

W T A Z

FREQUENCY MODULATION

BC-126
June 1975

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Official Number 3255

Date first licensed April 6, 1977

Call letters WTAZ

Station location Morton, Illinois

Name of licensee MORTON-WASHINGTON BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location 2.75 mi NE on Washington Rd., Morton, Ill. (PH 7-28-76)

Main studio location 2.75 mi NE on Washington Rd., Morton, Ill. (PH 7-28-76)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-9650 HAAT: 300 {L}	7-28-76 {H&V}	102.3MHz ch. 272	ERP: 3kw Class A	{H&V}	U 7-28-77
BPH-9650{1} EBSA	9-13-76 9-13-76	Call letters	assigned		
BLH-7291(L)	4-6-77	Lic. (BPH-9650)	for new sta.		XXXX 12-1-79
BTC-8750	7-28-78	VOL. ACQ. OF NEGATIVE CONTROL EFF:			8-15-78
BTCH790723GZ	8-20-79	INVOL. IC	EFF: 8-2-79	Court Ord.	
BRH790801XC(S)	11-30-79	Renewal	of License		12-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call W T A Z
Letters X NEW-FM

Name Morton-Washington Broadcasting Company
Morton, Illinois (PO P. O. Box 3498, Peoria, Illinois 61614)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-9650	10-3-75	CP for New FM on: 102.3mhz #272	GRANTED	7-28-76
R & F	10-6-75	ERP: 3.0KW(H&V) HAAT: 300' (H&V)	gr fee req	\$1,1350.00
#484223 \$200	10-7-75	Trans: Harris FM-2.5H3; Ant: Harris FMC-3A,	Pd 002	9-13-76
Press	11-5-75	3 sects. (H&V)	W 611632	
P. N. Rec'd	OCT 31 1975	TL-SL: 2.75 mi. N.E. of Washington Road, Morton, Illinois		
		40° 38' 27" - 89° 24' 33"		
AMENDED	10-30-75	Atty: Peter Tannewald		
Press	NOV 18 1975	Engr: Donald L. Markley (Peoria, Illinois)		
AMENDED	4-22-76	Section IV-A and Request Waiver of Section 73.210(a)(2) of Comm. Rules		
AMENDED	5-25-76	Section II, Section III, Section IV-A (Community Survey and Programming)		
AMENDED	6-2-76	Financial Data.		
		Financial Data.		

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Morton, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-7291 R & F PTA PRESS	11-13-76 11-18-76 11-23-76 MAR 14 1977	Lic. (BPH-9650) for new sta. Atty: Peter Tannenwald (Arent, Fox, et al)	GRANTED	4-6-77
BTC-8750 R & F Form 316	6-16-78 6-29-78	Voluntary acquisition of negative control of lic corp by Each, LeRoy S. Demanes and Helen M. Demanes thru purchase of stock by the lic corp from Bud Carter Atty - Peter Tannenwald(Arent, Fox, etc)	GRANTED EFF:	7-28-78 8-15-78
BTCK-790723GZ FORM 316 PRESS: AUG 8 1979		Involuntary TC from LeRoy S. Demanes and Helen M. Demanes (50% each) to Helen M. Demanes, Individually and as Executrix of the Estate of LeRoy S. Demanes, Deceased Atty - P. Tannenwald (Arent, Fox etc)	GRANTED EFF:	8-20-79 8-2-79 (Court Order)

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W T A Z

Name: MORTON-WASHINGTON BROADCASTING COMPANY

Station Location: MORTON, ILLINOIS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRH 790801 XC PRESS	OCT 1 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Cynthia L. Hathaway, Atty.	GRANTED 11-30-79

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.

