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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed January 8, 1940

METALS BROADCASTING CO. (AL 3-15-54, EFF 9-16-54) X SILVER BROADCASIING CO. (AL 7-19-41 Effective: 9:15 am, 8-19-41) **X CHESTER HOWARTH & CLARENCE BERGER** Name of licensee

Between the South Fork Coeur d'Alene River & U.S.Highway 10, Osbarn, Idaho/ Transmitter location xOn U.S.#10, Between Wallace and Kellogg, Idaho (C.P.& MP 3-20-39)(Lic.1-8-

Between the South Fork Commr d'Alene River & Hwy #10, Osborn, Idaho (1tr 7-27-53) x Tabor Building, Wallace, Idaho (C.P. 4-28-47) XGearon Bldg., Wallace, Idaho (Ltr. 1-27-40, off.1-25-40) x Samuels Hotel, Wallace, Idaho (MP 9-18-39) (Lic.1-8-40) Main studio location On U.S. #10, Between Wallace and Kellogg, Idaho (C.P. & MP 3-20-39) VERNMENT PRINTING OFFIC

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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Transmitter location

Main studio location **FCC-65**

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No.	Issued	Freq.	Power	Div.	From- To-
B\$-1038	4-30-52	Exten	sion of	license	5-1 8-1-52
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Transmitter location

Main studio location

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No.	Issued	Freq.	Power	Div.	From- To-
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File No.	Dated	Application for		Date
B5-P-1967	10-14-37	C.P. for new station to be operated on: Frequency - 1420 kc Power - 100w;250w-LS. Time unlimited Studio- Gearon Bldg.,Wallace, Idaho. Trans to be determined,Wallase, Idaho.	GRANTED Effectiv Trans.si to be de	1-700 Dock.500 11n. 11-1-38 11-7-38 te and antenna ermined. itten. th MP-743 3-20-39
B5-MP-743 Resubmitted emended	1-13-39 and 2-9-39	Mod. of C.P. (B5-P-1967) for approval of trans. site at: Povenue Gales on U.S. Highway #16, -2- miles - af alloca, Linke, and studie between wallace & Kalleg on U.S. Highway # 10, -2-miles a of Wallace, Linke, and approvalof antenne. RE: give Trans. and studie sites as ON U.S. Highway # 10, between Wallace and Kellog, Idaho and antenees in transmitting againment.	Granted	3-20-39

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WE 310-B,DCC.MAX.250w, MP; W.E. 23-A,-310-B, DCC.MAX.250w 731-A, 475A & 681 - 1452. Vertical entenne.



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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Name CHESTER J. HOWARTH & CLARENCE BERGER

	FILE No.	DATED	APPLICATION FOR-
	15-MP-806 Resubmitted	6-20-39 8-5-39	Mod. of C.P.(B5-P-1967) as modified, re- questing chanzes in eq ipment. Move studio from U.S.Highway # 10, between Wallace & Kellog, Idaho to Samuels Hotel, Wallace, Idaho.
	B5-MP-870	10-20-39	Mod. of C.P.(B5-P-1967) as modified, to extend completion date to 12-20-39.
Ī	B5-L-1067	12-15-39	License to cover construction permit (B5-P-1967) as modified for new broadcast station.
	B5-ML-958	2-3-40	Modification of license to increase power from 100w 250w-LS to 250 watts day and nigh
			U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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ACTION NATURE DATE Heturned ---- 7-28-39 -Incomplete Granted 9-18-39 Granted 11-14-39 Granted 1-8-40 Granted 9-17-40

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING



CHESTER HOWARTH & CLARENCE BERGER Name

Fi	ile No.	Dated	Application for
	R-1038 sub.	6-1-40	Renewal of license (Sec17a,-17d,-18h) (Retired to closed files)
The second se	AL-293	7-23-40 10-4-40	Voluntary assignment of license from Chester Howarth & Clarence Berger to Silver Broad- casting Co.
b5-	-R-1038	2-1-41	Renewal of license
Re	5R-1038 sub. sub.	9-26-41 10-24-41	Renewal of license Forms 335 filed (17n;-20f;-22a)

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Name CHESTER HOWARTH AND CLARENCE BERGER

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File No. Rec'd	Dated 3-14-41 3-15-41	Application for C.P. to change frequency from 1450kc as assigned under NARBA to 1230 kc under NARBA and make changes in transmitting equipment.
B5-AL-308	3-20-41	Voluntary Assignment of license from
Rec'd	3-24-41	Chester Howarth and Clarence Berger to
Filed	3-24-41	Silver Broadcasting Co.
B5-Z-1169	7-3-41	Authority to determine operating power by
Rec'd	7-9-41	direct measurement of antenna input.
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Name CHESTER HOWARTH AND CLARENCE BERGER

