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FREQUENCY MODULATION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-24-70

Call letters W.B.R.K.-FM

Station location Pittsfield, Mass.

Name of licensee GREYLOCK BROADCASTING COMPANY

Lakeway Drive, Pittsfield, Massachusetts (MPH-12-10-680)
Cascade St., Pittsfield, Mass. MPH 10-10-66

Transmitter location Approx. 0.5 mi. W. of S. Main St. and 4.5 mi. N. of center of city
Pittsfield, Massachusetts (BPH-11-22-65)

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Main studio location Annex
100 North Street/Pittsfield, Mass. (BSH-2-1-74)
8 Bank Row, Pittsfield, Massachusetts (BPH-11-22-65)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPH-4969 HAAT:120'	11-22-65	101.7mc.	ERP:3kw. Unl. ch.#269 TPO:860w.		1-22-66 7-22-66
		CP for a new Class A FM broadcast station. with RC oper. of trans. from studio loc.			
BPH-4969 (1)	12-9-65	Mod. of CP(BPH-4969) to assign call letters W B R K-FM.			
BMPH-8892 (2)	7-6-66	Mod. of CP(BPH-4969) for ext. of comp- letion date to 1-22-67			
BMPH-8958 HAAT: 300' (h&v)	10-10-66	101.7mc.	CH#269 ERP: 3kw(h&v) TPO: 1.75kw (RC)		1-22-66 1-22-67
		Mod. of CP(BPH-4969 as mod.) to change ant-trans. location; change type trans(Gates FM-3G); install dual polarized ant(Gates FMA-4/300Gp4, 4 horiz. & 4 vertical sections); increase TPO and HAAT; and operate with vertical ERP; with RC.			
BMPH-9156 (1)	1-16-67	Mod. of CP(BPH-4969 as mod.) for ext. of completion date to 7-22-67.			
BMPH-9472 (2)	7-11-67	Mod. of CP(PH-4969, as mod.) for ext. of completion date to 1-22-68			
BMPH-9781 (3)	1-17-68	Mod. of CP(BPH-4969 as mod.) for ext. of completion date to 7-22-68.			
BMPH-10,118 (4)	9-25-68	MP(BPH-4969 as mod.) ext. time 3-12-69			
BMPH-10,362 HAAT: 145' (h&v)	12-10-68	101.7mc.	ERP: 3kw(h&v) U ch#269 TPO: 2.40kw (RC)		3-12-69
		MP(BPH-4969 as mod.) chg. trans loc., chg. ant(Gates-FMC-3, 3 sects); chg. TPO and HAAT;			
BMPH-10,518 (1)	3-4-69	MP(BPH-4969 as mod)ext. time to 9-12-69			
BMPH-10,739 (2)	9-9-69	MP(BPH-4969, as mod.)ext. time 3-12-70			
BMPH-10,955 (3)	3-23-70	MP(BPH-4969 as mod)ext. time 8-12-70.			
BMPH-11,009 (4)	4-3-70	MP(BPH-4969 as mod) make chg. in trans equipment & transmission line, & type trans			

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CARD No. 2

Date first licensed 6-24-70

Call letters WBRK-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
BTC-6215	3-31-70	INVOL. TC			
FM-4530 (4)	8-24-70	Lic. (FM-4967, as mod.) FM B/c Sta.			for new 4-1-72
NDEA	4-12-71	Issuance of New			
BRH-2513(S)	3-30-72	RENEWAL &		NDEA	4-1-75
EBSA	5-25-72				
BSH-2513 (1)	2-17-74	Chg. SL & RC			
BRH-2513(L)	3-31-75	RENEWAL			4-1-78
BTC-8115	12/21/76	Vol TC	EFF: 12/31/76		
BRH-2513	3-13-78	(S) REN. OF LICENSE			4-1-81

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters NEW W B R K-FM

Name GREYLOCK BROADCASTING COMPANY
PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS (PO % JOSEPH K. CLOSE, WKNE CORPORATION, 17 Dunbar St.,
Keene, New Hampshire)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-4969 R.&F.	5-24-65 5-26-65	<p>Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 101.7mc CH 269A ERP: 3kw TPO: 0.86kw HAAT: 120' Transmitter: GATES FM-1C (1kw) Antenna: GATES FMA-4, 4 sections Trans. Loc: Approx. 0.5 mi. W. of S. Main St., & 4.5 mi. N. of center of Pittsfield, Lanesborough, Massachusetts Studio Loc: 8 Bank Row, Pittsfield, Massachusetts Remote Control Point: Same as studio</p> <p>Attys-McKenna and Wilkinson Engrs-Lohnes and Culver</p>	GRANTED	11-22-65

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Letters W.B.B.K-FM

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PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-8892 R & F	6-23-66 6-27-66	Modification of CP(BPH-4969 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 7-22-66 to 1-22-67.	GRANTED to	7-6-66 1-22-67
BMPH-8958 Received Filed	7-18-66 7-20-66 7-26-66	<u>Attys - McKenna & Wilkinson</u> Modification of CP(BPH-4969 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change ant.-trans. location to Cascade Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts; change type trans. (Gates FM-3G); install dual polarized ant. (Gates FMA-4/300G-4, 4 horizontal and 4 vertical sections); increase TPO to 1.77kw; operate with vertical ERP of 3kw; and increase HAAT to 300 feet. McKenna & <u>Wilkinson</u> , Attys.	GRANTED	10-10-66

