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FREQUENCY MODULATION

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-4-67

Call letters W P R T-FM

Station location Prestonsburg, Kentucky

AMERICAN SIGNAL CORPORATION (ALH7-11-80, EFF:7-18-80)

Name of licensee XXSTEPHENS INDUSTRIES, INC.

Transmitter location 0.3 mi. E. of Town Branch Ford Rd., 0.5 mi. S. of city, Prestonsburg,  
Kentucky (PH-9-8-66)

1024 S. Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, Ky. (11-8-78)

x 303 Davis Ave., Prestonsburg, Kentucky (RCH-1-11-78)

Main studio location X U. S. Route 23, Prestonsburg, Kentucky (PH-9-8-66)

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPH-5427 HAAT: 390'	9-8-66	105.5mc. ch# 288	ERP: 1.7kw TPO: 890w	Unl. RC	11-8-66 5-8-67
		CP for a new Class A FM broadcast station with RC.			
BPH-5427 (1)	11-3-66	Mod. of CP(BPH-5427) to assign call letters W P R T-FM.			
BLH-3586 HAAT: 390'	8-4-67	105.5mcs CH.#288	ERP:1.7kw TPO: 890w	U	8-4 8-1-70
		Lic. to cover CP(BPH-5427)			
BRH-2042(S) EBSA	3-29-71 5-22-72	Renewal			
					8-1-73
BRH-2042	3-14-75	Renewal of license			
					8-1-76
COMTEL	7-23-75	Auth. to remain silent thru 8-18-75			
BTC-8184	12/6/76	Invol TC EFF:12/6/76			"Cond'1"
BRH-2042(L)	1-19-77	Renewal of License			
					8-1-79
COMTEL	4-13-77	Authority gr. remain silent thru (Due to flooding of studio etc.)			
					7-13-77
BTC-8449	9/30/77	Vol TC EFF:			
BRCH-1348 (1)	1-11-78	ML to chg SL/RC loc.			
Itr.	11-8-78	chg. SL & RC			
BRH790402VI (L)	1-24-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			
					8-1-82
BALH800519FX	7-11-80	VOL ALH			EFF: 7-18-80

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

W P R T-FM

Call Letters WPRT-FM

Name Stephens Industries, Inc.  
Prestonsburg, Kentucky (PO & D.C. Stephens, Maple Ave., Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-5427 R&F	5-6-66 5-10-66	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 105.5mc CH 288 ERP: 1.68kw TPO: .885kw HAAT: 389' Type trans: RCA BTF-1D Type ant: Jampro JA-2B, 2sections Trans loc: .3 mi E. of Town Branch Fork Road, .5 mi S. of Prestonsburg, Kentucky  Studio loc: U.S. Rt. 23, 1.5 mi E. of Prestonsburg, Kentucky  Remote Control loc: same as studio  Atty: Kreiger and Jorgensen	GRANTED	9-8-66

CONTACT: Norman E. Jorgensen

PHONE: Code 202; 337-6313

ADDRESS: Washington, D. C.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W P R T-FM

Name STEPHENS INDUSTRIES, INC.  
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-3586 R & F	1/25/67 1/30/67	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-5427) which auth. a new FM broadcast station. (K.C.) Engr: L. A. King, Bristol, Tenn.	GRANTED	8-4-67
BRH-2042 R & F #598211 \$75. PN PRESS	4-21-70 5-1-70 5-1-70 5-1-70 <b>JUN 11 1970</b>	Renewal of license Atty: Louis Schwartz (Krieger & Jorgensen)	GRANTED	3-29-71
BRH-2042 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAY 31 1973	3-31-73 5-3-73 " " <b>MAY 31 1973</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 6-14-73 re: balance sheet AMENDED 9-21-73 re: ascert. of comm. needs; programming; EEO AMENDED 11-5-73 re: EEO	GRANTED Grant RESCINDED. GRANTED	<del>7-31-73</del> 8-30-73 3-14-75
BRH-2042 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	2-27-76 4-1-76 <b>JUN 10 1976</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 8-4-76 re: comm. leaders, prog., balance sheet & Public notice	Granted	1-19-77

(BRH-2042) AMENDED 1-4-77 re: transfer of control

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105.5mhz

Call  
Letters ..... W P R T - F M .....

Name STEPHENS INDUSTRIES, INC.  
PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-8184 R & F See WPRT(AM) for fee pd Code 047 (FORM 316)	11/12/76 11/16/76	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from David C. Stephens to Elisabeth Stephens Beerbower, Curator of the Estate of David C. Stephens  Atty - Norman Jorgensen	GRANTED EFF: 12/6/76(per 323) NO FEE:	12/6/76 "Cond'1"
BTC-8449 R & F FORM 316 Also see WPRT(AM) SEP 26 1977	8/29/77 9/2/77	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Elisabeth Stephens Beerbower, Curator of the Estate of David C. Stephens to David C. Stephens  Atty - Jorgensen, Johnson & Northrop	GRANTED EFF:	9/30/77
BROB-1348 R & F PRESS: JAN 5 1978	11-30-77 12-2-77	Modification of License to change Studio and Remote control location to: 303 Davis Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky  Atty: -----	GRANTED	1-11-78



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AMERICAN SIGNAL CORPORATION

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Name STEPHENS INDUSTRIES, INC.  
Prestonsburg, KY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH790402VI PRESS MAY 1 1979		Renewal of License	GRANTED	1-24-80
BALH800519FX Rec'd 3-28-80 (Part II) FORM 314 PRESS Also see WPRT(am) 1380 PN FILED 6-9-80 PN FILED 6-17-80	JUL 9 1980	Vol AL to American Signal Corporation  Atty for assignor Norman E. Jorgensen Atty for assignee Lauren A. Colby	GRANTED  EFF:	7-11-80  7-18-80

BALH/FX Amended 5-30-80 Certification of By-Laws

AMENDED 6-23-80 re: balance sheet and stock subscription agreement.

AMENDED 6-26-80 re: programming, bank commitment letters.

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**APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING**  
105.5MHz.

Call Letters: **W P R T-FM**Name: **AMERICAN SIGNAL CORPORATION**Station Location: **PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY**

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BPH801212AJ PRESS (0)	JAN 16 1981	CP to make chgs. in Ant. Sys.; chg. type Trans.; chg. type Ant. (PHELPS-DODGE CFMLP-2, 2 sects. H&V) & chg. TPO.	<u>DISMISSED</u> <u>8-12-81</u> <u>UNNECESSARY</u>
BMLH-810616AO PTA PRESS	JUL 21 1981	Modification of License to install new Transmission System. Atty:—	GRANTED 8-27-82

## 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.

