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June 1954

FREQUENCY MODULATION

Official No. 2082

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed October 5, 1967

Call letters W M B N-FM

Station location PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

THE MACDONALD BROADCASTING COMPANY (BAPLH5-21-80, EFF: 5-26-80)

X W M B N RADIO, INC. (ALH gr 3/21/77 EFF: 5/6/77)

Name of licensee X MIDWESTERN BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location US Rte #131, S. of Petoskey, Bear Creek Twp., Mich. (PH 6-30-65)

Main studio location US Rte #131, S. of Petoskey, Bear Creek Twp., Mich. (PH 6-30-65)



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-4824 HAAT: 185' (Cond' 1)	6-30-65	96.7mc Ch. #244	ERP: 3kw TPO: 820w	Unl.	8-30-65 2-28-66
CP for a new Class A FM broadcast station.					
BMPH-8438 HAAT: 210' (h) cont' 1	9-10-65	96.7mc. (v) ch. #244	ERP: 2.20kw (h&v) TPO: 870w.	U	8-30-65 2-28-66
Mod. of CP(BPH-4824) to chg ant-trans loc. (no chg in site description), chg horiz ant(RCA-EFA-6A, 6 secs), install vert ant (Electronics Research-V-300-6, 6 secs), incr TPO; decr horiz. ERP; oper horiz HAAT; & vert. HAAT.					
BPH-4824 (1)	2-5-66	Mod. of CP (BPH-4824, as mod.) for ext. of completion date to 2-28-66.			
BMPH-8840 cond' 1 HAAT: 215' (h) 210' (v)	6-2-66	Mod. of CP(BPH-4824 as mod.) to move FM ant. to AM tower (same site); and decrease TPO. 96.7mc. ERP: 2.20kw (h&v) U CH#244 TPO: 760w			
BMPH-8948 (1)	8-11-66	Mod. of CP(BPH-4824 as mod.) for ext. of completion date to 2-28-67			
BLH-3550 HAAT: 215' - H 210' - V	10-5-67	96.7mc Ch#244	ERP: 2.2kw TPO: 760w	Unl.	10-5 10-1-70
BRH-2082(S)	9-30-70	Lic. to cover CP(BPH-4824 as mod.) Renewal of License			
EBSA	5-22-72				
BPH-8126 HAAT: 320' (H&V)	11-14-72	96.7mc #244	ERP: 1kw (H&V)	Unl.	11-14-73
CP install new trans., ant., chg. TPO, ERP, HAAT.					
BRH-2082(S)	9-27-73	RENEWAL			
BLH-5948(L)	12-18-73	Lic. (BPH-8126) - Changes			
BRH-2082(S)	9-15-76	Renewal of license			
BALH-2448	3/21/77	Vol ALH EFF: 5/6/77			



CARD #2

BC-125  
June 1973

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W M B N-FM

Station location Petoskey, Michigan

Name of licensee SEE CARD #1

Transmitter location SEE CARD #1

Main studio location SEE CARD #1



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH790403AJ HAAT: 450' (L)	6/15/79 (H&V)	96.7mhz	ERP: 1.15kw (H&V) CP to incre. ERP and HAAT. Change TPO.		6/15/80
BRH790601XD	9-28-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	(S)		10-1-82
BAPLH800226FS	5-21-80	VOL AL.		EFF:	5-26-80
BLH-800430AD HAAT: 450' (L)	5-30-80 (H&V)	96.7mhz	ERP:1.15kW., TPO:0.48kW Lic. to cover (BPH-790403AJ) for changes.		10-1-82



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name MIDWESTERN BROADCASTING COMPANY

PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN (c/o LES BIEDERMAN, PAUL BUNYAN BLDG., TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-4824 R.&F.	2-12-65 2-18-65	CP for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 96.7mc CH 244 ERP: 3kw TPO: <del>0.864 kw</del> 0.819kw HAAT: <del>246 ft.</del> 186 ft. Trans: RCA BTF-1D (1kw) Antenna: RCA BFA-4A, 4 section Trans. loc: U S Rt. 131 Bear Creek Township S. of Petoskey, Michigan Studio Loc: Same as transmitter  Attys-Dow, Lohnes & Albertson (Alfred C. Gordon Jr.) Engr- Geo. C. Davis	GRANTED Cond'l re WMBN(AM) submit 302s	6-30-65
AMENDED R&F	4-20-65 4-22-65	AMENDED to change HAAT to 186 ft, and TPO to 0.819kw		



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MIDWESTERN BROADCASTING COMPANY

PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-8438 Received Filed	9-4-65 8-6-65 8-18-65	Modification of CP (BPH-4824 which authorized new FM broadcast station) to change ant-trans location (no change in site description), change horizontal ant (KCA-BFA-6A, 6 sections), install vertical ant (Electronics Research-V-300-6, 6 sections), increase TPO to .87kw, decrease horizontal ERP to 2.19kw and operate on a vertical ERP of 2.22kw, and increase horizontal HAAT to 212' and operate on a vertical HAAT of 207'.  Atty: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED cont'l	9-10-65 re measurement
BMPH-8665 R&F	1-17-66 1-20-66	Modification of CP(BPH-4824, which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 2-28-66 to 8-28-66.  Attys: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED	2-9-66



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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-8840 R & F	5-4-66 5-6-66	Modification of CP(BPH-4824 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to move FM ant. to AM tower (same site); and decrease TPO to 0.76kw.  Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Attys.(A.C.Cordon, Jr.)	GRANTED	6-2-66
BMPH-8948 R & F	7-21-66 7-25-66	Modification of CP(BPH-4824 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 8-28-66 to 3-29-67.  Attys-Dow, Lohnes and Albertson	GRANTED to	8-11-66 2-28-67
BLH-3550 R & F	12/19/66 12/28/66	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-4824 as mod.) which auth. a new FM broadcast station, specify type trans. RCA BTF-1E and antenna RCA BFA-6B. Atty: A. C. Cordon, Jr. Engr: L. M. Bush, Traverse City, Mich.	GRANTED	10-5-67
It	4-16-69	Al Cordon now atty.g.c. - WASHINGTON, D. C.		



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters **WMBN-AM**

Name **MIDWESTERN BROADCASTING COMPANY**  
**Petoskey, Michigan**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-2082 R & F #613902 \$75. P.N.	6-18-70 7-2-70 (\$1,350. submitted) 7-2-70 JUL 29 1970	Renewal of License  Atty: Alfred C. Cordon, Jr.  AMENDED 9-10-70 re: programming: commercial practices: business interest	GRANTED	9-30-70
BPH-8126 R & F #122361 \$50 Code 061 Press NOV 7 1972	10-26-72 10-27-72 10-27-72	CP to install new trans. (RCA BTF-1D); install new ant. (RCA, <del>BFA-6A</del> /Electronic Research-300-6, 6 sects. (h&v); chg. TPO; ERP: 1.00KW (H) 1.02KW (V); HAAT: 321' (H) 316' (V).  Atty: Alfred C. Cordon, Jr.	GRANTED	11-14-72
BRH-2082 Recd. PN Recd. FILED AUG 1 1973	6-18-73 6-29-73 " 7-23-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE A.C. Cordon, Jr. Atty.	GRANTED	9-27-73



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September 1969

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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**Petoskey, Michigan**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-5948 Rec'd W 218528-\$50. LTD PTA Amended & F PTA Ext. PRESS	7-28-73 7-24-73 7-26-73-AC 8-8-73 8-20-73 9-11-73 OCT 12 1973	Lic.(BPH-8126)-Changes. 057-Atty: <u>Cordon</u> and Jacob to exp: 9-8-73 Antenna: RCA, BFA-6A, six-sect., horiz. polarized/Elec. Research-300-6, six-sect., vert. polarized.	GRANTED	12-18-73
BRH-2082 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	5-24-76 5-27-76 " JUN 25 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE A.C.Cordon, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	9-15-76
BALH-2448 R & F Also see WMBN(AM), WTCM, etc FORM 316	3/3/77 3/7/77 MAY 14 1977	Voluntary assignment of license to W M B N RADIO, INC. Atty - <u>Cordon</u> & Jacob	GRANTED EFF:	3/21/77 5/6/77



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May 1976

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W M B N-FM

THE MACDONALD BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name ☒ W M B N-FM RADIO, INC.  
PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH790403AJ PRESS (O)	APR 16 1979	CP to increase ERP: 1.15kw (H) & 1.16 (V); increase HAAT: 1175' (H) & 1170' (V) & chg. TPO.  Atty. Alfred C. Cordon (Cordon & Jacob)	GRANTED	6/15/79
BRH790601XD PRESS JUL 16 1979		Renewal of License Atty.: Alfred C. Cordon	GRANTED	9-28-79
BAPLH800226FS Form 314 (ALSO SEE WMBN) PRESS MAR 12 1980 PN FILED	4-9-80	Vol. AL and CP(BPH790403AJ - to incr. ERP and HAAT) to THE MACDONALD BROADCASTING COM- PANY  REQUEST TAX CERTIFICATE  Atty - for assignor - A.C. Cordon, Jr. for assignee - J. P. Freret	GRANTED  EFF:	5-21-80  5-26-80



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THE MACDONALD BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name: WMBN RADIO, INC.

Station Location: PETOSKY, MICHIGAN

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BLH-800430AD PTA PRESS	JUN 2 1980	License to cover (BPH-790403AJ) for changes. Atty: None.	GRANTED 5-30-80



## 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.

