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Form BC 126
June 1954 #2008

FREQUENCY MODULATION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed **4-8-67**

W O E N (Eff. 9-11-74)
W L J M (Wire 6-14-66; Eff 6-17-66)

Call letters **XW J B Y-FM**

Station location **GADSDEN, ALABAMA**

ETOWAH BROADCASTERS, INC. (ALH & SCA EFF: 9-10-74) GRANTED: 7-31-74
x BOMAN BROADCASTING, INC. (VOL. AL & SCA 6-24-70)

Name of licensee **CHARLES FRANK BOMAN, TR/AS GADSDEN BROADCASTING COMPANY**

Chandler Mtn., 1.3 mi. NW of Steele, Ala. (PH 6-30-75)
x 3010 Park Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama (LH-4-6-67)
Transmitter location **x 4.2 miles North of Gadsden Postoffice, Gadsden, Alabama (BPH-2-21-66)**

752 Chestnut Street, Gadsden, Alabama (SH-12-7-76)
ZIP 35902 x 1716 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, Alabama (PH 6-30-75) L 5-27-76
Main studio location **x 306 1/2 Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama (BPH-2-21-66)**

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPH-4832 HAAT: 530'	2-21-66	103.7mc ch# 279	ERP 30kw TPO 5 kw	Unl	4-21-66 10-21-66
	CP for a new Class C FM broadcast station, with RC.				
BPH-4832 (1)	3-10-66	Mod. of CP(BPH-4832) to assign call letters W J B Y-FM.			
BLH-3419 HAAT: 530'	4-6-67	103.7mc CH.#279	ERP:30kw TPO:5kw	U	4-6 4-1-70
	Lic to cover CP(BPH-4832) which auth a new FM broadcast station.				
BSCA-808	6-27-67	Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a multiplex basis of 67 kilocycles.			
BSH-2008 (1)	12-20-68	ML to redesc. ant. sys.			
BRM-2008(L)	4-1-70	RENEWAL			4-1-73
BRSCA-808		RENEWAL			
BALH-1324 BASCA-392	6-24-70	VOL. AL. & SCA			
NDEA	4-12-71	NATIONAL DEFENSE EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION			
EBSA	5-25-72				
BRM-2008(S)	7-31-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-76
BRSCA-392	7-31-74	" " SCA			
BALH-1945 BASCA-615	7-31-74	VOL. AL EFF: 9-10-74			
	"	" SCA "			
COMTEL	9-11-74	CALL LETTERS CHANGED TO: W Q E N			
Letter	5-27-75	Trans. GATES FM-5H3 now installed			
BPH-9304(L)	6-30-75	103.7MHz.	ERP: 100kw(H&V)	U	6-30-76
HAAT: 1110ft(H&V)		CP chg TL,SL, trans, ant, TPO, ERP & HAAT			
BMPH-14,670(1)	11-20-75	MP(BPH-9304) chg trans, ant, TPO, & HAAT: 1080'(H&V); transmitting equip.			
BMPH-14,749 (2)	3-17-76	MP(BPH-9304, as mod) relocate tower add more transmission line ERP: 97kw(H&V)			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-6-67

Call letters WQEN

Station location GADSDEN, ALABAMA

Name of licensee SEE CARD ONE

Transmitter location SEE CARD ONE

Main studio location SEECARD ONE

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BRH-2008(S)	3-9-76		RENEWAL		4-1-79
BLH-7027(L)	5-27-76	Lic. (BPH-9304)-Changes			
BLH-7027(L)	5-27-76	Lic. (BPH-9304)-Changes Superseding authorization to correct antenna supporting structure			
BPH-10232 {L}	10-18-76	103.7MHz	ERP: 30kw		10-18-77
	HAAT: 530 feet	CP install new Aux Trans For Aux. Purposes Only			
BMSCA-439	10-18-76	Mod. of SCA chg programming			
BSH-7027(1)	12-7-76	ML to change SL and RC			
BPH-10232(1)	12-7-76	MP to change SL and RC			
BSH-7027(1)	12-7-76	ML to change SL Superseding authorization to correct the incorrect change of remote control point			
BPH-10232(1)	12-7-76	MP to change SL Superseding authorization to correct the incorrect change of remote control point			
BLH-7421	9-27-77	Lic (BPH-10232) chgs			4-1-79
HAAT: 530'	ERP: 30 kw	TPO: 5kw (Aux. Trans & Ant) RC			
BTC-8569	1-31-78	Vol TC	EFF:		
BPH-11072 (L)	7-24-78 (H&V)	103.7mhz. #279	ERP: 27.5kw (H&V) (RC)		7-24-79
		CP to chg. Aux. TL to Main TL; install new Ant; mke chg ant sys (incr hght) chg. ERP & HAAT. FOR AUX PURPOSES ONLY			
BRH781201WL (L)	3-27-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE SUPERSUDED AUTH. TO CORRECT RC			4-1-82

