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B.S. Official No. 328 BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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WZZZ (EFF. 1-1-74)

Date first licensed 5-12-49 SEE CARD #2 FOR NAME Call letters WZZZ
 *JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY (GEORGE JOHNSTON, JR., INDIVIDUALLY AND AS
 EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE JOHNSTON, JR., DECEASED) (AL 9-13-62, EFF. 7-16-62)
 *JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY (GEORGE JOHNSTON, JR. AND ROSE HOOD JOHNSTON, PARTNERS) (BALH 5-13-58)
 *JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY (GEORGE JOHNSTON, JR. AND GEORGE JOHNSTON, JR.,
 EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE JOHNSTON, DECEASED, PARTNERS) (BALH 2-10-58)
 Name of licensee *GEORGE JOHNSTON AND GEORGE JOHNSTON, JR., d/b as
 JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY

700 ft. NNW from Intersection of Valley Ave. & Valley View Dr., on Red Mtn., Birmingham, Alabama (PH-5-26-81)
 Transmitter location *Red Mountain approx. 1 mi. South of Vulcan Park
 Birmingham, Alabama

*1449 Spaulding-Ishkooda Rd., Birmingham, Alabama (MLH-1-26-73)
 *109 North 19th Street, Birmingham, Alabama (BMPH-11-7-69)
 *101 N. 19th Street, Birmingham Alabama (BPH-10-13-69)

Zip-35203 *109 N. 19th St., Birmingham, Ala. (SH 10-21-65)
 *Same as transmitter location

Main studio location *To be determined
 Birmingham, Alabama

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Mos. Freq.	E.R.P. Power	Time Div.	Period From To
B3-PH-518	10-19-45	93.5 No. 228	40 kw.	-	
Letter	5-31-46	Subject to Comm. approval of transmitter and antenna details.			
B3-PH-518	6-24-46	93.5	40 kw	U	By 8-24-46 to 2-24-47
C.P. for FM broadcast station					
BMPH-204	2-20-47	93.5 No. 228	40 kw	U	By 2-24-47 to 8-24-47
Mod. C. P. issued changing commencement and completion date					
		104.7 Ch. 284			
Freq. assigned accordance Docket 6768					
BMPH-575	7-25-47	104.7	40 kw	U	By 2-24-47 To 11-24-47
Mod. for ext. of completion date.					
BMPH-996	11-7-47	Ext. of completion date to 5-24-48			
Telegram	5-17-48	Relet 5 and Retel 14. Auth. granted period ending June 24, 1948 operate 104.7 Mos. using RCA BTF-3B trans. 3 kw. max. output power and single section pylon antenna mounted 50 ft. above ground 1 mile south of Vulcan Park, Birmingham, Alabama for purpose FM program service. Operation under this auth. may commence without equipment or program notices. Notify Comm. when program service has commenced.			
BMPH-1878	5-24-48	Ext. of completion date to 8-24-48			
Telegram	7-15-48	Retel 13. Auth. extended interim operation period ending July 15, 1948.			
BMPH-2365	8-4-48	Ext. of completion date to 12-24-49			
Telegram	1-4-49	Retel 30. Auth. mod. period ending Feb. 24, 1949 op. 104.7 mcs using RCA BTF-3B Trans. w/3 kw. max. output power & Collins 37-M-8 ant. mounted w/overall height above ground 300 ft. at site spec in BMPH-2365 re FM prog. serv			
BMPH-2505	1-14-49	104.7 Ch. 284	23 kw Terr:	U 590 ft.	By 2-24-47 To 2-24-49

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Card #2

Date first licensed

Call letters **WJLH****PARK CITY COMMUNICATIONS OF ALABAMA, INC. (AL 8-13-80 EFF: 9-12-80)****X JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL-8-17-65; EFF: 9-1-65)****X JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY (ROSE HOOD JOHNSTON, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE JOHNSTON, JR., DECEASED) (AL-5-13-62 PARTNERS)****X JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY (GEORGE JOHNSTON, JR. AND ROSE HOOD JOHNSTON, /**Name of licensee **X GEORGE JOHNSTON AND GEORGE JOHNSTON, JR., D/B AS JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY**

