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Form BC 126

June 1954

FREQUENCY

MODULATION

Off. No. 2828 **BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD**

W A B B-FM (EFF: 6-15-72)

Date first licensed 6-14-73

Call letters X W M O B-FM

Station location Mobile, Alabama

WABB-FM, INC. (APH 5-15-73 EFF: 5-15-73)

X WABB, INC. (12-30-71, Eff: 1-15-72)

Name of licensee X BELLAIRE, INC.

(PH-11162 2-28-79)

N. side of Hwy. 31 at Hwy 181 junction, Spanish Fort, Alabama

XX Shelton Beach Rd., 0.4 mi. north of Moffat Rd. Mobile, Alabama (L 6-14-73)

(MPH-10-5-72)

X 826 Dumaine Street, Mobile, Alabama (MPH-5 10 72)

Transmitter location X Blakeley Island, 1.3 mi. N. of Tunnel, Mobile, Ala (PH-5-14-70)

1551 Spring Hill Avenue, Mobile, Alabama (MPH 5 10 72) L 6-14-73

Main studio location X 1509 Government Street, Mobile, Ala (PH-5-14-70)



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPH-6919 HAAT: 240' COND'L	5-14-70	97.5mcs #248	TPO: 10kws (RC) ERP: 55kws		7-14 1-14-71
CP For New FM Station					
BPH-6919(1)	6-17-70	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED			
BMPH-13119(2)	1-21-71	MP (BPH-6919) ext. time to 7-14-71			
BAPH-512	12-30-71	VOL. APH			
BMPH-13,292(3)	12-30-71	MP (BPH-6919 as mod) EXT. 6-30-72			
BMPH-13,476 HAAT: 370' (H&V) (L)	5-10-72	97.5mc #248	ERP: 100kw (H&V) MP (BPH-6919 as mod)	Unl.	6-30-72
chg. SL & RC Loc. chg. ant., trans., chg. TPO, ERP, HAAT (RC)					
EBSA	5-22-72				
BMPH-13,476 HAAT: 370' (H&V)	5-10-72	97.5mc #248	ERP: 100kw (H&V) MP (BPH-6919 as mod)	Unl.	5-10-73
chg. TL chg. SL & RC Loc. chg. ant., trans., chg. TPO, ERP, HAAT (RC) Supersedes authorization same date to correct completion date.					
BMPH-13,611(1)	10-5-72	MP (BPH-6919 as mod) chg. TL chg. HAAT: 450' (H&V)			
BMPH-13,685 (2)	2-2-73	MP (BPH-6919 as mod) chg. trans., chg. antenna system (incr. Hgt.)			
BTC-7110	4-13-73	VOL TC	EFF:	5-8-73	
BTC-7036	4-13-73	VOL TC	EFF:	5-8-73	
BAPH-539	5-15-73	VOL APH	EFF:	5-15-73	
BLH-5736(L) HAAT: 450' (H&V)	6-14-73	Lic. (BPH-6919, as mod.) - New 97.5mhz ERP: 100kw (H&V) RC			4-1-76
BRH-2828 (S)	3-30-76	Renewal			4-1-79
BPH-11162 HAAT: 840' (H&V) (L)	2-28-79	97.5mhz	ERP: 100kW (H&V)	2-28-80	
CP to chg. TL. Install new ant. mke chgs in ant sys, TPO & HAAT					
BRH-781201WS(S)	10-30-79	RENEWAL			4-1-82



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# BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed .....

Call Letters ..... WABB-FM

Station Location .....

Name ..... WABB-FM, INC.

Transmitter Location .....

Main studio location .....



Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BLH-810130AC HAAT: 840' (H&V) (L)	5-8-81	97.5mHz ERP:100kW(H&V) License to cover (BPH- 11162) for changes.	4-1-82



