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5-21-60 Auth. gr. on the air identification 881 READING-POTTSTOWN, PA. FM
 6-21-74 Auth. gr. on the air identification 881 READING-POTTSTOWN, PA.

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

1392

W R F Y-FM(L.3-19-62)

Date first licensed November 15, 1962

Call letters XW P R Y-FM

Station location Reading, Pennsylvania

CITY BROADCASTING CO., INC. (AP 7-2-62, EFF: 7-24-62)

Name of licensee XHOWARD F. REBER AND FRANK A. FRANCO

Eastern Peak of Neversink Mt., Reading, Pa. (L 5-9-72)

XTop of Neversink Mtn., 2.21 mi. at 315° true to ctr. of Reading, Pa. (MPH 11-22-65)

Reading, Penn. (CP-10-2-61)

Transmitter location X900 ft. past end of 13th St., incline, on Neversink Mountain (L 11-15-62)

19606
 Main studio location 2325 Perkiomen Ave., Reading, Penna. (Redesc. BLH 11-15-62)
 X1322 Perkiomen Street, Reading, Pennsylvania (CP-10-2-61)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Channel & Freq.	ERP Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-3327 HAAT: 490 ft.	10-2-61	102.5 mcs CH. 273	1 kw TPO: 630 w	U	12-2-61 6-2-62
Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station.					
BAPH-289 EF: - - -	7-2-62 7-24-62	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to City Broadcasting Co., Inc.			
BMPH-7242 (1)	8-15-62	Extension of completion date to 9-15-62			
BLH-2205 HAAT: 490'	11-15-62	102.5 mcs Ch. 273	ERP: 1 kw TPO: 660 w	Unl.	11-15-62 8-1-63
Lic. to cover CP(BPH-3327, as mod.) for a new FM Broadcast Station; specify ant. as Jampro JA-2, 2 sections, & redcs. RC point loc. & studio loc.					
7-24-63 COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.					
BSCA-484	11-22-63	Subsidiary Communications Authorization on approx. 67 kc to 8-1-66.			
BRH-1392	1-9-64	Renewal of License 1-9 8-1-66			
BPH-4434 HAAT: 490' (H); 460' (V)	5-8-64	102.5 mcs Ch. #273	ERP: 1 kw (H&V) TPO: 790 w	Unl.	7-8-64 1-8-65
CP to install new ant. (Jampro J3B/3V, 3 hor. & 3 vert. secs.); incr. TPO & chg. ERP & HAAT.					
BMPH-8296 HAAT: 540' (h&v)	11-22-65	102.5 mcs ch. #273	ERP: 15 kw (h) 12 kw (v) TPO: 5 kw	U	1-22-66 7-22-66
CB to incr ERP; incr TPO; incr HAAT; install new trans (RCA-BTF-5B) chg. antenna system (incr. hght, and chg type ant (RCA BFA-6B, 6 hor. secs. & ERI, Inc. V-300-5V, 5 vert. secs.); chg. ant.-trans. loc.					
BMPH-8936 (1)	8-5-66	Mod. of CP(BPH-4434 as mod.) for ext. of completion date to 9-30-66			
BRH-1392	7-29-66	Renewal of license 8-1 8-1-69			
BRSCA-484	7-29-66	Subsidiary Communications Authorization on approx. 67 kc to 8-1-69.			
BLH-3418 HAAT: 540'	12-19-66 (H&V)	102.5 mcs CH. #273	ERP: 15 kw (H) ERP: 12 kw (V) TPO: 5 kw (RC)	U	12-19-66 8-1-69
Lic to cover CP(BMPH-8296 as mod) which auth chg. ant-trans loc. install new ant. install new trans. chg. ERP, TPO & HAAT.					

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

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Station location

Name of licensee CITY BROADCASTING CO.

