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June 1954

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FREQUENCY MODULATION
BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 11-27-68

Call letters W C B Y-FM

Station location CHEBOYGAN, MICHIGAN

WCBY RADIO, INC. (ALH-3-10-72 EFF: 4-1-72)

Name of licensee STRAITS BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter location 1356 Mackinaw Ave., Cheboygan, Michigan (BPH-12-8-65)

47721
Main studio location Same as Transmitter

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To	
BPH-4997 HAAT: 90ft cont'1	12-8-65	105.1mc.	ERP: 27kw. ch.#286 TPO: 5kw.	Unl.	2-8-66 8-8-66	
CP for a new Class C FM broadcast station						
BPH-4997 (1)	3-18-66	Mod. of CP(BPH-4997) to assign call letters W C B Y-FM.				
BMPH-8907 (2)	7-25-66	Mod. of CP(BPH-4997) for completion date to			ext. of 2-8-67	
BMPH-9243 (3)	4-12-67	Mod. of CP (BPH-4997 as mod.) of completion date to			8-8-67	
BMPH-9456 HAAT: 105' Cond'1	6-29-67	105.1mc.	ERP: 25kw(h&v) ch# 286 TPO: 18.5kw		2-8-66 9-8-67	
Mod. of CP(BPH-4997 as mod.) to chg. type trans (Gates-FM-20B); chg. ant(Gates-FMC-3, 3 sects); incr. TPO; decr. ERP and incr. HAAT;						
BMPH-9557 (1)	8-29-67	Mod. of CP(BPH-4997 as mod.) for ext. of completion date to			3-8-68	
BMPH-9876 (2)	3-7-68	Mod. of CP(BPH-4997 as mod.) of completion date to			9-8-68.	
BLH-4149(L)	11-27-68	Lic. (BPH-4997 as mod.) for new sta. (specify type trans. GATES FM-20H.)			10-1-70 V HAAT 105(H&V)	
BRCH-932(1)	5-28-69	Operate RC.				
BRH-2273(L)	9-30-70	RENEWAL				10-1-73
BALH-1634	3-10-72	VOL. ALH EFF: 4-1-72				
EBSA	5-22-72					
BRH-2273(L)	11-9-73	RENEWAL				10-1-76
BSCA-1584	4-28-76	SCA 67 khz				
BRH-2273(S)	9-15-76	Renewal of License				10-1-79
BRSCA-1584	"	Renewal of SCA				"
BRH790529VW	9-28-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)				10-1-82
BRSCA "						

June 1954

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Station location Cheboygan, Michigan

Name of licensee STRAITS BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter location 1316 Mackinaw Avenue, Cheboygan, Michigan

Main studio location 1356 Mackinaw Avenue, Cheboygan, Michigan

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From: To
BL-12,112 (L)	10-7-68	Lic. (BP-18,251)	chg. ant.	system	10-1-70
BR-3035(S)	9-30-70	RENEWAL & NDEA			10-1-73
BAL-7513	3-10-72	VOL. AL			
EBSA	5-25-72				
Ltr.	6-26-72	Trans. CCA 10000 now installed.			
BL-13,260(L)	9-7-72	Lic to use former Main trans. as Alternate Main transmitter 1240kc 250w, 1kw-LS Alt.			10-1-73
BR-3035(S)	11-9-73	RENEWAL OF MAIN & ALT.			10-1-76
BR-3035(S)	9-15-76	Renewal (Main & Alt.)			10-1-79
BR790529VV(S)	9-21-79	Renewal of License (Main & Aug.)			10-1-82

FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters ...~~NEW~~...~~M.C.B.Y.~~...

Name STRAITS BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
CHEBOYGAN, MICHIGAN (PO 1356 Mackinaw Avenue, Cheboygan, Michigan)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-4997 Recd Resub. Recd Filed	5-21-65 5-24-65 6-7-65 6-10-65 6-16-65	CP for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 105.1mc CH 286 ERP: 18kw 27kw TPO: 5kw HAAT: 100 90' Trans.: GATES FM-5B (5kw) Antenna: GATES FMA-4, 4-sections FMA-6, 6sect. Trans. Loc: 1356 Mackinaw Avenue Cheboygan, Michigan Studio Loc: 1356 Mackinaw Avenue Cheboygan, Michigan	RETURNED not-minimum-ERP- GRANTED cont'l re WCBY(AM) submit 302s	5-27-65 12-8-65
BMPH-8907 R & F	7-2-66 7-5-66	Modification of CP(BPH-4997 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 8-8-66 to _____.	GRANTED to	7-25-66 2-8-67

AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W C B T-FMName STRAITS BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
CHEBOYGAN, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-9243 R & F	2-2-67 2-6-67	Modification of CP(BPH-4997 as mod., which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 2-8-67 to _____.	GRANTED to	4-12-67 8-8--67
BMPH-9456 R & F	6-1-67 6-5-67	Mod. of CP(BPH-4997 as mod., which authorized a new FM b/c station) to chg. type trans(Gates-FM-20B); chg. type ant(Gates-FMC-3, 3 sects); incr. TPO to 18.32kw; decr. ERP to 25kw; & incr. HAAT to 105 ft. Engr.: Odes E. Robinson, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	GRANTED	6-29-67 cond'1 submit 302's for WCBY(AM).
BMPH-9557 R & F	8-8-67 8-9-67	Mod. of CP(BPH-4997 as mod., which authorized a new FM b/c station) for extension of completion date from 9-8-67 to _____.	GRANTED to	8-29-67 3-8-68
BMPH-9876 R & F	2-7-68 2-12-68	Mod. of CP(BPH-4997 as mod., which authorized a new FM b/c station) for extension of completion date from 3-8-68 to 9-8-68.	GRANTED to	3-7-68 4-8-68

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FORM BC-121 #3
 AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

105.1mc

Call
 Letters W C B Y-FM

WCBY RADIO, INC.

Name X STRAITS BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
Cheboygan, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-4149 R & F #455081 \$30 PT NOV 10 1968	8/26/68 8/28/68 8/28/68 9/6/68	License (BPH-4997 as mod.) for new FM b/c station, specify type trans. GATES FM-20H.	GRANTED	11-27-68
BRCH-932 R & F #515377 \$30 MAY 20 1969	5-15-69 5-19-69 5-19-69	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 1356 Mackinaw Avenue, Cheboygan, Michigan.	GRANTED	5-28-69
BRH-2273 R & F \$75 #613803 PN REcd. PRESS JUL 27 1970	6-29-70 7-6-70 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 9-9-70 re: programming	GRANTED	9-30-70
BALH-1634 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #037958 CODE 058186-see AM	1-29-72 2-2-72 FEB 7 1972	Voluntary assignment of license to WCBY RADIO INC. Atty - Samuel Miller FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, D. C.	GRANTED EFF:	3-10-72 4-1-72

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

105.1mhz.

Call Letters WCBY-FM

Name WCBY RADIO, INC.
Cheboygan, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-2273 R & F P.N. PRESS	6-28-73 7-2-73 7-2-73 14 AUG 1973	Renewal of License AMENDED 10-15-73 re: ascert. of comm. needs; composition of area; programming; comm. policy	GRANTED	11-9-73
BSCA-1584 Reb'd Filed #547295\$50 #555567\$50 Code 001 PRESS	3-15-76 3-22-76 4-12-76 3-26-76 4-14-76 APR 23 1976	Request for Subsidiary Communications Author- ization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 khz.	GRANTED	4-28-76

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters ...W.G.B.X-FM.....Name **WCBY RADIO, INC.**
Cheboygan, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-2273 BRSCA-1584 R & F P.N. Press	5-26-76 5-26-76 5-28-76 5-28-76 JUN 24 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA	GRANTED	9-15-76
BPH-10,067 Rec'd Filed #586791 \$400 Code 001 Press P. N. Rec'd	6-28-76 6-30-76 6-30-76 7-1-76 --- AUG 16 1976 7-26-76	CP to chg. TL to: Griswold Mt. Adjacent to US 27, Near Indian River, Michigan; install new trans. (Gates Radio FM-20H3); install new ant. (Jampro JSCP-12, 12 sects. (H&V); make chg. ant. system (incr. hght.); chg. TPO; ERP: 100KW(H&V) and HAAT: 520' (H&V). 45° 26' 12" - 84° 37' 08" Atty: Miller & Fields	Dismissed (BY REQUEST OF APPLICANT ATTY)	7-12-77
			MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACT. UNDER SECT. 1.1305 OF COMM. RULES	

Name: WCBY RADIO, INC.

Station Location: CHEBOYGAN, MICHIGAN

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRH 790529 VW BRSCA " PRESS JUL 25 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA	GRANTED 9-28-79
BALHB10130GI Form 314 PRESS Also see WCBY(am) PN FILED 3-5-81	FEB 25 1981	Vol AL to Fabiano-Strickler Communications, Incorporated-Cheboygan Atty Jerrold Miller	

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.