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters **WLJH**
WJBY-FM

Name **CHARLES FRANK BONAN tr/as GADSDEN BROADCASTING COMPANY**
GADSDEN, ALABAMA (PO 3064 BROAD ST., GADSDEN, ALABAMA)

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-4832 R.&F.	2-8-65 2-23-65	CP for anew FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 103.7mc CH 279 ERP: 52kw 29.6kw TPO: 5kw HAAT: 498 480-ft. 526' Transmitter: COLLINS-830E-1A-(5kw) GATES FM-5G Antenna: Collins 37M-12-12-sections Trans. Loc: 2.5 mi. NE of Post Office, Gadsden, Ala. Studio Loc: 3064 Broad St., Gadsden, Alabama Remote Control Point: Same as studio	GRANTED	2-21-66
AMENDED R&F	4-20-65 4-22-65	AMENDED to change HAAT to 480-ft.-		
AMENDED R&F	10-27-65 11-1-65	AMENDED to decrease ERP to 29.6kw, chng. HAAT to 526', chng. ant.-trans. loc. to 4.2 mi. N. of Gadsden Post Office, Gadsden, Ala. and change type antenna to COLLINS-37M-6-46-sections		
AMENDED R&F	12-8-65 12-10-65	AMENDED to change type trans. to GATES FM-5G and type antenna to GATES GATES FMA-6A (6 sec.)		

FORM BC-121 #2
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FM

Call
Letters WLJM

BOMAN BROADCASTING, INC.

Name ~~X~~ CHARLES FRANK BOMAN, Jr./as GADSDEN BROADCASTING COMPANY.....
Gadsden, Alabama 35902

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-3419 R & F	9/23/66 9/27/66	App. to cover CP (BPH-4832) which auth. a new FM broadcast station.	GRANTED	4-6-67
BSCA-808 R & F	6-12-67 6-13-67	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kilocycles.	GRANTED	6-27-67
BRH-2008 R & F #567569 \$75. P.N.	12-31-69 1-2-70 1-2-70 1-2-70 FEE	Renewal of License	GRANTED	4-1-70
BRSCA-808 R & F #567568 \$30.	12-31-69 1-2-70 1-2-70	Renewal of SCA	GRANTED	4-1-70
BALH-1324 BASCA-392 R & F FEE PD: \$30 (Form 316) also see MAR 24 1970	2-26-70 3-2-70 #581569	Voluntary assignment of license and SCA to BOMAN BROADCASTING, INC.	GRANTED	6-24-70

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

103.7mhz FM

W Q E N

Call

x W L J H

Letters

ETOWAH BROADCASTERS, INC.

Name xBOMAN BROADCASTING, INC.

GADSDEN, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-2008 BRSCA-392 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	12-20-72 12-15-72 12-26-72 FEB 8 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA AMENDED 4-9-73 re: ascertainment of community needs	GRANTED	7-31-74
BALH-1945 BASCA-615 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 #264366 CODE 049 Pub. notice filed	12-21-73 12-28-73 JAN 15 1974 1-15-74	Voluntary assignment of license and SCA to ETOWAH BROADCASTERS, INC. (SEE OVER) Atty - Richard Hildreth	GRANTED GRANT FEE: \$ 8,800.00 EFF: pd 050 9-20-74 346017 pd \$9,000 \$200 refunded	7-31-74 9-10-74
BPH-9304 R & F #383767 \$200 Code 013 Press PN REC'd	1-13-75 1-17-75 1-20-75 FEB 5 1975 2-19-75	CP to chg. TL to: Chandler Mountain, near Steele, Alabama; chg. SL to: Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, Alabama; operate by RC from the proposed studio site; install new trans. (Gates FM-40H3); install new ant. (Gates FMS- 6, 6 sects. (H&V); make chg. ant. system (incr. hght.); chg. TPO; ERP: 100KW (H&V) and HAAT: 1114' (H&V). 33° 57' 11" - 86° 13' 00" Atty: Richard Hildreth	GRANTED gr fee req. \$2,700.00 Pd 002 W 465277	6-30-75 8-20-75

RE: BALH-1945 - assignee is licensee of Station WAAX(AM)

NOTED: Table II fails to show above

AMENDED 1-18-74 - schedule re equipment(orig cost, depre^{etc}

AMENDED 1-31-74 (assignee) - Table I filed

AMENDED 4-16-74 - revised Sec.IV-A & prog.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

103.7mhz.

