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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

W A U R 3-23-69

Date first licensed APRIL 2, 1965Call letters x W M R O - FMStation location Aurora, IllinoisSTEVENS COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (ALH 4-30-73 EFF: 5-2-73)
x AURORA FM, INC. (ALH 9-29-67; EFF: 10-2-67)

x WMRO, INC., (APH 9-30-60; EFF: 10-1-60)

Name of licensee x VINCENT G. COFFEY AND BENJAMIN A. OSWALT, CO-PARTNERS

620 Eola Road, Aurora, Illinois (letter 9-22-76) (Redescription)

x West side of Eola Road, 1.8 miles east of city limits of Aurora, Ill. (PH 7-29-74)

Transmitter location xx Beland Hotel at 7 So. Island Avenue, Aurora, Illinois (LH 4-2-65)

620 Eola Road, Aurora, Illinois (letter 9-22-76)

x 184 South River Road Aurora, Illinois (PH 7-29-74)

xxx 34 S. River St., Aurora, Ill. (ES 12-18-73)

x 402 Graham Bldg., 33 South Stolp Ave., Aurora, Ill. (Ltr. 11-4-70)

Main studio location x 184 So. River Street, Aurora, Illinois (LH 4-2-65)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From- To- |
|---|--------------------------|---|-------------|--------------|---------------------|
| BPH-2829 HAAT: 255' | 7-27-60 | 107.9mc | 3.6kw | U | 9-27-60 |
| | | CH 300 | TPO: 1kw | | 3-27-61 |
| Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station. | | | | | |
| BAPH-238 EFF: | 9-30-60 10-1-60 | Voluntary assignment of construction permit to WMRO, Inc. | | | |
| BMPH-6426 (1) ** | 11-4-60 | Modification of CP(BPH-2829) to change frequency to 95.1mcs. Ch. 236. | | | |
| BMPH-6624 (2) | 3-13-61 | Mod. CP(BPH-2829) for extension completion date to | | | |
| | | | | | 9-27-61. |
| BMPH-6946 (3) | 10-9-61 COND L | Mod. of CP(BPH-2829 as mod) for extension of completion date to | | | |
| | | | | | 3-27-62. |
| BMPH-7149 (4) | 4-30-62 (Cond'l) | Mod. of CP(BPH-2829 as mod) for ext. of completion date to | | | |
| | | | | | 10-15-62 |
| BMPH-7397 (5) | 11-9-62 condl deleted | Mod. of CP(BPH-2829, as mod.) for ext. of completion date to | | | |
| | | | | | 4-15-63. |
| BMPH-7579 (6) | 4-24-63 | Mod. of CP(BPH-2829, as mod.) for ext. of completion date to | | | |
| | | | | | 10-15-63. |
| BMPH-7712 (7) | 12-10-63 | Mod. of CP(BPH-2829, as mod.) for ext. of completion date to | | | |
| | | | | | 4-15-64. |
| BPH-7813 BMPH-7938 HAAT: 255' | 9-17-64 | 107.9mcs | ERP: 3.6kw | Unl. | 9-27-60 |
| | | Ch. # 300 | TPO: 920w | | 3-15-65 |
| | | Mod. of CP(BPH-2829, as mod.) to chg. type ant. (Gates FMA-4A, 4 secs.) & decr. TPO; and Mod. for extension of completion date to | | | |
| | | | | | 3-15-65 |
| BLH-2756 HAAT: 255' | 4-2-65 | 107.9mcs | ERP: 3.6kw | Unl. | 4-2-65 |
| | | CH. # 300 | TPO: 920w | | 12-1-67 |
| | | Lic. to cover CP(BPH-2829, as mod.) which auth. a new FM broadcast station. (Specify type trans. as Gates FM-1C). (With RC) | | | |
| BPH-5265 HAAT: 255' | 3-7-66 | 107.9mc. | ERP: 3.6kw. | Unl. | 5-7-66 |
| | | CH # 300 | TPO: 940w. | | 11-7-66 |
| | | CP to increase TPO; and add 20 feet to transmission line. | | | |
| BLH-3232 (1) | 6-7-66 | Lic. to cover CP(BPH-5265) chg TPO & transmission lines (940watts) show trans. as Gates FM-1C with Gates M6146 Stereo Generator | | | |

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June 1954

CARD #2

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters WMRO-FM

Station location AURORA, ILLINOIS

Name of licensee WMRO, INC.