Transmitter location

Main studio location **530 Beacon Pkwy. E, Birmingham, Alabama (PH-5-26-81)**

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Mcs. Freq.	ER Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BALH-417 License to cover G. P.	5-13-49	104.7	23 kw. Terra 590 ft.	U	to 12-1-50
BRH-328	11-22-50	Renewal of license	12-1-50 to 12-1-52		
LETTER* COMM. ACTION- 1-16-52- EXEMPTION OF WJLM-FM from prog. origination requirements of Sec. 3.205 of rules for period ending 1-1-53-ER: Majority of programs or 2/3 of its non-network programs, from its Birmingham studios.					
BRE-328	11-13-52	Renewal of license to			4-1-55
BRH-328	3-9-55	Renewal of license to			4-1-58
BALH-318 EFF: 3-5-58	2-10-58	Invol. assign lic to Johnston Broadcasting Company (George Johnston, Jr. and George Johnston Jr. Executor of the Estate of George Johnston, Deceased, Partners)			
Telegram	3-28-58	Action on renewal deferred 3-27-58 Continued operation authorized pending final determination on application			
BRH-328	4-16-58	104.7	23 kw. U	4-16	4-1-61
BALH-328 EFF: 6-4-58	5-13-58	Vol. assignment of license to Johnston Broadcasting Company (George Johnston, Jr. and Rose Hood Johnston, Partners).			
Letter	4-15-59	Authority to operate reduced power for period ending			6-3-59.
BRH-328	3-15-61	104.7	23kw. U	4-1	4-1-64
BALH-535 EFF: 7-16-62	6-13-62	Voluntary assignment of license to Johnston Broadcasting Company (Rose Hood Johnston, Individually and as Executrix of the Estate of George Johnston, Jr., Deceased)			
BRH-328	3-13-64	104.7mcs. 23kw	U	4-1	4-1-67
BALH-813 EFF: 9-1-65	8-17-65	Voluntary assignment of license to JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY			
BSH-328 HAAT: 590'	10-21-65	104.7mcs Ch.#284	ERP: 23kw TPO: 3kw	Unl.	10-21-65 4-1-67
		Mod. of lic. to chg. studio loc.			
BRH-328	3-29-67	Renewal of license.		4-1	4-1-70

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June 1954

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Date first licensed

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Station location

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Name of licensee

SEE CARD #2

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Transmitter location

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Main studio location

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div	Period From - To
BPH-6783 HAAT: 640' (H&V)	9-17-69	104.7mc Ch#284	TPO: 20kw ERP: 100kw (H&V)		11-17- 5-17-70
		CP chg. studio loc. new trans, new ant, TPO, ERP. BPH-6783 (1) 11-6-80 BPH-6783 chg. trans, ant & studio loc. TPO: 18kw			
BSCA-946	2-18-70	Request for SCA on 67 kes.			
BRH-328(S) BRSCA-946	4-1-70	Renewal Renewal of SCA			4-1-73
BLH-4691(L)	5-6-70	Lic. (BPH-6783) changes			4-1-73
EBSA	5-22-72				
BMLH-437 (1)	1-26-73	Mod. of lic. chg. SL & RC Loc.			
BRH-328 ERSCA-970	6-3-75	Renewal			4-1-76
BRH-328 BRSCA-970(1)	3-9-76	Renewal of Main & SCA			4-1-79
BPH-328(1)	10-6-76	ML correct antenna support structure			
BRH781201UF(L) BRSCA781201UF	4-11-79	Renewal of License & SCA			4-1-82
BTCH800403GD	6-23-80	VOL TC		EFF:	8-8-80
BALH800729FW	8-13-80	Vol AL		EFF:	9-12-80
LETTER	10-8-80	RC Now Located at: 530 Beacon Parkway West, Birmingham, Alabama.			
BPH-810119AU HAAT 1100' (H&V) (L)	5-26-81	104.7mhz, ERP: 100kW (H&V) U CP to make chgs. in Ant. Sys.; chg. TL & SL; chg. type Trans.; chg. type Ant. incre HAAT & chg. TPO.			5-26-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

HIGH FREQUENCY (FM)

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Name GEORGE JOHNSTON AND GEORGE JOHNSTON, JR., d/b as JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY
P.O. BOX 5767, Birmingham, Ala. P.O. 334 N. Fourth Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
1800 Third Ave., Bessemer, Ala.