Form BC-121  
September 1969

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

W M O B-FM

Call  
Letters -NEW-FM-

Name Bellaire, Inc.  
Mobile, Alabama (PO 1509 Government Street, Mobile, Ala. 36604)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-6919 R & F #553606 \$75 PRESS: NOV PN REC'd	10-30-69 11-3-69 11-3-69 11-24-69	CP for New FM on: 97.5mc. #248 ERP: 55.4kws HAAT: 240' TPO: 10.0kws Trans: Collins-830F-1B; Ant: Collins-37M-6, 6 sects. TL: Blakeley Island, 1.3 mi. N. of Tunnel, Mobile, Ala. 30° 42' 41" - 88° 01' 49" SL: 1509 Government St., Mobile, Ala. (RC)  Atty - Arthur Stambler Engr- L.H.N. du Treil & Associates AM STATION: WMOB, Mobile, Alabama Supplemental Ascertainment Needs. Supplemental Programming	GRANTED COND'L Subject: FCC Form 302	5-14-70
Amended	4-17-70			
Amended	5-5-70			



Contact:

Phone: 205--478-6345

John V. Vath, Jr.  
1509 Government Street  
Mobile, Alabama 36604



Form BC-121  
September 1969

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters W M O B-FMName Bellaire, Inc.  
Mobile, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-13,119	12-28-70	MP(BPH-6919) ext. time to 9-14-71(NEW STATION)	GRANTED	1-21-71
R & F	12-30-70		to	7-14-71
#653256 \$50. CODE 068 PRESS: 14 JAN 1971	12-30-70	Atty-B. Jay Baraff(Arthur Stambler)		
BMPH-13,292	6-27-71	MP(BPH-6919 as mod.)ext. time to _____(NEW STATION).	GRANTED	12-30-71
R & F	6-30-71			
#014122 \$50 CODE: 068 PRESS: 21 JUL 1971	6-30-71	Atty - B. Jay Baraff	TO:	6-30-72
	7-19-71	PETITION TO DEISGNATE APPLICATION FOR HEARING AND FOR OTHER RELIEF FILED BY WABB, INC.		
	7-26-71	MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME.		
	8-13-71	MOTION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME: FILED BY B. J. BARAFF, ATTY.		
	9-20-71	OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DESIGNATE APPLICATION FOR HEARING AND FOR OTHER RELIEF, FILED BY BELLAIRE, INC.		
	11-8-71	REPLY OF WABB, INC. TO OPPOSITION OF BELLAIRE, INC.		



APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

97.5mc

Call W A B B-FM  
Letters X W M O B-FM

Name **WABB, INC.**  
**BELLAIRE, INC.**  
**Mobile, Alabama**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAPH-512 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 #013562 CODE 049 Pub. notice filed 11-24-71	10-18-71 10-20-71	Voluntary assignment of GP(BPH-6919, as mod.) to WABB, INC. (SEE OVER)  Atty - Arthur Stambler (for assignor) Atty for assignee - Philip M. Baker	GRANTED Req. grant fee \$121.77 Eff. 1-15-72 Grant Fee Paid: 049, 1-19-72, W-033656	12-30-71
BMPH-13,476 Rec'd #046394 \$50 Filed #049608 \$150 Code 015 Press PN Rec'd:  AMENDED	2-10-72 3-1-72 3-1-72 3-10-72 3-10-72 4-12-72 4-18-72	MP (BPH-6919, as mod.) chg. TL to: 826 Dumaine Street, Mobile, Alabama; chg. RC & SL to: 1551 Spring Hill Ave., Mobile, Alabama; chg. trans. (CCA FM-25,000DS); chg. ant. (Gates FMC-10, 10 sects.); make chg. ant. system (increase height); chg. TPO; ERP:100kw (H&V); HAAT: 373'(H&V). (30° 43' 15" - 88° 04' 20")  Atty: Philip M. Baker Financial Data	GRANTED  Req. grant fee: \$1800 Cond'l re: PTA Fee Paid: 016, 2-5-73, W 150349	5 10 72



RE: BAPH-512 - Assignee is applicant in BPH-7022 DOC 19226  
which is to be withdrawn upon gr of this AE

ALSO: ASSIGNEE is licensee of AM WABB (Art. etc on file)  
AMENDED 11-15-71 - Financial & Prog. data; inc. engr filed  
with BPH-7022 DOCKET 19226 by reference

