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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 2-28-55Call letters W B M AStation Location: Beaufort, North Carolina

RADA BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL 1-10-73 EFF: 2-23-73)

Name of licensee XRICHARD RAY CUMMINSTransmitter location W. side of Ocean St., E. edge of Beaufort, North Carolina (CP 10-21-54)  
(L 2-28-55)Main studio location W. side of Ocean St., E. edge of Beaufort, North Carolina (CP 10-21-54)  
(L 2-28-55)



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BP-9208	10-21-54	1400	250w	U	12-21 6-21-55
(COND'L CLAUSE)					
C.P. for a new Standard Broadcast Station at Beaufort, N.C.					
RL-5541	2-28-55	1400	250w	U	2-28 12-1-57
Lic. cover CP (BP-9208) for a new station.					
TELEGRAM	11-29-57	No action taken, continued operation authorized until final determination on application for renewal of license.			
BR-3095	2-20-58	Renewal of license			2-20 12-1-60
BR-3095	11-30-60	Renewal of license			12-1 12-1-63
BR-3095	6-16-64	Renewal of License			6-16 12-1-66
BR-3095	12-30-66	Renewal of license			12-30 12-1-69
BR-3095(s)	9-11-70	RENEWAL			12-1-72
BP-18,848	12-7-70	1400kc	250w 1kw	U	12-7-71
CP to increase daytime from 250w, and install new transmitter Gates				U to 250w 1kw-LS	BC-1G
BL-12,955	6-28-71(L)	Lic. for changes			12-1-72
EDSA	5-22-72				
BAL-7678	1-10-73	VOL. AL	EFF:	2-23-73	
BR-3095		1400khz	250w, 1kw-LS	U	
BZ-8138(L)	2-13-73	Renewal and Direct Measurement			
BR-3095(L)	11-19-75	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.)			12-1-78
BR-3095	(s) 11/30/78	Renewal			12/1/81



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call **W B M A**  
Letters **XNew**

Name **RICHARD RAY CUMMINS**  
**PO General Delivery, Beaufort, North Carolina**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-9208 Rec'd Filed	2-27-54	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1400kc Power: 250w Hours of Operation: Unlimited Trans. Location: Ocean Street Beaufort, North Carolina Studio Location: Same  **Ltr. 11-22-54 has divested himself of ownership interest in WMEL	Docket No. 11095 Upon consideration of petition appl. Removed from Hearing Docket and GRANTED 10-21-54 Subj. to condition that permittee divest himself of all interest and connection with Sta. WMEL ** ORDER ISSUED	
	3-4-54			
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BL-5541 Rec'd Filed	11-24-54 11-26-54 11-26-54	License to cover construction permit (BP-9208) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.  Alfred C. Gordon, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	2-28-55



GATES BC-2500Y



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WBMAName RICHARD RAY CUMMINS  
BEAUFORT, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3095 R.&F.	11-27-57 1-28-58	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	2-20-58
BR-3095 R.&F.	8-31-60 9-6-60	<u>Al Cordon, Atty.</u> RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-30-60
BR-3095 R.&F.	11-23-63 11-26-63	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	Granted	6-16-64
BR-3095 R & F	8-31-66 9-2-66	Renewal of license	GRANTED	12-30-66
BR-3095 R & F #543596 \$75. P.N. filed PRESS	9-9-69 9-22-69 9-22-69 9-22-69 OCT 10 1969	Renewal of license AMENDED 11-28-69 re: Programming AMENDED 7-30-70 re: commercial policy	GRANTED	9-11-70

Commission by Memo. Opinion &amp; Order adopted 11-10-70 ordered station WBMA to forfeit \$100 for rule violation.



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1410 AC

Call  
Letters W B M A

Name RICHARD RAY CUMMINS  
BEAUFORT, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-18,848 Rec'd Filed \$100-625626 AC-045 Press P. N.	8-14-70 8-21-70 8-21-70 8-21-70  OCT 12 1970 11-13-70	Construction permit to increase daytime from 250w, Unl. to 250w, 1kw-LS, Unl. and install new transmitter Gates, BC-1G  Eng. Frederick A. Smith	GRANTED Grant fee	12-7-70 paid 1-15-71.
BL-12,955 R & F #W 504296\$50. PTA PRESS	5-6-71 5-10-71 5-10-71 5-20-71 JUN 11 1971	Lic.(BP-18,848) for changes.	GRANTED	6-28-71
BZ-8139 R & F DM PRESS	8-2-72 8-7-72 8-17-72 AUG 28 1972	Direct Measurement	GRANTED issued with renewal	2-13-73 73



APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1400kc

Call  
Letters W B M A

Name ☒ RADA BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
☒ RICHARD RAY CUMMINS  
Beaufort, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL -7678 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #106195 CODE 053 (Form 316)  SEP 15 1972	8-17-72 9-5-72	Voluntary assignment of license to RADA BROADCASTING CORPORATION (SEE OVER)	GRANTED  EFF:	1-10-73  2-23-73
BR-3095 R & F PN Recd. PRESS  SEP 22 1972	9-1-72 9-5-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED issued with BZ-8139	2-12-73
BR-3095 R & F PN Recd. PRESS  JUL 25 1975	6-26-75 7-9-75 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) AMENDED 11-6-75 re: prog. & comm. leaders	GRANTED	11-19-75



RE: BAL-7678 Sec. II mailed 9-11-72 to be ~~completed~~ 10-25-72

NOTED: Bal. sheet not submitted



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1400khz.

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Letters W B M A

Name RADA BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
Beaufort, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3095 R & F PRESS	6-27-78 7-5-78 AUG 7 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	Granted	11/30/78



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 one set is known to 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.