X P. O. Box 147 (WJLB)
 Application for Bessemer, Ala.

File No.	Dated	Nature	Action	Date
B3-PH-518	7-13-45	Construction permit for new high frequency FM	Granted	10-13-45 for
Recd.	7-16-45	broadcast station	Met. FM station	
Filed	7-16-45	Frequency: 44.3 megacycles	Conditionally - Type 1	
		Coverage: 18,500 Sq.Mi. Population: 1,190,800	Letter dated 11-7-45	
		Transmitter: Red Mountain approx. 1 mi. South	Basic Engr. Approved	
		of Vulcan Park, Birmingham, Ala.	3-13-46	
		Studio: To be determined in Birmingham, Ala.	Prog. Analysis App'd	5-20-46
		(RCA FM 10-A Max. 10kw)	C.P. issued	6-24-46
		Filed by Franklin K. Lane, Att'y.		
		Amendment re Comm. letter of 2-7-45 recd. - 6-17-46		
		10-3-45. (Metropolitan)		
		Program analysis rec'd. 5-27-46		
		Engineering data rec'd. 6-17-46 changing type		
		of transmitter and antenna system.		

Ronald H. Culver, Engineer.

Pet. filed 1-17-51 requesting exemption from program
origination requirements of rules (Do. 8747) Hallyck.
Agenda 1-22-51.

Ltr. 7-34-51 - Pehle, Lesser, Mann, Riemer & Luxford
(by Ansel F. Luxford) to represent
WJLD and WJLN(F70)

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-204 Rec'd Filed	2-3-47 2-4-47 2-4-47	Mod. of C. P. (B3-PH-518 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change commencement and completion dates from 8-24-46 and 2-24-47 to 4-1-47 and 9-30-47 respectively.	GRANTED	2-20-47
BMPH-575 Rec'd Filed	7-10-47 7-18-47 7-18-47	Mod. of C. P. (B3-PH-518 which authorized a new FM broadcast station, as modified) for extension of commencement and completion dates from 2-24-47 and 8-24-47 to 9-1-47 and 3-1-48 respectively.	GRANTED in part	7-25-47 to 11-24-47
BMPH-996 Rec'd Filed	10-23-47 10-24-47 10-24-47	Mod. of C. P. (B3-PH-518 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 11-24-47 to 5-24-48.	GRANTED	11-7-47
BMPH-1878 Rec'd. Filed	4-22-48 4-23-48 4-23-48	Mod. of C. P. (B3-PH-518 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 5-24-48 to 11-24-48	GRANTED	5-24-48 to 8-24-48

See card #5

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CARD # 3

Call **WJLH**
Letters **WJLH-FM**Name **GEORGE JOHNSTON & GEORGE JOHNSTON, JR., d/b/a JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMFH-2365 Rec'd. Filed	7-21-48 7-23-48 7-23-48	Mod. of C. P. (B3-PH-518 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 8-24-48 to 2-24-49.	GRANTED	8-4-48
BMFH-2505 Rec'd. Filed	8-13-48 8-16-48 8-16-48	Mod. of C. P. (B3-PH-518 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station to change ERP from 40 kw. to 53.4 kw., antenna height above average terrain from 750 ft. to 661 ft., and make changes in antenna system, specify studio location as Red Mountain, Birmingham, Alabama.	GRANTED	1-14-49
Amended Rec'd Filed	11-16-48 11-18-48 11-18-48	Amendment received 11-16-48 changing ERP from 53 kw. to 22.6 kw., antenna height above average terrain from 660 ft. to 595 ft. type of transmitter to RCA BTF-3B Max. 3 kw., specify studio location as Red Mt. Birmingham, Ala. and make changes in antenna system.		