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-6735 HAAT: 540' (H&V)	6-10-69	102.5mc Ch. 273	ERP: 15kw (H) 12kw (V) TPO: 5kw		8-10- 2-10-70
	CP to	install	new alt.		
BRH-1392 (S)	10-16-69	Renewal of License (SCA)			8-1-72
BRSCA-484	10-16-69	Subsidiary Communications Authoriz- ation approx 67 kc to			8-1-72
BLH-4704(L) HAAT: 540' (H & V)	5-18-70	102.5mc ERP: 15 kw (H) & 12 kw (V) TPO: 5 kw Lic. (BPH-6735) for new Alternate-Main Transmitter, chg. ant, trans, ERP:, TPO: & HAAT:			8-1-72
BPH-7517 HAAT: 540' (H&V)	7-13-71	102.5mc TPO: 11kw ERP: 42kw (H) 32kw (V) RC CP chg. trans. TPO, ERP.			7-13-72
BLH-5390(L) HAAT: 540' (H&V)	5-9-72	Lic. (BPH-7517) for changes 102.5mc ERP: 42kw (H) 32kw (V) TPO: 12.7kw			8-1-72
EBSA BRH-1392(S)	5-22-72 7-31-72	RENEWAL MAIN & ALT. M.			8-1-75
BRSCA-484	7-31-72	RENEWAL OF SCA			8-1-75
BRH-1393(L) BRSCA-484	7-8-76 " " "	RENEWAL " " " (Short Term)			8-1-77 " " "
BPH-10505 HAAT: 810' (h&v) (L)	5-31-77	102.5mhz ERP: 15kw (h&v) U #273 (RC) CP chg TL (same site); install new ant. mke chg ant sys (incr hght); chg TPO ERP & HAAT			5-31-78
BRH-1392(L) BRSCA-484	8-31-77 " " "	RENEWAL (MAIN & ALT. MAIN) " " "			8-1-78 " " "
COMTEL	11-23-77	TRANS: RCA BTF 20 E mod. w/ HARRIS MS 15 exciter now installed			

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June 1973

CARD #3

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

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Station location Reading, Pennsylvania

Name of licensee SEE CARD #1

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BMPH-15495 (1)	6-27-78	MP(BPH-10505) for ext. of completion date to:			12-1-78
BRH-1392	7-12-78	(L) REN. OF LIC.	(MAIN & ALTER. TRANS.)		
BRSCA-484	"	REN. OF SCA	12-1-81		
BTCH790601EB	6-20-79	VOL. TC	EFF: 6/29/79		
BLH-780906AB (L)	6-27-79	Lic. (BPH-10505) as mod) for chgs.			8-1-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

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Letters new xWFRF-FMName HOWARD F. REHER and FRANK A. FRANCOReading, Pennsylvania (P.O. - 1322 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, Penna)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-3327	3-15-61	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on:	REF'D 3-21-61	
Rec'd	3-16-61	Frequency - 102.5mc CH 273	Partnership agreement necessary	
Resub.	3-29-61	ERP - 1kw		
R & F	3-30-61	Type transmitter - I.T.A. FM 1000A	GRANTED	10-2-61
		Type antenna - RCA BFA 2A (2 section)		
		HAAT 488.2 ft		
		Trans. location - 900 ft past 13th St incline on Neversink Mountain		
		Reading, Pennsylvania		
		Studio location - 1322 Perkiomen Avenue		
		Reading, Penna.		
		Remote Control Point - Same as studio		
		Atty. - John V. Boland, Reading, Penna.		
		Engr. - James C. McNary		

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Name X HOWARD F. REBER AND FRANK A. FRANCO
Reading, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAPH-289 Rec'd Filed	6-12-62 6-13-62 6-13-62	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to City Broadcasting Co., Inc.	GRANTED	XX 7-2-62
			EFF:	7-24-62
BAPH-7242 R & F	5-22-62 5-23-62	Mod. of CP (BAPH-3327, which auth. a new FM B/C Station) for extension of completion date from 6-2-62 to 7-1-62.	GRANTED	8-15-62
AMENDMENT R & F	7-31-62 8-1-62	AMENDED to change name to "City Broadcasting Co., Inc." (BAPH-289 gr 7-2-62)	to	9-15-62
BLH- 2205 Rec'd Resubmitted Filed	7-24-62 7-27-62 8-16-62 8-20-62	Lic. to cover CP (BAPH-3327) which auth a new FM B/C station. and specify ant as (Jampro JA-2, 2 sect) and main studio and HC location as 2325 Perkiomen Ave., Reading, Pa.	Rec'd 8-15-62 re Sec II-B signed [signature] & dated after Sec I, pg 2	
BRH-1392 R & F	5-2-63 5-6-63	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-15-62
			GRANTED	1-9-64

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Name CITY BROADCASTING CO., INC.

