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FM B/O

X WAMO (EFF: 3-8-77)

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

(eff: 7-30-62)
XW A M O-FM (ltr. 7-10-62)

WAMO-FM (6-10-81) XW Z Z (Ltr. 11-4-60)

Call Letters XW I L Y

Date first licensed 2-24-61

Station location Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

SHERIDAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION (ALH 12-29-72 EFF: 2-28-73)

Name of licensee XDYNAMIC BROADCASTING, INC.

Irwin Lane

Transmitter location 0.8 mile NW of center of Millvale, Reserve Tnsp., Pennsylvania

1811 Blvd. of the Allies, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Ltr. 4-27-64) (Eff: 4-27-64)

ZIP 15219

X 105 E. ^{Eighth} ~~Seventh~~ Avenue, Homestead, Pennsylvania (EMPH 6-17-60) LH 2-24-61

Main studio location To be determined, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Channel & Freq.	ERP: Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BPH-2606 HAAT:450'	3-25-59	105.9mcs. Ch. 290	2.7-kw. TPO:1-kw.	U	5-25-59 11-25-59
Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station.					
BMPH-6082 (1)	11-30-59	To extend completion date to			
BMPH-6182 (2)	3-9-60	Mod. of CP (BPH-2606 as mod) for extension of completion date to July 15, 1960.			
BMPH-6300 73 (conditional)	6-17-60	Mod. CP(BPH-2606) to change studio loc., erp, haat, type transmitter, type xmtr., ant.system, ext. to HAAT: 440' ERP: 4.5kw.			
BMPH-6384 (4)	8-25-60	Mod. CP(B PH-2606) for extension of completion date to 11-15-60.			
BLM-1723 HAAT: 440ft.	2-24-61	105.9	4.5 kw TPO:1kw	U	2-24 8-1-63
Lic. to cover cp (BPH-2606 as mod) which auth. a new FM Broadcast station					
BPH-3286 HAAT: 440 ft.	5-2-61	105.9mc	79kw Ch. 290 TPO: 15kw	Unl	8-2-61 2-2-62
CP to install new ITA FM-15000B trans., incr. ERP; operate trans. by remote control from studio loc.					
BMPH-7102 & BMPH-7103 (1)	3-12-62	Mod. of CP(BPH-3286) for extension of completion date to 8-29-62 Chg. ERP to 72kw; HAAT to 430'; type trans. (ITA 10,000CS); TPO - 10kw; Ant. (Jampco JA-8A, 8 sec.) RC from studio site; and waived 3.205			
BSCA-430	9-7-62	Subsidiary Communications on approx. 67 kilocycles.			
BLH-2187 HAAT: 430ft.	10-24-62	105.9mcs	72kw TPO:9.8kw	U	10-24 8-1-63
Lic. to cover CP (BPH-3286 as mod) which auth.chg. in ERP,HAAT,type trans and type ant. and operate trans. by RC.					
BMSCA-147	4-3-63	Mod. of Subsidiary Communications Auth. on 41 & 67kc to			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters WAMO-FM

Station location

Name of licensee DYNAMIC BROADCASTING, INC.

