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FREQUENCY MODULATION

OFFICIAL NO. 1741

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

7-2-69

W K S M (EFF-9-8-6)

Date first licensed October 13, 1965

Call letters X W T A B-FM

Station location TABOR CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

SUNBELT BROADCASTING, INC. (AL: 2-27-80 EFF: 3-3-80)

Name of licensee xTABOR CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location 1 mi. N. on U.S. 701, Tabor City, N.C. (BLH-10-13-65)  
XHwy. #701 NE, Tabor City, N.C. (PH 3-18-65)

Zip Code 28463 1 mi. N. on U.S. 701, Tabor City, N.C. (BLH-10-13-65)  
Main studio location XHwy. #701 NE, Tabor City, N.C. (PH 3-18-65)



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPH-4687 HAAT:160' (Cond'1)	3-18-65	104.9mc Ch.#285	ERP:3kw TPO:800w	Unl.	5-18-65 11-18-65
CP for a new Class A FM broadcast station					
BMPH-8398 HAAT:160' (Cond'1)	8-5-65	104.9mc Ch.#285	ERP:3kw TPO:790w	Unl.	5-18-65 11-18-65
Mod. of CP(BPH-4687) to chg. type ant.(Collins-374, 4 sec) chg. type trans.(Collins-830D-1A), chg. TPO; and operate by RC;					
BLH-2956 HAAT:160'	10-13-65	104.9mc. ch.#285	ERP:3kw. TPO:732'	Unl.	10-13-65 12-1-66
Lic to cover CP(BPH-4687 as mod) which authorized a new FM broadcast station. studio, ant-trans & RC point loc re-described as: 1 mi. N. on U.S. 701, Tabor City, N.C.					
BRH-1741	11-30-66	Renewal of License		12-1	12-1-69
BRH-1741	9-11-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L)			12-1-72
KBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-1741(S)	12-6-72	RENEWAL			12-1-75
BRH-1741(S)	2-12-76	Renewal of license			12-1-78
BTC-8068	11/24/76	Vol TC EFF:			
BPH-10112 HAAT: 400' (h&v) (L)	9-29-77	104.9mhz #285	ERP: 1.5kw(h&v) (RC)	U	9-29-78
CP chg trans;chg ant; mke chg ant sys (incr hght); chg ERP and HAAT					
BPH-781106AI (1)	2-14-79	CP to replace expired permit (BPH-10,112).			8-12-79
<del>BRH780731</del> (S)	3-20-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-81
BRH780731XI					
BAPLH790731EN	2-27-80	VOL. AL & CP		EFF:	3-3-80
BMPH800326AU (2)	6-19-80	MP (BPH-781106AI, as Re-			
instated for ext. of time to: 12-6-80					



FORM BC-121  
Aug. 1955

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters NEW-FM- WTAB-FM

Name TABOR CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Tabor City, North Carolina (P.O. Tabor City, North Carolina)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-4687 Rec'd Filed	11-2-64 11-6-64 11-6-64	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 104.9mc CH 285 ERP: 3kw Type transmitter: Gates FM-1-C TPO: .807.5kw Type antenna : Gates Cycloid FM A 4 (4 sections) HAAT: 160 ft. Transmitter Loc.: U.S. 701, 1 mi. North of Tabor City, North Carolina (SAME AS AM) Studio Loc: Same as transmitter  Engr. Frederick A. Smith, Charleston, South Carolina	GRANTED Cond'l re WTAB(AM) submit 302s	3-18-65



FORM BC-121  
Aug. 1955

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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters **W K S M** (Eff 19-4-69)  
**X WTAB-FM**

Name **TABOR CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY**  
**TABOR CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-8398 Received Filed	7-17-65 7-19-65 7-26-65	Modification of CP (BPH-4687 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change type ant (Collins-37M4, 4 sections), change type trans (Collins-830D-1A), and operate trans by remote control from Highway #701, 1 mile north of Tabor City, N.C.	GRANTED Cont'l re WTAB(AM) submit 302's	8-5-65
BLH-2956 R&F	8-18-65 8-19-65	License to cover CP (BPH-4687 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station.	GRANTED	10-13-65
BRH-1741 R & F	8/31/66 9/1/66	Renewal o f license	GRANTED	11-30-66
BRH-1741 R & F #538864 \$75. P.N. filed PRESS	8-29-69 9-4-69 9-4-69 9-4-69 OCT 15 1969	Renewal of license AMENDED 11-19-69 re: financial & programming data	GRANTED	9-11-70



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters **W K S M**

Name **TABOR CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY**  
**TABOR CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1741 R & F PN Recd. -PRESS	8-30-72 9-5-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	12-6-72
BRH-1741 R & F P. N. Rec'd Press SEP 9 1975	7-30-75 8-8-75 8-8-75	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	2-12-76
BTC (SEE BELOW) Recd SEE AM WTAB	3-11-76 6-1-76	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Isadore Kramer, Ruby McPherson, Individually and as Executrix of the Estate of Troy McPherson. J.M. Soles, Jr., et al (original stockholders) to Joe N. Ross and William D. Benton, et al  SEE AM WTAB FOR AMENDMENTS ETC	GRANTED EFF: FEE REQ:	11/24/76
BTC-8068 R & F SEE AM WTAB FOR FEE PD JUL 9 1976	6-21-76 6-24-76			