READING, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BSCA-484 R & F	10-30-63 11-1-63	Req. for subsidiary communications auth on sub-carrier freq. of 67kc.	GRANTED Issued as of date of grant of Renewal	11-27-63 1-9-64.
BPH-4434 R & F	4-20-64 4-27-64	Construction permit to install new ant (J3B/3V, 3(hor)-3(vert) sect) with ERP of 1kw(vert)-1kw(hor) and incr TPO to .790kw.	GRANTED (replaced by BMPH-8296)	5-8-64
BMPH-8296 R&F	5-5-65 5-6-65	Modification of CP (BSCA-484) to increase ERP to 17.3kw, increase TPO to 3.25kw, increase HAAT to 522', install new trans (Gates R-400), change ant-system (increase height), and change type ant (Jempro-14-64-6 sections). Atty: Robert L. Heald <u>SEE CARD #4 FOR AMENDMENT.</u>	GRANTED ISSUED AS NEW CP	11-22-65

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Name **CITY BROADCASTING CO., INC.**
READING, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH- Received	1-5-65 1-7-65	Modification of CP (BPH-4434 which authorized install new ant, and changes TPO, ERP, and HAAT) for extension of completion date from 1-8-65 to 6-30-65.	Ret'd 7-15-65 re unnecessary. (see BMPH-8296 treated as new CP)	
BMPH 8296 (CONT'D) AMENDED R&F	7-14-65 7-16-65	AMENDED to change ERP to 15.12kw and install a vertically polarized antenna (E.R.I. V-300-SV, 5 sections) with vertical ERP of 11.77kw, change Horizontal type antenna to (RCA-BFA-6-B (6 sec.) change type transmitter to RCA BTF-5-E and chng. TPO to 4.95kw, increase HAAT to 538 ft., change ant.-trans. location to Top of Neversink Mountain, Reading, Pennsylvania.	GRANTED	11-22-65
BRH-1392 R & F	4-25-66 5-2-66	Renewal of license Atty-Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenahan & Hildreth (Robert L. Heald)	GRANTED	7-29-66

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Reading, Pennsylvania 19606

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRSCA-484 R & F	5-26-66 5-31-66	Renewal of license (SCA) Atty- Fletcher, <u>Heald</u> , Rowell, Kenehan & Hildreth	GRANTED	7-29-66
BMPH-8936 REC'D FILED	7-13-66 7-18-66 7-22-66	Modification of CP(BMPH-8296 which authorized change ERP; install a vert. polarized antenna with vert. ERP; chg., horiz. type ant.; chg. type trans., and TPO, increase HAAT, chg. ant-trans. loc.) for extension of completion date from 7-22-66 to 8-31-66. Attys-Fletcher, <u>Heald</u> , Rowell, Kenehan & Hildreth	GRANTED to	8-5-66 9-30-66
BLH-3418 Recd Filed	8-17-66 8-18-66 8-29-66	Lic. to cover CP(BMPH-8296 as mod.) which auth. chng. ant-trans.loc., install new ant., new trans., chng. ERP, TPO & HAAT. Atty J.P. Riley	GRANTED	12-19-66