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BRH-1134	7-31-63	Renewal	1 of license		8-1 8-1-66
BRSCA-430	7-31-63	Renewal	of SCA		8-1 8-1-66
BRCH-509 (1)	5-20-64	Mod. of license to change studio loc. and remote control point to 1811 Blvd. of the Allies, Pittsburgh, Pa.			
BSH-1134 (2)	10-9-64	Mod. of Lic. to auth. oper. of Composite trans. (Mosely LPE-10 Exciter).			
BMSCA-160	10-28-64	Mod. of Subsidiary Communications Auth. to 6 29kcs, 41kc and 67kc.			
BLH-2968 HAAT: 430'	10-14-65	105.9mcs ERP: 7.2kw Aux 10-14 8-1-66 CH. #290 TPO: 1kw Lic to use old main trans (ITA-FM-1000A) as an Aux trans at M. ant-trans loc, opt on freq. of 105.9mc for aux purposes on			
BRH-1134 BRSCA-430	7-29-66	105.9mc 72kw Aux. Renewal of license Renewal of SCA	U	8-1 8-1-69	<i>Aux Cancelled 7-25-68</i>
BPH-5989 HAAT: 430' Cond'1 CANCELLED	11-21-67	105.9mc. ERP: 72kw(h)68kw(v) U 1-21-68 (h&v) ch#290 TPO: 9.8kw(h)(10kw(v) 7-21-68 CP to install new trans (CCA-FMA-10,000D); in- stall vert. polarization; install dual polarized ant(CCA-FM-300-6CA-8, 8 sects); chg. TPO; and chg. ERP; (h&v)(Main).			
BMTH-10,177 (1)	8-13-68	MP(BPH, 5989) ext. time to 11-1-68. CANCELLED			
BPH-7058(1) HAAT: 430' (H&V) CANCELLED	4-2-70	105.9mc ERP: 72kw(H&V) TPO: 19.5kw		12-2-70	
Ltr.	11-3-70	CP chg. ant. system. TPO, ERP, HAAT Main Trans: CCA FM-10,000D			
BRH-1134 BRSCA-430(8)	12-18-70	Renewal		8-1-72	
BLH-4956(1) HAAT: 430'	1-28-71	Lic. use former main as aux. 105.9 ERP: 72kw TPO: 9.8kw 8-1-72			
BMSCA-279	2-2-71	Mod. of SCA for 67kc 8-1-72			
Comtel	2-5-71	Temp. auth. use temp. antenna & CCA 20, 000DS trans. pending action 301 to 4-4-71			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

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Call letters X WAMO-FM

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--
BPH-7378 HAAT: 430' (h&v) COND'L	2-25-71	105.9mc Ch#290 CP install Trans & Ant. chg. TPO, ERP and HAAT.	ERP: 72kw (h&v) TPO: 19.5kw		4-25 2-25-72
BLH-5106(L)	5-20-71	Lic. (BPH-7378) for changes (Main 105.9mc ERP: 72kw (H&V) TPO: 19.5kw (M) HAAT: 430' (H&V)			8-1-72
BLH-5106(L)	5-20-71	105.9mc	ERP: 37.5kw (H&V)		8-1-72
		HAAT: 430' (H&V)	TPO: 10kw (Aux.)		
EBSA	5-22-72				
BALH-1746 BASCA-531	12-29-72	VOL AL EFF:			
BRH-1134(S) BRSCA-430	12-22-72 "	RENEWAL MAIN & AUX. RENEWAL of SCA			8-1-75 "
BRH-1134(L) BRSCA-430	7-25-75 7-25-75	Renewal of license and SCA (Main & Aux. Trans)			8-1-78
BRH-1134 BRSCA430 (S)	6-25-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-81
COMTEL	10-27-80	SPECIAL TEMP. AUTH. GR. OPERATE HARRIS RMH 1AE ONE SECTION CIRCULARLY POLARIZED ANTENNA MOUNTED SIXTY FEET ABOVE GROUND DUE TO VANDALS CUTTING GUY WIRES. EFFECTIVE RADIATED POWER ONE SIX KILOWATTS AUTH EXPIRES 1-23-81			
E B S A	6-10-81	CALL SIGN CHANGE			

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name DYNAMIC BROADCASTING, INC.

Station location - Pittsburgh, Penna.

(P.O. - 105 East Eighth Ave., Homestead, Penna)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-2606 Rec'd Filed	1-26-59 2-4-59 2-4-59	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 105.9 mc CH 290 ERP - 2.74 kw Type transmitter - Gates FM 1B Type antenna - Andrew 1304-2 (4 section) HAAT 450 ft Trans. location - 0.8 mile NW of center of Millvale, Reserve Township, Penna. Studio location - To be determined. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Atty: - Samuel Miller Engr. - Vandivere & <u>Cohen</u>	GRANTED ERP:	3-25-59 2.7-kw.

