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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 12-10-70 (OFF. #707)

Call letters W D H N

Station location DOTHAN, ALABAMA

Name of licensee SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

1.8 miles E. of Dothan on Rt. 52, Dothan, Alabama (BMPCT-7141 5-15-70)

Transmitter location X On Rte. 52, 2.8 mi. E. of Dothan, Alabama

On Rt. 52, 1.8 mi. E. of Dothan, Alabama (BMPCT-7266 11-13-70)

Main studio location X To be determined, Dothan, Ala.

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period		
					From	To	
BPCT-4215	11-20-69	Ch. 18 V.	811 kw	U	1-20-70		
AH: 740' MSL:1049'		494-500 A.	121.6 kw		7-20-70		
CP for a new station							
BPCT-4215	1-27-70	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED					
BMPCT-7141	5-15-70	Ch. 18 V.	398 kw	U	1-20--70		
AH: 730' MSL: 1049		494-500mcA.	60.3 kw		8-20-70		
MP (BPCT-4215) chg.		ERP, TL, Trans. & Ant.					
EMPCT-7229	4-8-70	MP(BPCT-4215 as mod.) to			5-20-71		
		extend completion date					
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WIRE	7-22-70	PENDING COMPLETION CONSTRUCTION AND					
FILING LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER. TEMP. PER. END		10-22-70					
ACCORD CP BMPCT-7141		EXCEPT WITH RCA TYPE TFU-6 AND AT					
REDUCED POWER. ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES.							
WIRE	10-2-70	PENDING FIL. LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR.					
OPER. TEMP. PER. END.		10-22-70					
ACCORD CP BMPCT-7229.							
WIRE	10-23-70	PENDING FIL. LIC. APPLI. EXT. AUTH.					
GR. OPER TEMP. PER. END.		11-12-70					
ACCORD CP BMPCT-7229.							
WIRE	11-12-70	RE AMENDED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER.					
ON PTA ACCORD CP BMPCT-7266.							
BMPCT-7266	11-13-70	MP (BPCT-4215) chg.	SL		5-20--71		
BLCCT-2038	12-10-70	(BPCT-4215 as mod) for			4-1-73		
		a new station					
EBSA	5-15-72						
BRCT-707	5-21-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			4-1-76		
BRCT-707	1-19-77	Renewal of license (S)			4-1-79		
WIRE	8-22-77	Auth. grtd. oper. WDHN at reduced					
visual pwr. pend. repair to equipment, temp., per. end.		11-21-77.					
WIRE	11-30-77	Ext. auth. grtd. oper WDHN at					
reduced visual pwr., pend. repair to equip., temp. per.		end. 1-18-78.					
BRCT-78120/KF	5-11-79	Renewal of License (S)			4-1-82		

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV.

Call  
Letters NEW W D H N

Name SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
(c/o Arthur B. Adams, Pres. Post Office Box 1521 Dothan, Alabama 36301)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-4215 R & F Press PN Rec'd #503517	3-26-69 4-3-69 APR 10 1969 5-7-69 \$150. 4-3-69	Construction Permit for a new Commercial TV B/C Station: CH # 18, 494-500 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 776.2-kw (Horz) Aur. 116.5-kw (Horz) TL: 3.6 mi. East of Dothan on Rt. 52, Alabama Coordinates: 31--14--23 -- 85--18--53 SL: To Be Determined, Dothan, Alabama (GE TT-59-A) AH: 901-feet STATION LOCATION: DOTHAN, ALABAMA Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, Atty. (Frederick Moring) Howard T. Head, Engr. Form 714 filed 4-16-69 - Saady 4-17-69	GRANTED	11-20-69
AMENDMENT R & F PRESS:	7-14-69 7-15-69 AUG 1 1969	Re chg. ERP to Vis. 810.8kw(h), Aur. 121.6kw(h); TL approx. 2500' SW of present site (31-14-07, 85-19-20); and decr. HAAT to 744'. AMENDED 8-7-69 re financial.		

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AUG. 1955

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
LettersUnassigned-  
-NEW W D H NName SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
Ch. 18 Dothan, Alabama

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-4215	Cont'd	AMENDED 9-17-69 re financial AMENDED 9-29-69 re programming. AMENDED 10-13-69 re legal and financial AMENDED 10-20-69 to add subscription agree- ment of James M. Wright, Jr. AMENDED 11-19-69 re financial data.	see card #1	
BMPCT-7141 Received Filed #566133 - \$30 PRESS:	12-29-69 12-29-69 12-31-69 12-31-69 JAN 13 1970	MP(BPCT-4215), chg. ERP to <b>VIS. 397.74kw(H)</b> , Aur. 59.661kw(H); TL to On Rte. #52, 1.8 mi. E. of Dothan, Ala. (31-14-30 85-18-48); type trans. to RCA TTU-30A; type ant. to RCA TFU-50J, Pylon; and decr. HAAT to 727 ft.  Atty.: Frederick Moring (Morgan, Lewis & Bockius)	GRANTED	5-15-70
Engr. data filed	6-25-70	Correction to engr. data	filed	8-7-70

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CH-18 DOTHAN, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-7229 R & F #617655 \$30 PRESS:	7-21-70 7-21-70 7-21-70 JUL 30 1970	MP(BPCT-4215 as mod.) to extend completion date.  Atty.: F. Moring (Morgan, Lewis & Bockius)	GRANTED	8-4-70
BMPCT-7266, Received Filed #641143 \$50 AC: 062 PRESS:	10-28-70 10-29-70 11-2-70 11-2-70 NOV 1 1970	MP(BPCT-4215 as mod.) to specify SL as On Rte. #52, 1.8 mi. E. of Dothan, Ala.  Atty.: F. Moring (Morgan, Lewis & Bockius)	GRANTED	11-13-70
BLCT-2038 Rec: Filed \$30 637232 ACC #069 \$20 638599 AC 069 PRESS	10-16-70 10-19-70 10-21-70 10-19-70 10-21-70 DEC 1 1970	Lic. (BPCT-4215 as mod) for a new station Frederick Moring (Morgan, Lewis & Bockius)	GRANTED	12-10-70

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SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Name  
CH-18 DOTHAN, ALABAMA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-707 R & F PN REC'D PRESS:  FEB 12 1973	11-30-72 1-2-73 3-1-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Frederick Moring (Morgan, Lewis & Bockius) Amended 2-7-73 re equal employment Amended 3-1-73 re equal employment Amended 4-24-73 re community needs data, programming & Equal Employment	GRANTED	5-21-73
BRCT-707 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:  9 FEB 1976	11-28-75 12-1-75 12-1-75	RENEWAL OF LICENSE one Annual Report Filed Contours filed 3-5-76. Amended 3-5-76 re financial. Ltr. 3-1-76 re Annual Report. Ltr. 5-6-76 re financial & legal	GRANTED	11-19-77
BRCT-781204KF R&F PN REC'D PRESS  79 0130	11-30-78 12-4-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	5-11-79

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Letters W D H NName  
SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.CH-18  
DOTHAN, AL

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-790307LD R & F PRESS: PN REC'D: (Form 315)	3-2-79 3-7-79 3-13-79	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Jay B. Bragg, Betts Slingluff, Jr., T. L. Ricketts, et al, to Hi Ho Television Stations of Alabama, Inc.  Atty.: Vincent J. Curtis, Jr. (Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth)	GRANTED EFF:	6-26-79



## 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 radio 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.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. 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 television station history.