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Letters

WJLH

Name GEORGE JOHNSTON & GEORGE JOHNSTON, JR., D/B AS JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-417 Rec'd, Filed	2-8-49 2-10-49 2-10-49	License to cover C. P. (BPH-518 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station.	GRANTED	5-12-49
BRH-328 Recd & Filed	9-21-50 9-25-50	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	11-22-50
BRH-328 Recd. & Filed	8-10-52 8-25-52	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	11-13-52
BRH-328 Recd. & Filed	12-15-54 12-17-54	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	3-9-55
BRH-328 Rec'd & Filed	12-12-57 12-16-57	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	4-16-58
Amended Rec'd Filed	3-14-58 3-17-58 3-17-58	Amended to change name to : JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY (GEORGE JOHNSTON, JR. AND GEORGE JOHNSTON, JR. EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE JOHNSTON, DECEASED, PARTNERS)		

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JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY (GEORGE JOHNSTON AND ROSE HOOD JOHNSTON, PARTNERS)

JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY

Letters W J L N

Name ~~JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY~~ GEORGE JOHNSTON, JR., /d/b-as-JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY
and George Johnston, Jr., Executor of the Estate of George Johnston, Deceased, Partners

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BALH-318 Rec'd Filed	1-30-58 1-31-58 1-31-58	Involuntary assignment of license to Johnston Broadcasting Company (George Johnston, Jr. and George Johnston, Jr. Executor of the Estate of George Johnston, Deceased, Partners).	GRANTED EFF:	2-10-58 3-3-58
BALH-325 Rec'd Filed	3-17-58 4-22-58 4-22-58	Voluntary assignment of license and assignment to Johnston Broadcasting Company to Johnston Broadcasting Company (George Johnston, Jr. and Rose Hood Johnston, Partners).	GRANTED EFF:	5-13-58 6-4-58
Ansel F. Luxford, Atty.				
BRH-328 Rec'd & Filed	12-15-60 12-19-60	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-15-61
BALH-535 Rec'd Filed	5-18-62 5-22-62 5-22-62	Involuntary assignment of license to Johnston Broadcasting Company (Rose Hood Johnston, Individually and as Executrix of the Estate of George Johnston, Jr., Deceased).	GRANTED EFF:	6-13-62 7-16-62
Ansel F. Luxford, Atty.				

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JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY

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* JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY (Rose Hood Johnston, Individually
and as Executrix of the Estate of George Johnston, Jr., Deceased)
Name
Birmingham, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-328 R. & F.	12-20-63 12-27-63	Renewal of license. 4-1-64 Atty-Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering	GRANTED	3-13-64
PETITION re EXEMPTION FROM REQUIREMENTS 73.242 filed 4-15-65 by Jollenberg for licensee				
BAH-813 R & F (Form 316)	7-30-65 8-2-65	Voluntary assignment of license to JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY Atty. - Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering	GRANTED Eff:	8-17-65 9-1-65
BRH-328 R & F	12-29-66 1-3-67	Renewal of license. Atty: Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering	GRANTED	3-29-67

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name Johnston Broadcasting Company
Birmingham, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-6783 Rec'd #519228 \$30 Filed #528365 \$45 PN filed	5-31-69 6-3-69 6-3-69 7-10-69 7-10-69 9-12-69	CP chg. studio loc. to 101N. 19th St., Birmingham, Alabama; install new trans (Gates-FM-20H) new dual pol. ant (Gates-BFC-10, 10 sects); make chgs. in ant. system (incr. hght); chg. TPO to 19.9kw; ERP: 100kw; operate with vert. ERP: 100kw; & chg. HAAT: 641 ft. AND OPERATE BY REMOTE CONTROL FROM NEW STUDIO LOCATION. Atty - David R. Anderson (Wilmer, Cutler etc.) Engr - Palmer A. Greer	GRANTED	9-17-69
BSCA-946 R & F #519227 \$30 JUL 28 1969	5-5-69 6-3-69 6-3-69	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kcs. Atty-David R. Anderson (Wilmer, Cutler etc.)	GRANTED	2-18-70

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters **WJLN**

Name **JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY**
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-10,842 R & F #553212 \$30 PRESS:"	10-29-69 10-30-69 10-30-69	MP(BPH-6783) chg. trans(Collins-831G-1); ant (Collins-37CP-11, 11 sects); chg. type transmission line and TPO 18kws. Atty - David R. Anderson(Wilmer, Cutler etc.)	GRANTED	11-3-69
BRH-328 R & F #566514 \$75. PN PRESS BRSCA-946 R & F #582070 \$30	12-31-69 1-2-70 1-2-70 1-2-70 2-25-70 3-3-70	Renewal of License Atty: David R. Anderson (Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering) Renewal of SCA	GRANTED	4-1-70