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Letters WQEN

Name ETOWAH BROADCASTERS, INC.
Gadsden, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-14,670 R & F #490342\$100 Code 001 PRESS	10-17-75 10-22-75 10-23-75 NOV 17 1975	MP(BPH-9304) to chg. trans. (GATES FM-20H3); chg. ant. (GATES FMS-12, 12 sects.(H&V); make chgs. in transmitting equipment; chg. TPO; chg. HAAT: 1082 ft.(H&V) Atty: Richard Hildreth (Fletcher, Heald, etc.) Engr: Ralph E. Dippel, Jr.	GRANTED	11-20-75
BMSCA-439 R & F #516978\$100 Code 001 PRESS	12-15-75 1-7-76 1-13-76 JAN 26 1976	Mod. of SCA to make changes in programming. Atty: Richard Hildreth (Fletcher, Heald, etc.)	GRANTED	18-18-76
BRH-2008 R & F PN PRESS BRSCA-392 R & F	11-20-75 12-1-75 12-1-75 JAN 30 1976 2-19-76 2-24-76	Renewal of License Atty.: Vincent J. Curtis, Jr. Renewal of SCA	GRANTED	3-9-76

SCA not filed

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

103.7mhz.

Call
Letters WQEN

Name **ETOWAH BROADCASTERS, INC.**
Gadsden, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-14,749 R & F #533579\$100 Code 001 PRESS	2-19-76 2-24-76 2-25-76	MP(BPH-9304, as modified) to relocate tower 150 feet Northwest of Present Site and add 150 feet of transmission line. Atty: Fletcher, Heald, etc.	GRANTED	3-17-76
BLH-7027 R & F W552333-\$100 PTA PRESS	4-5-76 4-6-76 4-6-76-001 4-7-76 APR 22 1976	Lic.(BPH-9304, as mod.)-Changes. Atty: Fletcher, Heald, etc.(H.C.Martin) Amended 5-20-76 - Op. constants	GRANTED	5-27-76
BMPH-14,749 AMENDED	(Con't. From Above) 8-9-76	Engineering Data		

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4-30-76

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

103.7MHz

Call
Letters WQENName Etowah Broadcasters, Inc.
Gadsden, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-10232 R & F 586746-500 CODE 001 PRESS	7-19-76 8-16-76 7-1-76 OCT 1 1976	CP install new Aux. Trans {GATES FM-5H3} and Aux. Ant {COLLINS 37M-6, 6 sects} at 3010 Park Ave., Gadsden, Ala {Aux. Trans & Ant loc}; to be operated on 103.7MHz ch. 279; TPO{5kw}; ERP{30kw} & HAAT{530'} For Auxiliary Purposes Only 34° 04' 25" - 86° 01' 22" Atty. Harvey C. Martin Engr. Ralph E. Dippell	GRANTED	10-18-76
BLH-7421 R & F PTA PRESS	10-19-76 11-9-76 11-17-76 JUL 18 1977	Lic. to cover (BPH-10232) to install new aux. trans. (GATES FM-5H3) and Aux. ant. (Collins 37M-6, 6 sects.) at 3010 Park Ave., Gadsden, Ala. (Aux. trans. & Ant. loc.) to be operated on 103.7mhz., ch. 279; TPO: 5kw, ERP: 30kw & HAAT: 530 ft. for aux. purposes only Atty: R. Hildreth & P. Fletcher (P. 81)	GRANTED	9-27-77

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WQENName ETOWAH BROADCASTERS, INC.
GADSDEN, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-8569 R & F FORM 316 Also see WAAX(AM)	12/30/77 1/13/78	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Charles Smithgall to Southmedia Company Atty - Fletcher, Helad, Kenahan & Hildreth	GRANTED EFF:	1-31-78
BPH-11,072 R & F PRESS: MAY 11 1978	4-13-78 4-18-78	CP to chg. Aux. Trans. to Main Trans. Site: : Chandler Mtn., 1.3 mi. N.W. of Steele, Alabama; install new Ant..(HARRIS, FMS-12, 12 sects H&V); mke. chg. ant. sys. (incr. hght.); chg. ERP: 27.435kw (H&V) & HAAT: 1082' (H&V) FOR AUXILIARY PURPOSES ONLY 33° 57' 11" 86° 13' 00" Atty: ---- Engr: ----	ACCEPTED & GRANTED	7-24-78

Amendment to charter of the parent corporation, Southmedia
Company, filed 8-6-80.

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103.7Mhz

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters **WQEN**Name **ETOWAH BROADCASTERS, INC.**
GADSDEN, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH781201WL PRESS: JAN 3 1979	1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Main & Aux. Trans. & Aux. Antenna) Atty: Richard Hildreth	GRANTED	3-27-79

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.

