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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed 10-10-61

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Station location Cleveland, Ohio

RADIO SEAWAY, INCORPORATED (BMLH 9-24-64)

X JANSSEN BROADCASTING COMPANY (BAL 1-3-62 EFF: 1-13-62).

Name of licensee X THE DOUGLAS G. OYIATT & SON, INC.

50 Public Square, Terminal Tower Bldg., Cleveland, OHIO (PH-7-2-68) 10-61

X Eastgate Shopping Plaza, 1305 SOM Center Road, Mayfield Heights, Ohio (L 10-

Transmitter location X Eastgate Shopping Center, Mayfield-SOM Center Road, Mayfield Heights, Ohio

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Main studio location Same as trans.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPH-2914 HAAT: 250'	11-20-60	95.5mcs Ch. 238	40-kw TPO: 4.9-kw	U	11-20-60 -20-61
Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station.					
BPH-6535 (1)	1-16-61	Mod. CP(BPH-2914) to change antenna (Collins, 37H-8) and TPO 5kw.			
BALH-498 EFF:	1-3-62 1-13-62	Voluntary assignment of license to Janssen Broadcasting Company.			
BLH-1817 HAAT: 250ft.	10-10-61	95.5mcs	40kw TPO: 5kw	U	10-10/10-1-64
Lic. to cover CP (BPH-2914 as mod) which auth. a new FM Broadcast Station.					
BTC-4100 EFF	10-17-62 11-1-62	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Marc A. Wyse, Douglas G. Oviatt, Jr., and Richard D. Conrad and Cecil K. Patrick.			
BMLH-205	9-24-64	95.5mc	40kw	Un	9-24 10-1-64
Mod. of license to chg. name of licensee to <u>RADIO SEAWAY, INCORPORATED</u>					
BRH-1235	10-21-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			10-21 10-1-67
BSCA-630	8-10-65	Subsidiary communications authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kcs.			
BRH-1235 BSCA-630	9-8-67	Renewal of License Renewal of SCA			10-1 10-1-70
BPH-6162 HAAT: 640' (h&v)	7-2-68	95.5mc. ch# 238	ERP: 27kw(h&v)Max. TPO: 8.3kw(RC)		3-2-69
CP chg. ant-trans & studio location; operate by remote control; install new trans., new ant.; chg. TPO; horiz. ERP; operate with vert. ERP; and chg. HAAT;					
BMPH-10,314 HAAT: 640' (h&v)	11-20-68	95.5mc. ch#238	ERP: 27kw(h) 22kw(v) TPO: 8.9kw (RC)	U	3-2-69
MP(BPH-6162) chg. type ant(Gates-Custom "directional-FMC-4, 4 sects) and chg TPO, and vert. ERP;					
BLB-4246 (L)	1-31-69	Lic. (BPH-6162 as mod.) for chgs. 10-1-70			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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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-6771 HAAT: 640'	7-18-69 (RSV) CP: TPO; ERP:	95.5mc	TPO: 7.9kw ERP: 19.5kw (V pro 2-1-70)		9-18-69 3-18-70 (authorized)
BMPH-10,976 (1)	3-9-70	MP(BPH-6771)		ext time	6-18-70
BMPH-11,066 (2)	6-1-70	MP(BPH-6771 as mod)		ext. time	9-1-70
BTC-6273	7-6-70	VOL. Relinquishment of Negative TC			
BMPH-12,089 (3)	9-11-70	MP(BPH-6771 as mod)		ext. time	3-1-71
BMPH-13,148 (4)	2-19-71	MP(BPH-6771)		ext. time to	8-10-71
BMPH-13,298 (5)	8-16-71	MP(BPH-6771 as mod)		ext. time	1-1-72
BMPH-13,408 (6)	12-21-71	MP(BPH-6771 as mod)		EXT.	7-1-72
EBSA	5-22-72				
BMPH-13,522 (7)	6-26-72	MP(BPH-6771 as mod)		ext. time	1-1-73
BMPH-13657 (8)	12-22-72	M (BPH-6771 as mod)		Extension time	7-1-73
BMPH 13,800 (9)	7-11-73	MP(BPH-6771 as mod)		Extension time	1-1-74
BMPH-13,954 (10)	1-14-74	MP(BPH-6771 as mod)		ext. time	7-1-74
BMPH-14,140 (11)	6-19-74	MP(BPH-6771 as mod)		ext. time to	12-13-74
BMPH-14,325 (12)	1-9-75	MP(BPH-6771, as mod)		ext time to	5-13-75
BMPH-14,454 (13)	4-25-75	MP(BPH-6771, as mod)		ext to	8-13-75
BMPH-14,570 (14)	8-22-75	MP(BPH-6771, as mod)		ext to	11-13-75
BMPH-14,682 (15)	12-17-75	MP(BPH-6771, as mod)		ext	2-13-76
BMPH-14,729 (16)	2-24-76	MP(BPH-6771, as mod)		ext	8-13-76