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From-- To |
|--------------------|----------------|--|-------|--------------|---------------------|
| BSH-1653 (2) | 9-15-67 | Mod. of Lic. to type trans. as Gates FMS-1C. | | | |
| BLH-989 EFF: | 9-29-67 | Voluntary assignment of license. | | | |
| BRH-1653 | 10-2-67 | | | | |
| | 11-24-67 | 107.9mc 3.6kw | Unl. | | 12-1 12-1-70 |
| BPH-6174 | 4-8-68 | Renewal of NDEA 107.9mc. ERP: 31kw(h&v) U | | | 6-1-68 |
| HAAT: 250' (h&v) | | ch#300 TPO: 10kw | | | 12-1-68 |
| | | CP install new trans; new ant; chg. TPO ERP and HAAT; | | | |
| BMPH-10,403 (1) | 12-24-68 | MP(BPH-6174)ext time to | | | 6-8-69 |
| BMPH-10,654 (2) | 6-17-69 | MP(BPH-6174 as mod)ext. time | | | 12-8-69 |
| BSCA-995 | 3-16-70 | Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kilocycles. | | | 12-1-70 |
| BLH-4618(4) | 3-25-70 | Lic.(BPH-6174) for changes. | | | 12-1-70 |
| BSH-1653(1) | 11-10-70 | ML chg. studio & RC. | | | |
| BRH-1653(L) | 11-25-70 | RENEWAL & NDEA | | | 12-1-73 |
| BRSCA | | RENEWAL of SCA (67khz) | | | |
| EBSA | 5-25-72 | | | | |
| BTC-6969 | 12-20-72 | VOL TC EFF: | | | |
| BALH-1827 | 4-30-73 | VOL ALH & SCA EFF: | | | |
| BASCA-566 | | | | | |
| BRH-1653(L) | 11-28-73 | RENEWAL | | | 12-1-76 |
| BRSCA-995 | | Renewal of SCA | | | |
| BSH-1653 (1) | 12-15-73 | ML chg. SL | | | |
| BPH-8720 | 7-29-74 | 107.9mhz ERP: 50kw(H&V) | | | 7-29-75 |
| HAAT: 490ft(H&V) | | CP chg TL, SL, RC loc, new trans, chg TPO, ERP, & HAAT | | | |
| BLH-6642(L) | 6-11-75 | Lic.(BPH-8720)-Changes | | | 12-1-76 |
| Letter | 9-22-76 | SL, RC, changed TL redcribed | | | |

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters

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 |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| BRH-1653(L) BRSCA-995 | 11-17-79 " | Renewal of Renewal of | license SCA | | 12-1-79 " |
| BRH-1653(L) antenna description | 11-17-79 | Supersedes | auth. to | correct | 12-1-79 |
| BRH790727UF BRSCA790727UF | 1-15-80 | Renewal | of License & SCA | | 12-1-80 |

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call

NEW

Letters

Name

VINCENT G. COFEY AND BENJAMIN A. OSWALT, CO-PARTNERS

LOCATION: AURORA, ILLINOIS

PO Vincent G. Coffey, 184 S. River St., Aurora, Ill.

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|---------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------|--------------------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BPH-2829 R. & F. | 10-20-59 10-28-59 | Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on Frequency: 104.7mc - Channel - 384 107.9mc CH 300 Eirp: 3.6kw HAAT: 255' Antenna: Andrew 1304-2 4 Section Trans.: GATES FM-1B Ant-Trans. Location: Leland Hotel at 7 S. Island Ave., Aurora, Illinois Studio location: 184 S. River St., Aurora, Ill. Remote Control Location: Same as studio Atty-Mallyck & Bernton Engr.-Silliman, Moffet and Rohrer AMENDED to change frequency to 107.9mc CH 300 | GRANTED | 7-27-60 |
| AMENDMENT R & F | 11-14-59 11-16-59 | | | |
| BAPH-238 | 8-25-60 | Voluntary assignment of construction permit to | GRANTED EFF: | 9-30-60 10-1-60 |
| Rec'd | 8-30-60 | WMRO, Inc. | | |
| Filed | 8-30-60 | E. Theodore Mallyck, Atty. | | |