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Letters W I L YName DYNAMIC BROADCASTING, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-6082 R & F	11-6-59 11-9-59	Modification of C. P. (BPH-2606 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 11-25-59 to <u> </u> .	GRANTED to	11-30-59 2-25-60
BMPH-6182 R & F	2-10-60 2-12-60	Modification of C. P. (BPH-2606 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 2-25-60 to <u> </u> .	GRANTED to	3-9-60 7-15-60
BMPH-6308 R & F	6-27-60 6-1-60	Modification of C. P. (BPH-2606 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to increase ERP from 2.7kw to 4.54kw, decrease HAAT from 450' to 440', specify studio location as 105 E. Seventh Ave. Homestead, Pa. change type transmitter (ITA-FM-1000A) & type antenna (Collins-37M-6) & make changes in antenna system. Atty: Samuel Miller F.C.C. WASHINGTON, D. C.	GRANTED ERP: 4.5kw. Ext. to Waiver 3.205 Rules	6-17-60 8-15-60

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLPH-6384 R & F	8-9-60 8-10-60	Modification of C. P. (BPH-2606 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 8-15-60 to 11-15-60.	GRANTED:	8-25-60
BLH-1723 R & F	11-14-60 11-15-60	License to cover C.P. (BPH-2606 as modified) which authorized construction of a new FM Broadcast Station. Atty. Sam Miller	GRANTED	2-24-61
BPH-3286 R & F	2-9-61 2-16-61	Construction Permit to install a new ITA FM-15000B trans mitter, increase ERP from 4.5kw to 78.8kw and operate transmitter by remote control from studio location (105 E. Seventh Ave., Homestead, Penna.). (Waiver of 3.265 requested) ENGR* Jules Cohen	GRANTED Waiver 3.265 Rules	6-2-61
AMENDMENT R & F	4-10-61 4-11-61	Amended to delete request for waiver Sec. 3.265 Atty. Samuel Miller		

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Name DYNAMIC BROADCASTING, INC.
Pittsburgh, Penna.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-7102 R & F	1-29-62 1-30-62	Modification of CP(BPH-3286, which auth. an increase in ERP, installation of a new trans. and remotecontrol oper. of trans) for extension of completion date from 2-2-62 to 8-29-62. Atty. - Samuel Miller	GRANTED	3-12-62 Issued with BMPH-7103
BMPH-7103 R & F	2-13-62 2-14-62	Modification of CP(BPH-3286, which auth. an increase in ERP; installation of a new trans. and remote control oper. of trans) to decrease ERP from 79kw to 71.6kw; change HAAT from 440' to 430 ft; change type trans(ITA 10,000 CS); TPO 10kw; install new antenna(JAMPRO JA 8 A, 8 section). Atty. - Samuel Miller Engr. - Jules Cohen	GRANTED	3-12-62 Issued with BMPH-7102

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Name DYNAMIC BROADCASTING, INC.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-2187 R & F	6-22-62 6-28-62	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-3286, as mod) which auth chgs in ERP, HAAT; chg type trans & ant and RC operation of trans.	GRANTED	10-24-62 Cond'l
BSCA-430 R & F	7-26-62 7-27-62	Request for subsidiary communications auth to operate on a sub-carrier frequency of 67kc.	GRANTED	9-7-62
BMSCA-147 R & F	3-11-63 3-13-63	Modification of SCA to add sub-carrier frequency 41kc. (41kc & 67KC).	GRANTED	4-3-63
BRH-1134 R & F	4-30-63 5-9-63	Renewal of License Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	7-31-63
BRSCA-430 R & F	6-18-63 6-19-63	Renewal of license (SCA)	Granted	7-31-63
BMSCA-160 R & F	4-10-64 4-14-64	Mod. of SCA to add sub-carrier freq. of 29kc (retain 41 & 67kc). Atty: Samuel Miller	GRANTED	10-28-64

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCH-509 Rec'd Filed	5-6-64 5-8-64 5-8-64	Modification of license to change studio location and remote control point to 1811 Blvd. of the Allies, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.	GRANTED	5-20-64
BLH-2968 h&f	5-18-65 5-20-65	License to use old main trans (ITA-FM-1000A) as an auxiliary trans at main ant-trans location; operating on a frequency of 105.9mc (Channel 290), a TPO of 1kw, and an ehp of 7.2kw, for auxiliary purposes only. Atty: Samuel Miller	GRANTED	10-14-65
LICENSEE NOW REPRESENTED BY SMITH & PEPPER PER LETTER DATED AND RECEIVED NOVEMBER 9, 1965				
BRH-1134 R & F	5-2-66 5-2-66	Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary)	GRANTED	7-29-66
BRSCA-430 R & F	5-2-66 5-2-66	Renewal of license (SCA) Atty. Smith & Pepper	Aux. Cancelled 9-25-68	