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Station location

Name of licensee SEE CARD NO. 1

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From: To.
BMPH-14874 {17}	8-11-76	MP (BPH-6771, time to		as mod}	ext 2-1-77
BMPH-15007 (18)	2-2-77	MP (BPH-6771, time to		as mod) ext	5-1-77
BMPH-15093 (19)	5-6-77	MP (BPH-6771, time to		as mod) ext	8-1-77
BMPH-15172 (20)	8-4-77	MP (BPH-6771, time to		as mod) ext	11-1-77
BMPH-15285 (21)	11-25-77	MP (BPH-6771, ext time to		as mod)	2-1-78
BMSCA-404	7-1-75	Mod of SCA to mke chg in programming			equipment &
BMPH-15375 (22)	2-8-78	MP (BPH-6771, ext time to:		as mod) for	8-1-78
BLH-7848	5-3-79	95.5mhz kw (Max)	TPO: 7.9kw (H) 19.5kw (Max)	ERP: 27 (V)	10-1-79
Lic. to cover		(BPH-6771, as mod) FOR CHANGES			
BRH-1235(S) BRSCA-630	5-11-79	Renewal	of License & SCA		10-1-79
BSCA790608AD	8/3/79	SCA			10/1/82
BRH790529UW(S)	9-28-79	Renewal	of License		10-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters ~~new~~ - W D G OName THE DOUGLAS G. OVIATT & SON, INC.
(P.O. - 643 Green Road, Cleveland 21, Ohio)

Station location - Cleveland, Ohio

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-2914	2-3-60	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 96.1mc CH 238 95.5mc CH 238 ERP - 40kw Type transmitter - GATES FM 5B Type antenna - RCA BFA 8A (8 section) HAAT 299-44 249.25 ft Trans. location - Corner Richmond Rd & Wilson Mills Rd. Richmond Heights, Ohio Studio location - Same as transmitter (ltr 2-25-60 - no longer rep. applic) Atty. - Smith & Pepper (D. P. McDonald) Engr. - Carl E. Smith, Brecksville, Ohio	GRANTED	9-20-60
Rec'd	2-9-60		HAAT:	250'
Filed	2-9-60		ERP:	40-kw
AMENDMENT	3-24-60	AMENDED to change frequency to 95.5mc CH 238 change antenna-trans. & studio location to Eastgate Shopping Center, Mayfield and SOM Center Roads, Mayfield Heights, Ohio; decrease HAAT to 249.25 ft.	DOCKET	13474
R & F	3-25-60		GRANTED AFTER HEARING	

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Letters W.D.G.O.

Name THE DOUGLAS G. OVIATT AND SON, INC.
Cleveland, Ohio

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-6535 Rec'd&Filed	11-25-60 12-6-60	Modification of CP(BPH-2914 for a new FM Broadcast station) to change type antenna to a Collins, 37M-8, 8 sections. Spear, Hill and Greeley, Attys.	GRANTED TPO: 5kw	1-16-61
BLH-1817 Rec'd&Filed	3-2-61 3-3-61 <i>3-3-61</i>	License to cover C.P. (BPH-2914 as mod. which authorized a new FM Broadcast station). Spear, Hill, and Greeley, Attys.	GRANTED	10-10-61
BALH-498 Rec'd Filed	11-8-61 11-9-61 11-9-61	Voluntary assignment of license to Janssen Broadcasting Company. John G. Smith, Atty.	GRANTED EFF: Eff: 1-13-62	1-3-62

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Name Y JANSSEN BROADCASTING COMPANY
Cleveland, Ohio

