farris, Jr., As Voting Trustees to Lin Broadcasting Corporation. William P. Bernton, Atty.	GRANTED EFF: Per Form	1-17-62 4-30-62 323

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Letters WMAK

Name WMAK, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRC-2249 Rec'd Filed	5-24-63 5-28-63 5-28-63	Modification of license to change studio location to 311 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee and operate transmitter by remote control from studio location, while using non-directional antenna. E. Theodore Mallyck, Atty.	GRANTED	6-5-63
BR-2036 Rec'd Filed	6-17-64 6-29-64 6-29-64	Renewal of license Atty. E. Theodore Mallyck	GRANTED	11-9-64
BRC-5169 Rec'd Filed (Form 316)	8-10-66 8-12-66 8-23-66	Voluntary relinquishment of positive control of Lin Broadcasting Corporation (parent corp of lic. corp) by Frederic Gregg, Jr., et al, thru issuance of additional stock to Medallion Pictures Corporation and to the general public. Atty - Mallyck & <u>Bernton</u>	GRANTED EFF:	9-27-66 11-14-66

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMAK

MEDALLION PICTURES CORPORATION

Name x WMAK, INC.
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2036 R & F	5-1-67 5-2-67	Renewal of license. Atty: <u>Mallyck & Bernton</u>	GRANTED Issued with	8-31-67 BML-2223
BML-2213 R & F	5-19-67 5-24-67	Mod. of lic. to change licensee name to MEDALLION PICTURES CORPORATION Atty. <u>Mallyck & Bernton</u>	GRANTED	6-8-67
BML-2223 R & F	8-15-67 8-17-67	Mod. of lic. to change name of licensee to LIN-MEDALLION PICTURE CORPORATION Atty. <u>Mallyck & Bernton</u>	GRANTED Issued with	8-31-67 BR-2036
BAL-514B R & F AUG 28 1967	8-16-67 8-21-67	Voluntary assignment of license to MOONEY-W.M.A.K., INC. Atty for assignor - <u>Mallyck & Bernton</u> for assignee - <u>Prince & Paul</u>	GRANTED EFF;	10-19-67 10-31-67

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MOONEY-W.M.A.K., INC.

Call
Letters W M A K

x LIN-MEDALLION PICTURE CORPORATION

x MEDALLION PICTURES CORPORATION

Name

Nashville, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-6632 Rec'd & F OCT 14 1967	8/31/67 9/5/67	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of ant. power. (Main) Atty: E. T. Mallyck Engr: Carl L. Kowalski, D.C.	GRANTED	10-19-67
BL-11,760 R & F OCT 13 1967	7/24/67 7/28/67	Lic. to use old main trans. Western Electric 405-B-2 as an aux. trans. at main trans. loc. to be operated on 1300kc 5kw/with RC for auxiliary purposes only. (Aux.) Atty: E. T. Mallyck Engr: C. L. Kowalski, D.C.	GRANTED	10-19-67
BTC-5779 R & F FEE PD: \$75 NOV 18 1968	10-25-68 11-6-68	Voluntary transfer of control of Mooney Broadcasting Corporation (parent corp of lic corp) from Messrs. Mooney, Crenshaw, Marsh, and Bailey (de jure) to same individuals (de facto)	GRANTED EFF:	4-9-69 4-25-69
SEE OVER FOR AMENDMENTS	REQUEST WAIVER SEC. 1.597, if applicable	Atty - Prince & Paul Legal data re stock - filed 2-5-69	Ltr. 4-25-69	Fletcher, Heald IPW Attys.

RE: BTC-5779 - Legal data re stock filed 3-4-69
AMENDED 3-13-69 - Amended Charter auth. incr. in stock
Form 323 also filed.
LTR filed 3-19-69 - appraisal of stations

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Form BC-121
September 1969

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1300kw

Call
Letters W M A K

MOONEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Name x MOONEY-W.M.A.K., INC.
Nashville, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2036	4-24-70	Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary)		
R & F	5-4-70	AMENDED 7-1-70 re: business interests	GRANTED	7-28-72
#598127 \$75.	5-4-70	Marvin Rosenberg	issued with BZ-8122,	
#598128 \$30.	5-4-70	AMENDED 8-19-70 re: to delete proposed	BL-13,273 and BRC-3586	
PRESS:		network affiliation. (OVER)		
JUN 17 1970				
BAL-7347	6-21-71	Voluntary assignment of license to	GRANTED	7-19-71
R & F	6-24-71	MOONEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION	EFF:	7-20-71
FEE PD: \$250	#013061	Atty - Fletcher, Heald (M. Rosenberg)		
CODE 053 (Form 316)		AMENDED 7-8-71 - substitute Exh 7 - legal data & B/C interests)		

BR-2036 AMENDED 10-12-71 re: delete the name "Mooney--WMAK

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1300Kc

Card #13

Call
Letters W M A KName MOONEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRC-3586 R & F \$50-087077 AC-067 PRESS:	6-5-72 6-29-72 6-29-72 JUL 20 1972	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from the Main studio location. DA-N Atty. Fletcher, <u>Heald</u> , Rowell etc.	GRANTED	1-22-73
BZ-8122 Rec'd Amended & P DM PRESS	4-19-71 4-19-71 10-1-71 7-26-72 AUG 2 1972	Direct Measurement - Main & Auxiliary Licensee name Atty: Fletcher, <u>Heald</u> , et al	GRANTED	10-11-72 issued with BR-2036, BL-13,273 and BRC-3586
BL-13,273 R & F W 032246-\$50. PTA PRESS	1-7-72 1-13-72 1-13-72 7-26-72 AUG 2 1972	License to use former Main Transmitter (Continental, 315-C) for Alternate Main. AC-067 Atty: Fletcher, <u>Heald</u> , et al (Marvin Rosenberg)	GRANTED	10-11-72 issued with BR-2036, BZ-8122 and BRC-3586

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1300kc.

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Call
Letters W M A KName MOONEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Nashville, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2036 R & F P.N. PRESS JUN 10 1973	4-30-73 5-3-73 5-3-73	Renewal of License (Main & Alternate Main) Atty.: Robert L. Heald AMENDED 7-5-73 re: Policy statement & letter from NAACP-MTCC Committee	GRANTED	7-31-73
BR-2036 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JUN 15 1976	3-12-76 3-31-76 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTERNATE MAIN) Robert L. Heald, Atty. AMENDED 7-6-76 re: EEO	GRANTED issued with BZ-9205	9-14-76
BZ-9205 R & F \$100#559782 KDK DM PRESS AUG 9 1976	4-16-76 4-23-76 4-26-76 8-4-76 1976	Direct Measurement Atty: Harry C. Martin (Fletcher, Heald, etc.)	GRANTED issued with RENEWAL	9-14-76

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WMAK

MOONEY-WMAK, INC.

Name ~~xx~~ MOONEY BROADCASTING CORPORATION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-8910 R & F FORM 316	2/5/77 2/10/77 FEB 15 1977	Voluntary assignment of license to MOONEY-WMAK, INC. Atty - Fletcher, Heald, etc (Harry Martin)	GRANTED EFF:	2/23/77 2/23/77
BR790321UK PRESS	JUN 13 1979	Renewal of License Atty. Larry Perry (Oak Ridge, TN)	GRANTED	7-26-79

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 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.