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Letters WMRO-FMName VINCENT G. COFEY AND BENJAMIN A. OSWALT, CO-PARTNERS
Aurora, Illinois

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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BMPH-6426 R & F | 9-10-60 9-14-60 | Modification of C.P. (BPH-2829 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change frequency from 107.9mc. to 95.1mc. & channel from 300 to 236. | DISMISSED | 10-2-63 |
| AMENDMENT R & F | 10-28-60 10-31-60 | Atty's: Mallyck & Bernton AMENDED to change permittee name to WMRO, INC. as auth. by BAPH-238 gr 9-30-60. | GRANTED | 11-4-60 |
| PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 11-23-60 by Wilkinson for WENR-FM - | | | DENIED | 2-15-61 - MEMO |
| OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 12-7-60 by Mallyck for applicant | | | OPINION AND ORDER | |
| REPLY TO OPPOSITION filed 12-13-60 by Wilkinson for WENR-FM | | | | |
| BMPH-6624 R & F | 2-18-61 2-23-61 | Mod. of C.P. (BPH-2829 as modified which authorized a new FM Broadcast Station) for extension of completion date from 3-27-61 to 9-27-61 Atty. Mallyck | GRANTED | 3-13-61 |

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

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Call Letters WMRO-FM

Name WMRO, INC.
Aurora, Ill.

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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BMPH-6426 (Contd.) PETITION FOR PARTIAL RECONSIDERATION OF MEM OPINION AND ORDER ADTODED 2-15-61 by Mallyck for WMRO-FM - GRANTED 7-6-61 - MEMO OPINION AND ORDER STATEMENT BY ABC filed 3-28-61 by Wilkinson | | | | filed 3-20-61 |
| BMPH-6946 R&F | 9-16-61 9-26-61 | Mod of CP (BPH-2829 as mod which auth a new FM Broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 9-27-61 to _____ Atty: Mallyck & Bernton | GRANTED | 10-9-61 to 3-27-62 Condl Without predj. to action Com. may deem nec. in light of American B/C Paramount Theatres v FCC case nos. 16264 & 16528 U.S. Court of appeals for Dist. of Col. |
| BMPH-7149 R & F | 3-16-62 3-20-62 | Mod. of CP (BPH-2829, as mod. which auth. a new FM B/C Station) for extension of completion date from 3-27-62 to _____ Atty. - <u>Mallyck & Bernton</u> | GRANTED | 4-30-62 to 10-15-62 (Cond'l re: ABC-PARAMOUNT v. FCC) CASE NOS. 16264/ 16528) |

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Letters WMRO-FMName WMRO, INC.
AURORA, ILLINOIS

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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BMPH-7397 R & F | 10-5-62 10-12-62 | Mod. of CP (BPH-2829 as mod which auth a new FM B/C station) for extension of completion date from 10-15-62 to _____. Atty: Mallyck & Bernton | GRANTED condl | 11-9-62 to 4-15-63. deleted |
| BMPH-7579 R & F | 3-29-63 4-8-63 | Mod. of CP (BPH-2829 as mod which auth a new FM B/C station) for ext. of completion date from 4-15-63 to _____. Atty: Mallyck & Bernton | GRANTED | 4-24-63 to 10-15-63 |
| BMPH-7712 R & F | 10-4-63 10-15-63 | Mod. of CP (BPH-2829 as mod which auth a new FM B/C station) for ext. of completion date from 10-15-63 to 4-15-64. Atty: Mallyck & Bernton | GRANTED | 12-10-63 |
| BMPH-7813 R & F SEE CARD #5 AMENDED R.&F. | 4-13-64 4-14-64 AMENDMENT 5 6 64 | Mod. of CP (BPH-2829 as mod which auth a new FM B/C station) for ext. completion date from 4-15-64 to _____. AMENDED to req. ext. w/terminator, D.C. Atty: Mallyck & Bernton 10-1-64 | GRANTED Issued | 9-17-64 to 3-15-65 with BMPH-7938 |

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Call
Letters WMRO-FMName WMRO, INC.
AURORA, ILLINOIS