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-4100 Rec'd Filed	7-27-62 7-31-62 7-31-62	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Marc A. Wyse, Douglas G. Oviatt, Jr., and Richard Janssen to Robert D. Conrad and Cecil K. Patrick. John G. Smith, Atty.	GRANTED: EFF:	10-17-62 11-1-62
BMLH-205 R&F	9-1-64 9-8-64	Modification of license to chg name of licensee to Radio Seaway, Incorporated. Atty: Hogan & Hartson	GRANTED	9-24-64
BRH-1235 R.&F.	9-1-64 9-14-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Attys: Hogan & Hartson	GRANTED	10-21-64

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name RADIO SEAWAY, INCORPORATED
CLEVELAND, OHIO

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BSCA-630 R&F	7-19-65 7-22-65	Request for subsidiary communications authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67kcs. Atty: Hogan & Hartson	GRANTED	8-10-65
BRH-1235 & BRSCA-630 R.&F.	5-25-67 6-23-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE & SCA	GRANTED	9-8-67
JUL 17 1967 BPH-6162 R & F	2-9-68 2-12-68	CP to chg. ant-trans & studio location 50 Public Square Terminal Tower Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio; operate by remote control from studio location; install new trans(Gates-FM-10H); install new ant(Gates-FMA-4A/300G-4, 4 horiz. & 4 vert. sects); chg. TPO 8.28kw; chg. horiz. ERP 27kw(max.) operate with a vert. ERP 27kw(max) and chg. HAAT 640 ft. Atty-Corwin E. Lockwood Eng: Commercial Radio Equipment Company	GRANTED	7-2-68
FEB 28 1968 PN Rec'd Amended re Sect. III Amended re Sect. III	3-27-68 3-27-68 5-27-68		condl max. power direction of WLDM, Det., Mich shall not exceed 10.5kw;; 302 must contain proof of DA systems; affidavit by qualified surveyor re proper azimuthal orientation of antennas est. at time of installation & sub with 302 complete physical descrip. of DA	

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Name RADIO SEAWAY, INCORPORATED
CLEVELAND, OHIO

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-10,334 R & F #467805 \$30 NOV 5 1968	10-21-68 10-23-68 10-23-68	MP(BPH-6162) chg. type ant(Gates-Custon Directional-FMC-4, 4 sects); and chg. TPO -8.7kw; Engr-Edw. F.Lorentz	GRANTED Cond'1 re max. ERP in dir. of WLDM not to exceed 10.5kw; subm. with 302 proof of DA system; subm. affidavit by qualified surveyor re proper orientation & sub with 302 complete phys. descript. of DA systems.	11-20-68
AMENDMENT R & F PRESS: NOV 20 1968	11-11-68 11-13-68	Re chg. TPO to 8.90kw & vert. ERP to 21.9kw.		
BLH-4246 R & F #473466 \$30 PT JAN 2 1969	11/20/68 11/22/68 11/22/68 12/4/68	License (BPH-6162 as mod.) for changes. Atty: Corwin R. Lockwood	GRANTED Max. ERP in dir. WLDM, Detroit, Mich. (311.5°) shall not exceed 10.5kw	1-31-69

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Cleveland, Ohio

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-6771 R & F #525032 \$30	6-17-69 6-27-69 6-27-69	CP make chgs. in antenna system; chg. TPO: 7.93kw; and chg. vert. ERP: to 19.5kw; Atty - Corwin R. Lockwood(Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED	7-13-69
BMPH-10,976 R & F #579519\$30. PRESS: MAR 4 1970	2-17-70 2-20-70 2-20-70	MP(BPH-6771) ext time to 6-18-70(For Chgs). Atty: Corwin R. Lockwood(Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED	3-9-70
BMPH-11,066 R & F #603164\$30. PRESS:	5-18-70 5-20-70 5-20-70 25 MAY 1970	MP(BPH-6771 as mod) ext. time to 9-1-70 (FOR CHGS). Atty-Hogan & Hartson(Corwin R. Lockwood)	GRANTED	6-1-70

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Name RADIO SEAWAY, INCORPORATED
Cleveland, Ohio