File No.	Dated	Application for
B5-R-1038 Rec'd Resub. Rec	8-17-43 8-27-43 'd 10-4-43	Renewal of license (For Srd-copy)
B5-TC-374 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Resub. Rec'd& Filed	12-29-43 1-4-44 12-29-43 3-21-44 12-29-43 4-3-44	Transfer of control of licensee corporation from Clarence Berger to J. R. BINYON (500 shares of stock) (335s filed)
B5-R-1038 Rec'd	10-15-45 11-5-45	Renewal of license 303-A resub. & operating & program logs filed 1-14-46 Logs filed 7-5-46

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Action Nature Date Ret d-----8=28=43 Granted 12-14-43 Returned--1-29-44 Part-I-Sec.18,6d-&-14B Part-II-See-Chandi, 9a, 13 and - Hit 6-13-44 Granted Eff. 6-30-44 Granted 7-19-46

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name SILVER BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for
B5-P-5515 Rec'd filed	11-10-46 12-11-46 12-11-46	Construction permit to change frequency from 1450 to 620kc, increase power from 250w to 1kw, install new transmitter (G.E. BT-21-A) and directional antenna for night use, and change transmitter and studio locations from On U.S. #10, between Wallace and Kellogg, Ida and 223 ivic Center Building, Wallace, Idah respectively to "outh "ork Coeur d'Alene "iv and U.S.Highway No.10, Osburn, Idaho and Tab Building, Wallace, Idaho, respectively. John A. Moffet, Engr.

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SILVER BROADCASTING COMPANY

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Name



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Action Nature Date GRANTED 12-3-47 subj. to the express condition that the permittee herein shall satisfy legitimate complaints of blanketing within the 250 mv/m contour, including external cross modulation, and subj. further that the permittee accept whatever interference it may reeive by a grant of Han-ord Publishing Co, Hanford, Calif.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING Form 94 #8 SILVER BROADCASTING COMPANY Name Application for File No. Dated Renewal of license 11-20-47 BR-1038 Operating logs filed 12-8-47 11-24-47 Rec'd

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name

SILVER BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for
BMP-3684 Bec'a Filed	3-5-48 3-8-48 3-8-48	Mod. of C.P. (B5-P-5515, as mod., which authorized change frequency, increase power install new transmitter and directional antenna for night use and change transmitte and studio locations) for extension of completion date from: 4-10-48 to: 7-10-48
BMP-3971 Reciá Fileá	6-9-48 6-14-48 6-14-48	Mod. of C.P. (B5-F-5515, as mod., which authorized change frequency, increase power, install new transmitter and directional antenna for night use and change transmitter and studio locations) for extension of completion date from: 7-10-48 to: 10-10-48.

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Action Nature Date GRANTED 3-11-48 re blanketing clause and including external cross modulation, and subj. to permittee accepting whatever interference it may rece iverby a grant of Hanford Bublishing Co, Handord, Calif.

RANTED 7-7-48 same cond. as above

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name SILVER BROADCASTING CO.

File No. BMP-41.3 Rec'd Filed	Dated 8-7-48 9-10-48 9-10-48	Application for Mod. of C. P. (B5-P-5515, as mod., which authorized change frequency, increase power, install new transmitter and directional antenna for night use and change transmitter and studio locations) for extension of completion date from: 10-10-48 TO: 11-1-48.
BL-3416 Rec'd Filed	9-30-48 10-4-48 10-6-48	License to cover C. P. (B5-P-5515, as mod.) which authorized change frequency, increase power, install new transmitter and DA for night use and change transmitter and studio locations.

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Action Nature Date CRANTED 9-21-48 re blankting clause & subj. to cond. that permittee accept whatever interference it may reveive by a grant of BP-4869 Hanford Publishing Company

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re blanketing clause & subj. to cond. that licensee accept whatever interference it may

receive from Station KNGS, Hanford, Calif.

FCC Form 94 METALS BROADCASTING CO. (AL 3-15-54, Eff. 9-16-54) Name X SILVER BROADCASTING CO.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	tion Date
BR-1038 Rec'd	2-27-49	Renewal of License	Granted	6-15-49
BR-1038 Rec'd Filed	1-19-52 2-1-52 2-1-52	Renewal of license	GRANTED	6-19-52
BR-1038 Rec'd Filed	6-20-53 6-24-53 6-24-53	Renewal of License	Granted	9-9-53
BTC-1570 Rec'd Filed	8-20-53 8-24-53 8-24-53	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from James R. Binyon to Metals Broadcasting Co. (100%) D. T. Prince, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	9-23-53 10-21-53
BAL-1741 Rec'd Filed	2-25-54 3-3-54 3-3-54	Voluntary assignment of license to Metals Broadcasting Co. D. F. Prince, Atty.	GRANTED EFF	3-15-54 9-16-54

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FORMERLY FORM A-170 APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name

METALS BROADCASTING CO.

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	File No.	Dated	Application for
	BR-1038 Rec'd . Filed	6-25-56 7-2-56 7-2-56	Renewal of License
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	BR-1038 Rec'd & Filed	9-26-62 9-28-62 9-28-62	Renewal of license
	BZ-5370 R. & F.		Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.
			F.C.C. · WASHINGTON. D. C.