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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BMPH-7938 R&F | 8-14-64 8-18-64 | Mod of CP (BPH-2829 as mod which auth a new FM B/C station) to chg type ant (GATES-FMA-4A, 4 sect) and decr TPO to .921kw. Atty: Mallyck & Bernton | GRANTED Issued with BMPH-7813 | 9-17-64 |
| BMPH-7813 AMENDMENT R&F | CON'T 8-11-64 8-18-64 | AMENDMENT TO REQUEST 6 months additional time | See Card #4 | |
| BLH-2756 R&F Prog. tests | 1-20-65 1-21-65 1-29-65 | License to cover CP (BPH-2829 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station; and specify type trans as (Gates-FM-1C). Atty: Mallyck & Bernton | GRANTED | 4-2-65 |
| BPH-5265 R & F | 2-10-66 2-14-66 | CP to increase TPO to .938kw and add 20 feet to transmission line. E. T. Mallyck, Atty. (Mallyck & Bernton) P. O. Box 1000 - WASHINGTON, D. C. | GRANTED | 3-7-66 |

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Call
Letters W M R O-FM

AURORA FM, INC.
Name WMRO, INC.
Aurora, Illinois

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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BLH-3232 R & F | 3/26/66 3/30/66 | Lic. to cover CP (BPH-5265) which auth. chng. TPO and transmission line. Attys: Mallyck & Bernton | GRANTED | 6-7-66 |
| BAIH-989 R & F (Form 316) | 4-19-67 6-7-67 | Voluntary assignment of license to AURORA FM, INC. Atty - Mallyck & Bernton | GRANTED EFF: | 9-29-67 10-2-67 |
| BRH-1653 R & F SEP 19 1967 | 8-28-67 8-30-67 | Renewal of license Attys - Mallyck & Bernton OCT 17 1967 AMENDED 10-2-67 to change name of applicant to "AURORA FM, INC." | GRANTED | 11-24-67 |

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters **W A U R**
X W M R O-FM

Name **AURORA FM, INC.**
AURORA, ILLINOIS

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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BPH-6174 R & F MAR 5 1968 | 2-19-68 2-20-68 | Construction Permit to install new trans (Gates-FM-10H); install new ant(Gates-FMC-6, 6 sects); chg. TPO 10kw; chg. ERP 31.2kw; & HAAT 249 feet. Atty - <u>Mallyck & Bernton</u> Engr: Robert M. Silliman, Wash., D. C. | GRANTED | 4-8-68 |
| BMPH-10,403 R & F #476438 \$30 DEC 17 1968 | 11-19-68 12-6-68 12-6-68 | MP(BPH-6174) for extension of time to _____ (FOR CHGS.) Attys - <u>Mallyck & Bernton</u> | GRANTED to | 12-24-68 6-8-69 |
| BMPH-10,654 R & F #519901 \$30 JUN 10 1969 PTA 12-4-69 | 6-3-69 6-4-69 6-4-69 | MP(BPH-6174 as mod) ext. time to _____ (FOR CHGS) Attys - <u>Mallyck & Bernton</u> | GRANTED to | 6-17-69 12-8-69 |

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Letters W A U R

Name AURORA FM, INC.
Aurora, Illinois

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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BSCA-995 R & F #578100\$30. PRESS: FEB 25 1970 | 2-16-70 2-16-70 2-16-70 | Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kilocycles. Atty - <u>Mallyck & Bernton</u> | GRANTED | 3-16-70 |
| BLH-4618 R & F #559214 \$30.00 PTA Amended PRESS | 11-22-69 11-24-69 11-24-69 12-4-69 12-17-69 | Lic. (BPH-6174) ^{yes mod} for changes. Atty: <u>Mallyck & Bernton</u> Engr. data | GRANTED | 3-25-70 |
| BRH-1653 R & F BRSCA-995 R & F P. N. Press SEP 10 1970 | 8-19-70 8-27-70 8-17-70 8-19-70 8-18-70 | Renewal of License Renewal of SCA Atty: E. Theodore Mallyck AMENDED 10-15-70 re: statement on compliance to FCC rules & regulations | GRANTED | 11-25-70 |

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

107.9mc

Call
Letters W A U R

STEVENS COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

Name X AURORA FM, INC.