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC -6273 R & F FEE PD: \$30 (Form 316)	5-18-70 5-19-70 -#602596 JUN 10	Voluntary relinquishment of negative control of lic corp by each, Cecil K. Patrick and Robert D. Conrad thru sale of stock by the licensee corporation to Mrs. Jean A. Conrad, Edward H. Miller and John D. Stewart Atty - Hogan & Hartson	GRANTED	7-6-70
BRH-1235 R & F #613824 \$75. F.N.	6-29-70 7-6-70 (\$125. submitted) 7-6-70	Renewal of License Atty: Corwin R. Lockwood	GRANTED	5-11-79
BRSCA-630 R & F #613824 \$30.	6-11-70 7-6-70 7-6-70 AUG 6 1970	Renewal of SCA AMENDED 8-13-70 re: balance sheet AMENDED 10-1-70 re: supplemental financial data SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 6-29-73 as Amendment to pending renewal application. (PN 6-29-73) AMENDED 11-15-73 re: EEO (over)		JUL 1 1970

BRSCA-630

BRH-1235 SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 6-7-76 as an
amendment to pending renewal application. PN 6-7-76

(Atty: Edgar W. Holtz)

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Name **Radio Seaway, Incorporated**
Cleveland, Ohio

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-12,089 R & F #627507 \$50. 068 PRESS SEP 8 1970	8-27-70 8-31-70 8-31-70	MP(BPH-6771 as mod) ext. time to 3-18-71 (FOR CHGS). Atty- Hogan & Hartson(Corwin & Jones etc)	GRANTED	9-11-70
BMPH-13,148 R & F #659836 \$50. CODE 068 PRESS: 8 FEB 1971	1-20-71 1-25-71 1-25-71	MP(BPH-6771 as mod) ext. time to 9-1-71(FOR CHGS.)). Atty-Hogan & Hartson	GRANTED to 8-10-71	2-19-71
2-22-71 Annual filing fee \$80.00 deducted from \$125.00 renewal fee.			Credit \$45.00 to 1971.	
BMPH-13,298 R & F #018243 \$50 CODE: 068 press: AMENDED JUL 1971 7-28-71	7-2-71 7-21-71 7-21-71	MP(BPH-6771 as mod) ext. time to 1-1-72 (FOR CHGS.) Atty - Corwin R. Lockwood(Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED	8-16-71
Ltr. w/explanation to show cause for Extension				

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Letters W C L V

Name RADIO SEAWAY, INCORPORATED
Cleveland, Ohio

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-13,408 R & F #022823 \$50 Acc. 068 Press 14 DEC 1971	11-29-71 12-3-71 12-3-71	MP (BPH-6771, as mod.) for extension of time to 7-1-72. (Changes) Atty: Corwin R. Lockwood	GRANTED TO	12-21-71 7-1-72
BMPH-13,522 R & F #079186 \$50 Code 068 Press JUN 8 1972	5-31-72 6-2-72 6-2-72	MP (BPH-6771, as mod.) ext. time to 1-1-73. (For Changes) Atty: Corwin R. Lockwood	GRANTED TO	6-26-72 1-1-73
BMPH-13,657 R & F #134871 \$50 Code 068 Press DEC 18 1972	12-2-72 12-8-72 12-8-72	MP (BPH-6771, as mod.) ext. time to 7-1-73. (For Changes) Atty: Corwin R. Lockwood	GRANTED TO	12-22-72 7-1-73

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BMPH-13,800 R & F #203740 \$50 Code 068 Press JUL 3 1973	6-15-73 6-19-73 6-19-73	MP (BPH-6771, as mod.) ext. time to 1-1-74. (For Changes) Atty: Corwin R. Lockwood	GRANTED	7-11-73
BMPH-13,954 R & F #256100 \$50 Code 057 Press DEC 21 1973	11-26-73 11-27-73 11-28-73	MP (BPH-6771, as mod.) ext. time to 9-15-74. (For Changes) Atty: Corwin R. Lockwood (Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED to	1-14-74 7-1-74
BMPH-14,140 R & F #311626 \$50 Code 057 PRESS JUN 12 1974	5-29-74 6-4-74 6-5-74	MP (BPH-6771, as mod.) ext. time to 1-1-75. (For Changes) Atty: Corwin R. Lockwood	GRANTED TO	6-19-74 12-13-74