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September 1969

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JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY

NAME

Birmingham, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-4691 Rec'd #569206 \$30. Amended & F PTA PRESS	1-8-70 1-9-70 1-9-70 2-5-70 2-9-70 MAY 4 - 1970	Lic.(BPH-6783, as mod.) for changes. Atty: David R. Anderson(Wilmer, Cutler, etc.) Engr. data.	GRANTED	5-6-70
BMLH-437 R & F #137052 \$50 Code 061 Press JAN 8 1973 AMENDED PRESS: JAN 22 1973	12-15-72 12-18-72 12-18-72 JAN 8 1973 1-5-73 JAN 22 1973	Mod. of license to chg. SL & RC to 1449 Spaulding-Ishkooda Road, Birmingham, Alabama (Outside the city limits). REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.210 OF THE COMMISSION RULES Atty: Mark S. Fowler REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.274(a)(2) OF THE COMMISSION RULES.	GRANTED	1-26-73

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call WZZK
Letters WJLNName **JOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY**
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-328 Recd. PN Recd. Filed PRESS FEB 5 BRSCA-970 R & F P.N.	12-28-72 1-2-73 " 1-31-73 2-8-73 2-26-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Mark S. Fowler, Atty. (Smith & Pepper) AMENDED 5-14-73 re: employment program Renewal of SCA	Designated for Hearing Min. NOV 14 1973 14875 GRANTED	 6-3-75
BRH-328 R & F PN Rec'd BRSCA-946 PRESS BRSCA-970 R&F	11-25-75 12-1-75 JAN 26 1976 1-27-76 1-30-76	Renewal of License Atty: Smith & Pepper (James L. Oyster) AMENDED 12-18-75 re: prog. Renewal of SCA	GRANTED	3-9-76

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

104.7 mc

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PARK CITY COMMUNICATIONS OF ALABAMA, INC.

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Letters W Z Z K

Name XJOHNSTON BROADCASTING COMPANY
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH 781201UF BRSCA " JAN 8 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA John E. Fiorini, III, Atty.	GRANTED	4-11-79
BTCH800403GO Form 315 PRESS PN FILED APR 4 1980 5-29-80		Vol TC from Rose Hood Johnston, and George Johnston III et al to Park City Communications of Alabama, Inc. Atty for transferor John E. Fiorini III Atty for transferee Jason L. Shrinsky	GRANTED EFF:	6-23-80 8-8-80
BALH800729FW Form 316 PRESS AUG 12 1980		Voluntary Assignment of License to Park City Communications of Alabama, Inc. Atty: Russell E. Arkin (Shrinsky, Weitzman & Eisen)	GRANTED EFF:	8-13-80 9-12-80

BTCH800403GOAMENDED 5-29-80 re: Financial qualifications.
AMENDED 6-11-80 re: Financial qualifications.
AMENDED 6-17-80 re: First year operating statement.

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

104.7MHz.

Call Letters: WZZK

Name: PARK CITY COMMUNICATIONS OF ALABAMA, INC.

Station Location: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BPH810119AU PRESS (O) MAR 6 1981		CP to make chgs. in Ant. Sys.; chg. TL to: 700 ft. NNW from Intersection of Valley Ave. & Valley View Drive on Red Mtn., Birmingham, Alabama; chg. SL to: 530 Beacon Pkwy. E, Birmingham, Alabama; chg. Type Trans.; chg. Type Ant. (HARRIS FMH-5AC, 5 sects. Circularly Polarized); incre. HAAT: 1103' (H&V) & chg. TPO. 33° 29' 02" 86° 48' 21" Atty. Russell E. Arkin (Shrinsky, Weitzman & Eisen)	GRANTED: 5-26-81
BTCH810811FH Form 315 PRESS AUG 19 1981		Vol TC from Richard Ferguson, et al to The Katz Broadcasting Company, Inc. Atty. Jason L. Shrinsky	

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.

