

WCMZ

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed

Call Letters .WCMZ.....

Station Location .Crozet, Virginia

Name .Mc Glenahan Broadcasting Corporation.....

Transmitter Location .Little Yellow Mountain, Crozet, Virginia.....

Main studio location .End of Hilltop St., Crozet, Virginia.....

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPH781211AI HAAT: 300' (H&V) (L)	11/20/79	102.3mhz ERP: 3.0kw (H) TPO: 2.25kw Class: A CP FOR NEW FM STATION	11/20/80
BPH781211AI (1)	2-11-80	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED	6 EBSA ISS.
BMPH-801120AI (2)	12-18-80	MP (BPH-781211AI) for ext. of time to:	6-16-81
COMTEL	8-28-80	SPECIAL TEMP. AUTH. OR. OPERATE WITH FACILITIES SPECIFIED IN CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FILE NO. BPH-781211AI EXCEPT OPERATION WILL COMMENCE WITH THE USE OF AN RCA, BFH-1, ONE BAY, CIRCUL- ARLY POLARIZED, NON DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA MOUNTED AT 282 FT (AGL) WITH A MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE RADIA- TED POWER OF NINE FIVE ZERO WAT- TS. TRANSMITTER POWER OUTPUT TWO DECIMAL THREE KW. MUST COMPLETE EQUIPMENT PERFORMANCE MEASURE- MENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 73.254 WITHIN 10 DAYS OF PROGRAM TEST OPERATION. THIS AUTH. EXPIRES 11-20-80.	
COMTEL	11-7-80	AUTH. & TERMS COMTEL EXT, THRU 12-31-80.	8-28-80

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters **WCMZ**
NEW FM

Name **McClenahan Broadcasting Corporation**
Crozet, Virginia (PO Box 8, Crozet, Virginia 22932)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-781211AI PRESS:	APR 11 1979	Construction permit for new FM on: Frequency: 102.3MHz #272 ERP: 3.0KW (H)2.639KW(V) HAAT:300'H&V ant: HARRIS FMD-2A,2 sections H&V TL: Little Yellow Mountain, Crozet, Virginia SL&RC: End of Hilltop St., Crozet, Virginia 38 04 47 78 44 22	GRANTED	11/20/79
BMPH801120AI PRESS (O)		MP (BPH-781211AI) For Extension of Time to: <u>1-31-81</u> (NEW STATION)	GRANTED: TO:	12-18-80 6-16-81
BLH-801216AB PTA PRESS	FEB 6 1981	License to cover (BPH-781211AI, as mod.) for a new station. Atty: --		9-30-81

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W C M Z

Name: MCCLENAHAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Station Location: CROZET, VIRGINIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BPH-810507AE (C)		Construction permit to chg. ERP: 2.0 kW (H) 1.64 kW (V); HAAT: 360' H&V and make changes in antenna system.	GRANTED: 12-10-81
PN Recd.	6-22-81	MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305	
Amended	6-15-81	Additional Engineering Data	

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.