AMENDED 11-24-71 - re expenses incurred

AMENDED 11-24-71 - financial & prog. data



APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FM

97.5mc

Call Letters WABB-FM

Name WABB, INC.  
Mobile, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for <del>new station</del>	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-13,611 RAF KXK \$50 061 #112270 PRESS OCT 4 1972	9-20-72 9-25-72 9-26-72	Mod. of CP (BPH-6919, as mod) chg. TL to Shelton Beach Rd., 0.4 mi. N. of Moffat Rd., Mobile, Alabama & increase HAAT to 149' (H&V). Atty: Philip Baker Engr: L.J.N. DuTreil & Assoc. 30° 43' 34" - 88° 09' 06"	GRANTED	10-5-72
BTC-7036 Rec'd FILED FEE PD: \$250 #140047 CODE 054 (ALSO SEE AM) (Form 316) JAN 9 1973	10-25-72 12-15-72 12-29-72	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of permittee <del>the</del> corp by Bernard Dittman thru purchase of stock from J.W. Dittman (SEE AM FOR AMENDMENTS) ALSO SEE BTC-7110 Atty - Philip Baker (card #5)	GRANTED EFF:	4-13-73 5-8-73
BMPH-13,685 Rec'd #143030 \$50 Code 061 Press Resub. Press JAN 26 1973 FEB 1 1973	1-20-73 1-11-73 1-11-73	MP (BPH-6919, as mod.) chg. trans. (Gates FM-20H3); make chg. antenna system (increase height). Atty: Philip M. Baker F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.	Returned Sect. - I - not filed GRANTED	1-23-73 2-2-73



APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WABB-FM

Name WABB-FM, INC.  
X WABB, INC.  
Mobile, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-5736 Rec'd W 146116-\$50. Amended PTA Amended & F PTA ext. PRESS	1-16-73 1-22-73 1-22-73-AC-068 1-24-73 2-6-73 2-20-73 2-27-73 MAR 28 1973	Lic.(BPH-6919, as mod.) for New FM B/c Station. enr. data pend amend w/in 15 days New 302 w/cor. enr. data Atty: Philip M. Baker	GRANTED	6-14-73
BTC-7110 R & F (Form 316) SEE AM) APR 10 1973	3-30-73 4-3-73 APR 10 1973	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of permittee corp by Bernard Dittman, Individually (50%) and as Custodian for Stephanie and Betsy Dittman(1.2%) thru transfer of stock from J.W. Dittman Atty - Philip Baker	GRANTED EFF:	4-13-73 5-8-73
BAPH-539 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #174642 CODE 054 (Form 316) MAY 8 1973	4-13-73 4-16-73 MAY 8 1973	Voluntary assignment of CP(BPH-6919 - new station) to WABB-FM, INC. Atty - Philip M. Baker WASHINGTON, D. C.	GRANTED EFF:	5-15-73 5-15-73



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Form BC-121  
September 1969

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

97.5mhz.

WABB-FM, INC.

Call  
Letters WABB-FMName .....  
Mobile, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-2828 R & F P.N. filed PRESS	11-28-75 12-1-75  JAN 28 1975	Renewal of License  Atty: Philip M. Baker AMENDED 2-20-76 re: balance sheet AMENDED 3-29-76 re: EEO	GRANTED	3-30-76
BEH-11,162 R & F PRESS:	6-19-78 6-22-78  JUL 11 1978	CP to chg. TL to: N. side of Hwy. 31 at Hwy. 181 junction, Spanish Fort, Alabama; install new Ant. (HARRIS-FMH-10-BC, 10 sects H&V); mke. changes in antenna system (incr. hght.); chg. TPO & HAAT: 844.3' (H&V)  30° 40' -39M 87° 51' 11M  MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 COMMISSION RULES.  Atty: Philip M. Baker Engr: Robert A. Jones re financial	GRANTED	2-28-79
AMENDED	7-7-78			

( OVER )

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.



BPH-11162 re

AM ENDED 10-16-78 re engr(additional info on ant tower)

Amended 2-1-79 re: financial

AMENDED 10-24-78 correct coord. 30 40 50 87 50 23.5



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Form BC-121  
May 1976

97.5mhz

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WABB-FMName WABB-FM, INC.  
MOBILE, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH 781201WS PRESS JAN 29 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 8-4-80 re: EEO	GRANTED Cond'l re: EEO	10-30-79
BLH-810130AC PTA PRESS FEB 12 1981		License to cover (BPH-11162) for changes. Atty: --	GRANTED	5-8-81



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