Aurora, Illinois

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|--|--------------------|--|--|-------------------------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BTC -6969 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 #106197 CODE 049 SEP 28 1972 Pub. notice filed 10-18-72 | 8-26-72 9-5-72 | Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Vincent G. & Jeanne M. Cofey, and Ray Sherwood to Stevens Communications Corporation (SEE OVER FOR AMENDMENTS) Atty - Mallyck & Bernton | GRANTED Req. Grant Fee Eff: Paid:050, 1-11-73 W 142667, \$3,382.00 Paid:050, 1-12-73. W 143038, \$3,250.00 Grant Fee Adjusted to \$6,632.00. | 12-20-72 \$ 6,860.00 |
| BALH-1827 BASCA-566 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #169237 CODE 054 (Form 316) APR 1 1973 | 3-16-73 3-30-73 | Voluntary assignment of license and SCA to STEVENS COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION Atty - Mallyck & Bernton | GRANTED EFF: | 4-30-73 |

RE: BTC-6969 - AMENDED 11-30-72 - re purchase agreement;
exp. re bank loan ; re spot announcements

AMENDED 12-13-72 - correction re par.3a, Sec.IV-A

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107.9 mc

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W A U RName STEVENS COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
AURORA, ILLINOIS

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|--|--|---|---|----------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BRH-1653 R & F PN Recd. PRESS | 8-17-73 8-31-73 " 26 SEP 1973 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE Mallyck & Bernton, Atty. | GRANTED | 11-28-73 |
| BRSCA-995 R & F | 10-1-73 10-9-73 | RENEWAL OF SCA | | |
| BPH-8720 R & F #251849 \$200 Code 013 P. N. Rec'd Press DEC 20 1973 | 11-9-73 11-13-73 11-14-73 12-18-73 20 1973 | CP to chg. TL to: W. Side of Eola Rd., 1.8 miles E. of city, near Aurora, Illinois; chg. SL & RC to: 184 S. River St., Aurora, Illinois; install new trans. (Gates FM-20H3); make chg. ant. system (increase height); chg. TPO; ERP: 50KW(H&V) and HAAT: 488' (H&V). (41° 46' 10" - 88° 14' 44") Atty: E. Theodore Mallyck (Mallyck & Bernton) Financial Data. Opposition to Objections filed by Salter Broadcasting Company | GRANTED COND'L gr fee req. \$1,800.00 Pd 014 9-4-74 W340824 | 7-29-74 |
| AMENDED | 4-29-74 7-5-74 | | | |

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W A U RName Stevens Communications Corporation
Aurora, Illinois

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|--|--|--|---------|----------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| LTR. R & F Press | 4-21-75 4-21-75 APR 25 1975 | Filed by E. Theodore Mallyck, Esquire Request for Dual City Identification from: AURORA-OAKBROOK-WHEATON-ELMHURST, ILLINOIS. | DENIED | 8-27-75 |
| BLH-6642 R & F W 400331-\$100.3-13-75-057-Atty: <u>Mallyck</u> & Bernton PTA PRESS | 3-11-75 3-12-75 3-21-75 MAY 12 1975 | Lic.(BPH-8720) - Changes. | GRANTED | 6-11-75 |
| BRH-1653 BRSCA-995 R & F PN Recd. PRESS | 7-26-76 6-16-76 8-3-76 " AUG 12 1976 | OPPOSITION TO REQUEST FOR WAIVER FILED BY DUPAGE COUNTY BROADCASTING, INC. RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA E.T.Mallyck, Atty. | GRANTED | 11-17-76 |

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W A U RName STEVENS COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
AURORA, ILLINOIS

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---|-----------|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BMSCA790122AQ PRESS (0) | FEB 27 1979 | Modification of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to make changes in Programming & Equipment. | DISMISSED | 9-19-80 |
| AMENDED | 5-4-79 | enr statement | | |
| BRH 790727 BRSCA " PRESS SEP | UF 1 1 1979 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA E.T.Mallyck,Atty. | GRANTED | 1-15-80 |
| BMSCA801208AN PRESS (0) | JAN 12 1981 | Modification of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to make changes in Programming & Equipment. | | |
| Amended | 7-27-81 | Atty. E. Theodore Mallyck (Smith & Pepper) Technical Information | | |

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.