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PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-9156 R&F	12-8-66 12-9-66	Modification of CP(BPH-4969 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 1-22-67 to 7-22-67. <u>Attys - McKenna & Wilkinson</u>	GRANTED to	1-16-67 7-22-67
BMPH-9472 R & F	6-20-67 6-22-67	Mod. of CP(BPH-4969 as mod., which authorized a new FM b/c station) for extension of completion date from 7-22-67 to _____. <u>Attys - McKenna & Wilkinson</u>	GRANTED to	7-11-67 1-22-68
BMPH-9781 R & F JAN 5 1968	12-15-67 12-18-67	Mod. of CP(BPH-4969 as mod., which authorized a new FM b/c station) for extension of completion date from 1-22-68 to _____. <u>Attys - McKenna & Wilkinson</u>	GRANTED to	1-17-68 7-22-68

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-10,118 R & F #436084 \$30 JUL 5 1958 (see over)	6-14-68 6-14-68 6-14-68	MP(BPH-4969 as mod.) ext. time to 1-22-69. (New Station). Attys - McKenna & <u>Wilkinson</u>	GRANTED to	9-25-68 3-12-69
BMPH-10,362 Rec'd Filed #472972 \$30 NOV 27 1968	9-13-68 9-17-68 11-18-68 11-18-68	MP(BPH-4969 as mod.) chg. trans loc. to Lakeway Drive, Pittsfield, Mass.; chg. type ant(Gates-FMC-3, 3 sects); make chg. in ant. system (decr. hght); chg. TPO 2.38kw; and chg. HAAT 143 feet. Attys - McKenna & <u>Wilkinson</u> Engr-Lohnes and Culver (Elizabeth L. Dahlberg)	GRANTED	12-10-68
BMPH-10,518 R & F #492140 \$30	2-13-69 2-19-69 2-19-69	MP(BPH-4969 as mod.) ext. time to 8-1-69 (NEW STATION). Attys - McKenna & <u>Wilkinson</u>	GRANTED to	3-4-69 9-12-69

Cond'1 Further ext. not
contemplated absent
subst. progress toward
completion.

BMPH-10,118 - Amended 9-12-68 in resp. to Comm. ltr. 8-21-68 re "diligence in proceeding with construction".

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Name GREYLOCK BROADCASTING COMPANY
PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-10,739 R & F #536353 \$30 SEP 8 1969	8-13-69 8-18-69 8-18-69	MP (BPH-4969, as mod.) ext. time to 3-12-70. (New Station) Atty: Vernon L. Wilkinson (McKenna & Wilkinson)	GRANTED to	9-9-69 3-12-70
BMPH-10,955 R & F #575596 \$30. PRESS: FEB 11 1970	1-30-70 2-5-70 2-5-70	MP (BPH-4969 as mod) ext. time to 9-12-70 (NEW STATION).	GRANTED	3-23-70
BTC-6215 R & F FEE PD: (SEE: AM WBRK) (Form 316) MAR 24 1970	2-24-70 3-3-70	Involuntary transfer of control of permittee corp from Joseph K. Close & Lurette S. Close (Jointly) to Lurette S. Close, McKenna & Wilkinson and Elmer H. Close, Executor of the Estate of Joseph K. Close (deceased) Atty - McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED	3-31-70

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-11,009 R & F \$588035\$30. PRESS: APR 2 1970	3-23-70 3-25-70 3-25-70	MP(BPH-4969 as mod)make changes in transmitting equipment & transmission line; chg. trans(Gates-FM-5C); Atty: Vernon L. Wilkinson(McKenna etc).	GRANTED	4-3-70
BLH-4830 R & F \$613821 \$30. FTA PRESS AUG 12 1970	7-3-70 7-6-70 7-6-70 7-16-70	Lic.(BPH-4969, as mod.) for new FM B/c Sta. Atty: TRANS: GATES, FM-5C. McKenna & <u>Wilkinson</u>	GRANTED	8-24-70
BRH-2513 R & F PN PRESS JAN 12 1972	12-23-71 1-3-72 1-3-72	Renewal of License Atty-Vernon L. Wilkinson	GRANTED	3-30-72

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Call
Letters WBRK-FMName **GREYLOCK BROADCASTING COMPANY**
PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-2513 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-18-74 11-27-74 " DEC 16 1974	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Vernon L. Wilkinson, Atty. AMENDED 3-3-74 re: comm. leader survey	GRANTED	3-31-75
BTC-7974 R & F See WBRK (AM) for fee pd Code C47 (FORM 316) MAR 1 1976	3/1/76 3/8/76	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Lurette S. Close and Elmer H. Close, Executor of the Estate of Joseph K. Close, deceased to Lurette S. Eaton, E.H. Close, Lurette C. Bourne and Margot P. Close.	DISMISSED - Request of Atty	5/26/76
BTC-6115 Reg'd SEE AM FOR FEE PD FILED AUG 30 1976	7-23-76 7-28-76 8-26-76	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Lurette S. Close and Elmer H. Close, Executor of the Estate of Joseph K. Close, Deceased; to Lurette S. Eaton, E.H. Close, Lurette C. Bourne and Margot P. Close, (As a Family Group) Atty - McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner	GRANTED EFF: NO FEE:	12/21/76 12/31/76

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PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-2513	11-5-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
R & F	11-17-77			
P.N.	11-17-77	Atty. Vernon L. Wilkinson (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner)		
PRESS	JAN 9 1978		GRANTED	3-13-78
BRH 801124	YF	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
PRESS	FEB 2 1981		<i>gr</i>	<i>3/30/81</i>

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.