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Name DYNAMIC BROADCASTING, INC.
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA


File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-5989 R & F OCT 10 1967	9-28-67 9-29-67	CP to install new trans(CCA-FM-10,000D); install vertical polarization; install dual polarized ant(CCA-FM-300-CCA-8, 8 sects); chg. TPO to 10.0kw; and chg. ERP to 68.0kw;(VCRF) Attys-Thomas W. Fletcher(Putbrese & Fisher) Engr: Robert L. Purcell(Raymond E. Rohrer & Associates, Wash., D. C.	GRANTED Cond't re type accept. of trans.; & 302 for WAMO	11-21-67
BMPH-10,177 R & F #444099 \$30 AUG 5 1968	7-12-68 7-16-68 7-16-68	MP(BPH-5989)ext. time to 11-1-68.(FOR CHANGES) Attys- Putbrese and <u>Fletcher</u>	GRANTED to	8-13-68 11-1-68
BLH-4141 R & F #453615 \$30 PT JAN 14 1969	8/16/68 8/21/68 8/21/68 8/30/68	License (BPH-5989 as mod.) for changes. Atty: Thomas W. Fletcher Engr: Robert L. Purcell, D.C.	DISMISSED request of atty. CP CANCELLED	5-18-70

Called Atty. 11/5/68 re amend TPO

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Letters W A M O-FMName DYNAMIC BROADCASTING, INC.
Pittsburgh, Penna.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-5861 R & F FEE PD: \$75 - (SEE WAMO(am)) FEB 7 1969	1-27-69 1-29-69 487250	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Leonard E. Walk, James H. Rich and Bernard M. Friedman to Cypress Broadcasting Corporation Atty for transferor - T.W. Fletcher for transferee - Arent, Fox etc (G. Shapiro)	DISMISSED Req. of atty for transferor	10-10-69
BRH-1134 BRSCA -430 R & F #510926 \$75. #510928 \$30. P.N. PRESS Ltr.	4-29-69 4-29-69 5-1-69 5-1-69 5-1-69 5-1-69 1-2-70	Renewal of license Renewal of SCA Atty-Putbrese and <u>Fletcher</u> AMENDED 5-23-69 re: Transfer of control AMENDED 7-22-69 re: Programming George Shapiro (Arent, Fox) now atty.)	 GRANTED	12-18-70 12-18-70

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Name DYNAMIC BROADCASTING, INC.
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BFH-7058 R & F #583257\$30. PRESS: MAR 27 1970	3-5-70 3-6-70 3-6-70	CP to make changes in transmitter equipment; chg. Ant. (CCA-FMA-6810-8, 8 Circular sects); TPO: 19.37kws, vert ERP: 73kws; vert HAAT: 430 feet. Atty: George H. Shapiro(Arent, Fox and Kintner etc).	GRANTED Condl. re 302 for WAMO <u>CANCELLED</u> request of atty.	4-2-70 3-2 for WAMO 4-18-70
BLH- 4956 Rec'd #633350 \$50. Resubmitted Filed PTA PRESS DEC 1 1970	9-30-70 9-30-70 10-8-70 10-12-70 11-9-70	Lic. to use a former main transmitter for Aux. Purposes Only. Atty: George H. Shapiro(Arent, Fox, Kintner, etc.)	RECEIVED 10-5-70 - Sects 1-8-71 not dated GRANTED	1-28-71 1-28-71

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Letters WAMO-FMName Dynamic Broadcasting, Inc.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMSCA-279 R & F #647605 \$50 Code 068 PRESS: DEC 23 1970	11-30-70 12-4-70 12-4-70	Modification of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to show 67 and 29 kilcycles only and use for background music only. Atty-George H. Shapiro(Arent, Fox etc).	GRANTED	2-2-71
BPM-7378 R & F #662025 \$50. CODE 061 PRESS: 22 FEB 1971	1-29-71 2-1-71 2-1-71	CP Install Trans(CCA-20,000DS); Ant(CCA-6810 -8, 8 horiz. & vert. sects); TPO: 19.3kw; ERP: 72kw(h&v) and HAAT: 430feet(v). Atty-Theodore D. Frank(Arent, Fox, etc) Engr-None.	GRANTED COND'L FCC Form 302	2-25-71
BLH-5106 R & F \$1 000227\$50. AC-063 PTAL-27-71 PRESS MAY 12 1971	4-12-71 4-15-71 4-15-71	Lic.(BPM-7378) for changes. (Main & Aux.) Atty: Theodore D. Frank(Arent, Fox, etc.)	GRANTED	5-20-71