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Cleveland, Ohio

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-14,325 R & F #364219 \$50 Code 057 PRESS	11-11-74	MP(BPH-6771, as mod) ext. time to 7-1-75. (For Changes) Atty: Corwin R. Lockwood	GRANTED TO	1-9-75
	11-13-74			5-13-75
	11-13-74			
NOV 27 1974				
BMPH-14,454 R & F #408987 \$100 Code 057 PRESS	3-31-75	MP(BPH-6771, as mod.) ext. time to 1-1-76. (For Changes)	GRANTED TO	4-25-75x
	4-2-75			8-13-75
	4-4-75			
APR 9 - 1975				
BMSCA-404 R & F #439392 \$100 Code 057 PRESS	6-10-75	Modification of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to make changes in equipment and programming. Atty: Corwin R. Lockwood (Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED	7-1-75
	6-13-75			
	6-17-75			
JUN 25 1975				
BMPH-14,570 R & F #457046 \$100 Code 001 PRESS	7-25-75	MP(BPH-6771, as mod.) ext. time to 3-1-76. (For Changes) Atty - Corwin R. Lockwood (Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED TO Cond 1	8-22-75
	7-28-75			11-13-75
	8-5-75			
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Letters W C L VName Radio Seaway, Incorporated
Cleveland, Ohio

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-14,682 R & F #499240\$100 CODE 001 PRESS AMENDED	11-11-75	MP(BPH-6771, as mod) ext time to 6-1-76 (For Changes) Atty. Corwin R. Lockwood	GRANTED TO	12-17-75
	11-17-75			2-13-76
	NOV 21 1975			
	11-20-75	Engineering Data		
BMPH-14,729 R & F #521286\$100 CODE 001 PRESS	1-16-76	MP(BPH-6771, as mod) ext time to 8-1-76 (For Changes) Atty. Richard S. Rodin	GRANTED TO	2-24-76
	1-19-76			8-13-76
	1-23-76			
	FEB 6 1976			

Name **Radio Seaway, Incorporated**
Cleveland, Ohio

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-14874 Rec'd Filed 596004#100 CODE 001 PRESS	7-9-76 7-12-76 7-28-76 7-28-76 AUG 5 1976	MP{BPH-6771, as mod} ext time to 2-1-77 {For Changes}	GRANTED TO	8-11-76 2-1-77
BMPH-15007 R & F PRESS	12-27-76 1-3-77 JAN 11 1977	MP{BPH-6771, as mod} ext time to 8-1-77 {For Changes} Atty. Edgar W. Holtz	GRANTED TO	2-2-77 5-1-77
BMPH-15098 R & F PRESS	3-30-77 4-4-77 APR 14 1977	MP{BPH-6771, as mod} ext time to 8-1-77 {For Chgs} Atty---	GRANTED TO	5-6-77 8-1-77

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-15172 R & F PRESS	6-21-77	MP (BPH-6771, as mod) ext time to 11-1-77 {For Chgs}	GRANTED	8-4-77
	6-27-77		TO	11-1-77
JUL 11 1977 Atty---				
BMPH-15285 R & F PRESS: NOV 8 1977	9-26-77	MP (BPH-6771, as mod.) extension of time to <u>2-1-78</u> (FOR CHANGES)	GRANTED	11-25-77
	9-28-77		TO	2-1-78
Atty.-E. Holtz				
BMPH-15375 R & F PRESS: JAN 5 1978	12-14-77	Mod. of CP (BPH-6771, as mod) for extension of time to: <u>5-1-78</u> (FOR CHANGES)	GRANTED	2-8-78
	12-19-77		TO	8-1-78
Atty:-----				
BLH-7848 PTA: PRESS:	3-16-79	License to cover (BPH-6771, as mod) FOR CHGS. Atty: Edgar W. Holtz (HOGAN & HARTSON)	GRANTED	5-3-79
	MAR 30 1979			

APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W C L V

Name: RADIO SEAWAY, INCORPORATED

Station Location: CLEVELAND, OHIO

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BSCA790608AD PRESS	JUN 26 1979	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a Subcarrier Frequency of 67 Kiloertz. Atty. Edgar W. Holtz (Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED 8/3/79
BRH790529UW PRESS	JUL 2 1979	Renewal of License Atty. Edgar W. Holtz	GRANTED 9-28-79

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.

