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Form BC 126
June 1954
OFFICIAL NO. 1618

FREQUENCY MODULATION
BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed JANUARY 29, 1965

W I Q 0-FM Eff.-11-21-77
Call letters XWKEY-FM

Station location COVINGTON, VIRGINIA

Name of licensee WKEY, INC. (ALH 5-10-73 EFF: 5-31-73)
X EARL M. KEY

Transmitter location Virjesmar Heights, Covington, Va. (PH 4-15-65)
*508 W. Oak St., Covington, Va. (PH 6-19-64)(LH 1-29-65)

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Main studio location 508 W. Oak St., Covington, Va. (PH 6-19-64)(LH 1-29-65)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPH-4370 HAAT: -470'	6-19-64	100.9mc	ERP:3kw Ch.#265 TPO:820w	Unl.	8-19-64 2-19-65
CP for a new Class A FM broadcast station.					
BRCH-552 (1)	10-22-64	Mod. of CP(BPH-4370) to operate transmitter by remote control from 508 West Oak Street, Covington, Va.			
BLH-2645 HAAT: minus 870'	1-29-65	100.9mc	ERP:3kw Ch.#265 TPO:820w	Unl.	1-29-65 10-1-66
Lic. to cover CP(BPH-4370, as mod.) which auth. a new FM broadcast station, with RC.					
BPH-4758 HAAT: minus 255'	4-15-65	100.9mc	ERP:3kw Ch.#265 TPO:800w	Unl.	6-15-65 12-15-65
CP to chg. ant.-trans. loc.; decr. TPO; and incr HAAT.					
BLH-2912 HAAT: -255'	8-11-65	100.9mc	ERP:3kw CH.#265 TPO:820w	U	8-11-65 10-1-66
Lic. to cover CP(BPH-4758) which auth change in ant-trans loc, power & incr HAAT.					
BRH-1618	9-9-66	Renewal of License			10-1 10-1-69
BRH-1618(S)	9-25-69	Renewal			10-1-72
EBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-1618(S)	10-27-72	RENEWAL			10 -1-75
BALH-1822	5-10-73	VOL ALH	EFF:	5-31-73	
BRH-1618(L)	9-12-75	Renewal of license			10-1-78
EBSA	11-21-77	Chg. Call			
BPH-11,079 HAAT: -210' (L)	7-24-78 (H&V)	100.9mhz. #265	ERP: 3kw (H&V) (RC)	U	7-24-79
CP to correct coordinates; install new Ant.; mke chg ant sys (decr hght); chg. TPO & HAAT					
BLH-790423AM (L)	10-19-79	Lic.(BPH-11079) for chg.			10-1-81

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

#2

First licensed

Call Letters **WIQQ-FM**

Station Location

SEE CARD # 1
Name

Transmitter Location

Main studio location

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BRH-1618(S)	3-19-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	10-1-81

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call **WKEY-FM**
Letters ~~.....~~Name Earl M. Key
Covington, Virginia (P. O. Box 710, Covington, Va.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-4370 R. & F.	2-21-64 2-27-64	CP for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 100.9mc CH 265 ERP: 3 kw Type transmitter: Gates FM-1C TPO: 822 watts 822 watts Type antenna: Gates FA-4A (4 sections) HAAT: minus 314 feet minus 474 feet Trans. location: Virginia 508 W. Oak St., Covington, Virginia (same as WKEY) Studio location: 508 West Oak Street, Covington, Virginia Remote Control point: same as studio Atty: Steadman, Leonard & Hennessey (Schellenberg)	GRANTED	6-19-64
AMENDED R&F	5-11-64 5-13-64	AMENDED to change ant.-trans. loc. to 508 W. Oak St., Covington, Virginia, dec. HAAT to minus 474 feet, dec. TPO to 822 watts, make change in ant. system (dec. hgt.)		

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Letters ...~~WKE~~-FM- W K E Y-FMName ...EARL M. KEY.....
COVINGTON, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-4370 AMEND R&F	CON'T 6-4-64 6-5-64	AMENDED to delete Remote Control operation	SEE#1	
BRCH-552 Rec'd Filed	10-17-64 10-19-64 10-19-64	Mod. of CP(BPH-4370) to operate transmitter by remote control from 508 West Oak Street, Covington, Virginia. Howard J. Schellenberg, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	10-22-64
BLH-2645 R&F	9-22-64 9-23-64	License to cover CP (BPH-4370) which authorized a new FM broadcast station. Atty: Howard J. Schellenberg, Jr.	GRANTED	1-29-65
BPH-4758 R&F	12-19-64 12-21-64	Construction permit to increase HAAT to -254'; install new trans (Gates-FM-1C); and move ant-trans location to Virjesmar Heights, Covington, Virginia. Atty: Howard J. Schellenberg, Jr.	GRANTED	4-15-65

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Call
Letters WKEY-FMName EARL M. KEY
Covington, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-2912 R&F	6-5-65 6-7-65	License to cover CP (BPH-4758) which authorized change in ant-trans location, decrease TPO and increase HAAT. Atty: Howard J. Shellenberg, Jr.	GRANTED	8-11-65
BRH-1618 R&F	6-24-66 7-1-66	Renewal of license 10-1-66 Atty: Robb, Porter, Kistler & Parkingham	GRANTED	9-9-66
BRH-1618 R & F #526724 \$75 P. N.	6-12-69 7-2-69 7-2-69	Renewal of License Atty: Philip Hennessey, III	GRANTED	9-25-69
JUL 31 1969 Ltr.	-6-10-70	Philip Hennessey no longer atty. contact Ed. Kenehan (Fletcher Heald)		

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100.9mhz
Call W I Q O-FM
Letters WKEY-FM

WKEY, INC.
Name X EARL M. KEY
COVINGTON, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1618 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JUN 10 1972	6-2-72 6-12-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	10-27-72
BALH-1822 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 #163261 CODE 049 (ALSO SEE AM) Pub. notice filed 3-29-73 APR 6 1973	3-14-73 3-15-73	Voluntary assignment of license to WKEY, INC. (SEE AM FOR AMENDMENTS ETC) Atty - Fletcher, Heald etc	GRANTED Req. Grant Fee \$ 5,250.00 (INCLUDE AM) EFF: 063 PD 5-11-73 W 196387	5-10-73
BRH-1618 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	5-16-75 5-28-75 " JUN 9 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-12-75

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Call Letters WIQQ-FM

Name WKEY, INC.
Covington, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-11,079 R & F PRESS: MAY 19 1978	3-31-78	GP to correct coordinates; install new Ant. (HARRIS FMC-3A, 3 sects H&V); mke. chg. ant. sys. (decr. hght.); chg. TPO & HAAT: minus 210' (H&V) 37° 46' 04" 79° 57' 05" Atty: Vincent J. Curtis (Fletcher, Heald, etc.) Engr: Willis C. Beecher	ACCEPTED & GRANTED	7-24-78
	4-11-78			
BRH-1618 R & F PRESS	5-19-78 5-30-78 JUN 18 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-19-80

Cond'L w/ref/ subject sufficient measurements be made accordance procedures Sect. 73.186 both before & after aut construction demonstrate distortion ant. radiation pattern Station WKEY

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Letters W I Q O-FMName WKEY, INC.
Covington, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-790423AM PTA: PRESS:	5-17-79 JUN 6 1979	License to cover (BPH-11079) FOR CHANGES Atty: ----	GRANTED	10-19-79.
BRH-810527UI Press: AUG 0 4 1981		Renewal of License Atty: -----	GRANTED	10-22-81

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.