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Notify Otis Hansen on Ext. 683 if 301 is filed to change transmitter site.

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Name METALS BROADCASTING CO.

FORM BC-121 AUG. 1955

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File No.	Dated	Application for
BP-16,520 Rec. Resub. R&F	2-3-65 2-15-65 2-18-65	Construction permit to make changes in the ground system.
BMP-11,543 R&F	6-14-65 6-18-65	Mod. of C.P. (BP-16,520 which auth. make char in ground system) for extension of completion date from 11-19-65 to 11-19-66.
BR-1038 R & F	7-6-65 7-8-65	Renewal of license
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BMP-11,789 R ecd Filed	S-7-66 5-10-66 5-26-66	Modification of CP(BP-16,520 as modified which authorized make change in ground system) for extension of completion date from 5-19-66 to 11-19-66	GRANTED	6-10-66 11-19-66
EMP-11,926 R & F MP-12,026	11-4-66 11-8-66 8-23-67	Mod. of CP(BP-16,520 as mod which auth and changes in ground system) for extension of completion date from 11-19-66 to 5-19-67 Mod. of CP(BP-16,520 as mod) which auth change	GRANTED	11-17-66 5-19-67
R & F	3-28-67	in ground system) for extension of completion date from 5-19-67 to 11-19-67	GRANTED	5-23-67 11-19-67
BMP-12,224 R. & F.	11-8-67 11-13-67	Mod. of CP (BP-16,520, as mod., which auth. changes in ground system) for extension of completion date from 11-19-67 to 5-19-68.	GRANTED	12-12-67
BMP-12, 384 R. & F. #1.22696 \$3 MAY 3 196	4-22-68	MP (BP-16,520, as mod) for ext. of completion (date from 5-19-68 to 11-19-68.	to	5-14-68 11-19-68
		F.C.C WASHINGTON, D.C.		

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FORM BC-121 #15 APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING AUG. 1955

Name	METALS BROADO			
File No	. Dated	Application for		
BR-1038 Rec d Filed #445846 \$7 Press J		Renewal of license AMENDED 9-4-68 re: Engineering PETITION FOR STAY filed 7-17-69 by Weinber PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 7-28-6 iled 7-28-69.		
HMP- Rec'd #520030 \$30	5-29-69 6-6-69	MP(BP-16,520, as mod) for extension of com pletion date to 11-19-69 (changes).		
10-22-69. ER-1038	By Memorandum	Opinion and Order. Notified of Ap arent Liab Renewal of license GRANTED 6-24-71		
BP-18,781 Rec'd & Fil \$30-573790 PRESS: TA	1-26-70 ed 1-30-70 1-30-70	Construction permit to make changes in the antenna ground system. Attorney - Smith, Pepper, Shack & L'Heureux (Weinberg) MA-5-19-2/ P.C.C. WASHINGTON. D. C.		

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METALS BROADCASTING CO. Name Wallace, Idaho Application for File No. Dated Lic.(BP-18,781) for changes. 11-4-70 BL-12,950 11-6-70 Rec'd Atty: A. V. Weinberg(Smith, Pepper & 11-6-70 #642659 \$50. L'Heureux) AC-067 12-21-70 Engr. data Amended Engr. Rpt. 2-2-71 Amended 3-8-71 Engr. Rpt. Amended & F 9-19-71 PTA PRESS JUN 1 4 1971

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R-1038	6-15-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-12-71
& F N Recd.	6-24-71	Arthur V. Weinberg, Atty. (Smith & Pepper) AMENDED 9-7-71 re: programming	V	
RESS			trans. log	s submitted
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ETC -6899 -	6-21-72	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from	GRANTED	12-20-72
R & F FEE FD: \$100	6-23-72 0 #085602	R. Tee Black to SILVER VALLEY BROADCASTERS, INC	Req. Gran	nt Fee
CODE 047	1 1977			4,200.00
Pub. notice	filed 8-22-	72 Geraldine E. Black, Personal Representativ	e	
		of the Estate of R. Lee Black, Deceased P AMENDED 11-15-72 - amended agreement; financial	aid:048.1.	-4-73, W14095
		& programming data (transferee) AMENDED 12-4-72 re agreement		
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RE: BTC26899 - NOTED: Table II fails to show occupation & dates for Paul Robinson; also, Par. 21(a & c),Sec.II incorrectly answered.



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File No.	Dated	Application for
BR-1038 R & F PRESS	6-28-74 7-2-74 UL 9 1974	Renewal of License AMENDED 10-9-74 re: composition of area; commercial matter; EEO AMENDED 12-30-74 re: composition of area & EEO
BR-1038 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	6-30-77 7-5-77 " JUL 1 4 197	RENEWAL OF LICENSE
BR 800605 UD PRESS		RENEWAL OF LICENSE
		P.C.C WASHINGTON, D.C.

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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. 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 – 3" by 5" filing cards – 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). 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. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

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.