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SHERIDAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Name X DYNAMIC BROADCASTING, INC.
PITTSBURGH, PENN.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1134 BRSCA-430 R & F PN PRESS	5-1-72 5-1-72 5-3-72 5-3-72	Renewal of License(Main & Auxiliary) Renewal of SCA atty-Linda A. Cinciotta(Arent, Fox etc.) AMENDED 8-21-72 re: notice of charge of employment discrimination AMENDED 9-19-72 re: employment practices	GRANTED	12-22-72
BALH-1746 BASCA-531 Rec'd Code 049, \$1,000 #113215 Form 314) ALSO SEE AM Pub. notice filed 10-24-72	9-25-72 9-25-72 9-27-72 OCT 12 1972	Voluntary assignment of license and SCA to Sheridan Broadcasting Corporation. George Shapiro, Atty. Assignor Robert Lubic, Atty. Assignee AMENDED 12-7-72 to inc. duplication of AM programming (certain portions)	GRANTED Req. Grant Fee \$ 40,200.00 (INCLUDE WAMO, WUFO, WILD) 063, W158204 EFF: 2-28-73	12-29-72 3-2-73
BRH-1134 BRSCA-430 R & F P. N. Rec'd Press	3-28-75 3-28-75 4-1-75 4-1-75 MAY 21 1975	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Renewal of SCA. Atty: Gary M. Epstein AMENDED 5-5-75 Section IV-A. (over) P. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.	GRANTED	7-25-75

BRH-1134 AMENDED 11-13-72 re: Statement regard
employment discrimination charge.
AMENDED 7-15-75 re: engineering

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Letters X W A M O-FMName X SHERIDAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
X DYNAMIC BROADCASTING, INC.
PITTSBURGH, PENN.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1134 BRSCA-430 R & F PN PRESS	5-1-72 5-1-72 5-3-72 5-3-72	Renewal of License(Main & Auxiliary) Renewal of SCA atty-Linda A. Cinciotta(Arent, Fox etc.) AMENDED 8-21-72 re: notice of charge of employment discrimination AMENDED 9-19-72 re: employment practices	GRANTED	12-22-72
BALH-1746 BASCA-531 Rec'd Code 049, \$1,000 #113215 Form 314 ALSO SEE AM Pub. notice filed 10-24-72	9-25-72 9-25-72 9-27-72 OCT 12 1972	Voluntary assignment of license and SCA to Sheridan Broadcasting Corporation. George Shapiro, Atty. Assignor Robert Lubic, Atty. Assignee AMENDED 12-7-72 to inc. duplication of AM programming (certain portions)	GRANTED Req. Grant Fee \$ 40,200.00 (INCLUDE WAMO, WUFO, WILD) 063, W158204 EFF: 2-28-73	12-29-72 3-2-73
BRH-1134 BRSCA-430 R & F P. N. Rec'd Press	3-28-75 3-28-75 4-1-75 4-1-75 MAY 21 1975	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Renewal of SCA. Atty: Gary M. Epstein AMENDED 5-5-75 Section IV-A. (over) F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.	GRANTED	7-25-75

BRH-1134 AMENDED 11-13-72 re: Statement regard
employment discrimination charge.
AMENDED 7-15-75 re: engineering

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

105.9mhz

Call
Letters W A M O -FM

Name SHERIDAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1134 BRSCA-430 R & F PRESS	3-26-78 3-26-78 APR 19 1978	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Renewal of SCA Gary M. Epstein, Atty.	GRANTED	6-25-79
BRH-780720A PRESS: SEP 7 1978		CP to replace isocoupler & transmission line Atty: Gary M. Epstein (Arent, Fox, e tc.) Engr:----	RETURNED changes authorized by comtel 9-6-78	9-18-78
BRH810401VS PRESS MAY 20 1981 PN filed		RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty Daniel F. Van Horn	GRANTED	7-7-81

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.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) 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 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). Prior to that move, 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.

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.