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May 1976

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

104.9mhz

Call  
Letters **WKSM-FM**

Name **Tabor City Broadcasting Company**

**Tabor City, North Carolina**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-10,112	5-24-76	CP to chg. trans. type (Collins 830D-1B)	GRANTED Cond'L program test direct measurements. MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL UNDER SECTION 1.1305 of COMM RULES	9-29-77
R&F	6-16-76	ant (Phelps Dodge CFM LP-4,4sects (H&V);		
\$200-581554	6-16-76	ant system: (incr. height); chg. ERP:1.5KW(H&V)		
AC:001		and HAAT: 400' (H&V).		
PRESS:	<b>AUG 7 1976</b>			
PN REC'D	5-19-77	Atty: Ray R. Paul (Prince and Paul)		
AMENDED	8-31-76	Environmental Impact Statement	OVER	
AMENDED	5-10-77	Bank letter and Section IV-A		
AMENDED	5-19-77	Section IV-A and Sect.III(financial)		
<del>AMENDED</del>	<del>3-8-77</del>	<del>Financial (Section III)</del>		
BPH-		CP install new trans(RCA-BTF-5D); new Ant.	RETURNED (Section I not filed)	10-19-76
Rec'd:	10-6-76	(Phelp-Dodge-CFM-LP-2, 2 sects.(h&v); make		
#W622481 \$100	10-7-76	chgs. in ant. system(incr. hght); chgs.		
PRESS:	<b>OCT 21 1976</b>	ERP: 3kw(h&v); HAAT: 173' (h&v).		



BPH-10112 AMENDED 7-19-77 re financial



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

104.9MHz

No. 5

Call  
Letters **WKSM**

Name **Tabor City Broadcasting Company**  
**Tabor City, North Carolina**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH- R & F PRESS	10-25-76 11-1-76	CP install new Trans: RCA, BTF-5D; install new Ant: PHELPS-DODGE, CFM- LP-2, 2 sects H&V; chg TPO; HAAT: 173 feet H&V; add circular polari- zation to ERP {3kw H&V}  Atty--- Engr Robert L. Purcell	Returned by request of Applicant	3-2-77  MAR 4 1977
BRH780731XI R & F PRESS	7-28-78 7-31-78  SEP 1 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-20-79
BPH781106AI PRESS	NOV 17 1978	Construction Permit to Replace Expired Permit <u>BPH-10,112.</u>	GRANTED TO	2-14-79 8-12-79



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters **W K S M**

SUNBELT BROADCASTING, INC.  
Name **x Tabor City Broadcasting Company**  
**Tabor City, N.C.**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
<p>BAPL 790731EN FORM 314 (also see WTAB) PRESS: AUG 1 6 1979 PN FILED</p>	8-17-79	<p>Vol assignment of license and CP (BPH-781106AI) to SUNBELT BROADCASTING, INC. (over)</p> <p>Atty -S.L. Evans, Raleigh, N.C. PETITION TO DENY filed 9-17-79 by atty Smithwick on behalf of WLNC (SEE OVER)</p>	GRANTED EFF:	<p>2-27-80 3-3-80</p>
<p>BMPH 790809AK PRESS (0)</p>	SEP 11 1979	<p>MP (BPH-781106AI) for Extension of Time To: _____ (FOR CHGS.)</p> <p>Atty. Steven L. Evans (Raleigh, N.C.)</p>	GRANTED	9/28/79



BAPLH790731EN Amended 8-14-79 re: bal. sheet & list  
of assets & replacement costs

AMENDED 8-13-79 re: bal. sheet; delete Fred Fox from  
EEOP chge. to Doug Tyler, <sup>per (re WEND, WTAB)</sup> engineering data & loan  
commitment

OPPOSITION TO PET TO DENY - filed 9-27-79 by Atty Hargrove  
on behalf of assignee & assignor

REPLY TO ABOVE OPPOSITION filed 10-9-79 by Atty Smithwick  
on behalf of Laurinburg B/Cing Co., Inc. (LBC)

AMENDED 1-11-80 re: amendment to purchase agreement

AMENDED 1-16-80 re: Bus. and financial int. of Barbara  
Curtis and Donald Curtis & State. from Donald Curtis re:  
as director on local bd. of bank

WITHDRAWAL OF PET TO DENY - filed 1-18-80 by Atty Smithwick  
on behalf of LBC



## APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W K S M.

SUNBELT BROADCASTING, INC.

Name: xTABOR CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Station Location: TABOR CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMPH790928AM PRESS (0)	OCT 29 1979	Mod. of CP (BPH-781106AI, as Mod.) to make chgs. in Ant. Sys.; chg. type Ant. (RCA BFC-4, 4 sects. H&V); incre. ERP: 1.76 (H&V); chg. TPO & add Directional Antenna.	DISMISSED 2-7-80
AMENDED	2-1-80	Atty. Steven L. Evans (Raleigh, North Carolina) enr	
BMPH800326AU PRESS (0)	JUN 23 1980	MP (BPH-781106AI, as Mod.) For Extension of Time to: <u>12-31-80</u> (FOR CHANGES)  Atty. Carlyn G. Poole (Raleigh, N.C.)	GRANTED 6-19-80 TO 12-16-80
BLH-810130AE PTA PRESS	FEB 12 1981	License to cover (BPH-781106AI, as mod.) for changes. Atty: Mark J. Prak	GRANTED 9-30-81 Issued with renewal BRH-810803YW(gr. 11-20-81).



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