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Name CITY BROADCASTING CO., INC.
READING, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH- 6733	11-12-68	CP to install new alt. main trans (RCA 5TF-5E)	RETURNED	11-21-68
Rec'd	3-13-69	at main trans. loc. to be operated on 102.5mc	Section III not filed	
Resub.	3-25-69	CH#273, TPO: 4.95kw; ERP 15.1kw(h) 11.2kw(v);	(no fee)	
Rec'd	3-25-69	HAAT 538 ft. with remote control from	RETURNED	4-30-69
#501313 \$30	3-25-69	studio.	Section V & VI not	
Resubmitted	3-19-69		revised	MAY 1 1969
Rec'd	5-7-69		RETURNED	5-21-69 Engr.
Resubmitted	5-24-69		SECTION dated after Gene.	
R & F	5-26-69	JUN 10 1969	GRANTED	6-10-69
BRH-1392	4-25-69	Renewal of License		
BRSCA-484	4-12-69	Renewal of License		
R & F	5-1-69	Atty-Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kennehan & Hildreth	GRANTED	10-16-69
#510945 \$75.	5-1-69	(Vincent J. Curtis, Jr.)		
#510946 \$30.	5-1-69	AMENDED 7-25-69 re: Programming		
PRESS	MAY 29 1969			

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Name Reading, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-4704 R & F #575527 \$75. \$45. Refunded PTA PRESS	2-4-70 2-5-70 2-5-70 2-13-70 MAY 22 1970	Lic.(BPH-6735) for new Alternate-Main Trans. TL redes. as: Eastern Peak of Neversink Mt.	GRANTED	5-18-70
BPH-7517 R&F 061 #012593 \$50 8 JUL 1971	6-17-71 6-22-71 6-22-71 JUL 1971	CP chg. trans. (RCA BTFd-20E), TPO: 14.42kw, ERP: 41.69(H) & 32.45(V). WAIVER SEC.73.213(a) Atty: Vincent Curtis, Jr.	GRANTED	7-13-71
BLH-5390 Rec'd W 034938-\$75. Ltd PTA Amended & F PTA ext PRESS	1-21-72 1-24-72 1-24-72 2-1-72 2-16-72 2-29-72 APR 10 1972	Lic.(BPH-7517) for changes - Main Trans. AC-068 - \$25. Refunded Engr. data (new 302)	GRANTED	5-9-72

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102.5mhz.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1392 BRSCA-484 PN Recd. PRESS	4-12-72 " 4-26-72	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Main Trans.) RENEWAL OF SCA Vincent J. Curtis, Jr. Atty. AMENDED 6-30-72 re: employment policy	GRANTED	7-31-72
BRH-1392 R & F	MAY 2 1972 5-1-72 5-2-72	Renewal of license (Alternate-Main)		
Letter Dated R & F PRESS:	3-28-74 3-29-74 APR 11 1974	Filed by Applicant Request for Dual City Identification From: READING-POTTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA.	GRANTED	6-21-74
BRH-1392 BRSCA-484 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-12-75 " 4-1-75 " MAY 21 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTERN. MAIN TRANS.) RENEWAL OF SCA M. Scott Johnson, Atty. AMENDED 9-15-75 re: programming AMENDED 10-6-75 re: litigation AMENDED 5-26-76 re: litigation	GRANTED	7-8-76 to 8-1-77 (Short Term)

4-28-72

Atty. was called to submit Sec. 1 & 2 for Alter. Main Trans.

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May 1976

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters **WRPY-FM**Name **CITY BROADCASTING CO., INC.**
READING, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1392	3-22-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTER. TRANS.)	GRANTED	8-31-77
BRSCA-484	"	RENEWAL OF SCA		
R & F	3-29-77			
PN Recd.	"			
PRESS	APR 20 1977	Harry C. Martin, Atty.		
BPH-10505	3-8-77	CP install new Ant: RCA BFG-3A, 3 sects	GRANTED	5-31-77
R & F	3-14-77	H&V; mke chgs Ant sys: incr hght; chg		
PRESS	APR 27 1977	TL {same site}; TPO; ERP: 15.14kw H&V and HAAT: 807 feet H&V 40° 19' 11" - 75° 53' 43"		
		Atty. Harry C. Martin Engr Julius Cohen		
BRH-1392	3-24-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTER. TRANS.)	GRANTED	7-12-78
BRSCA-484	3-24-78	RENEWAL OF SCA		
R & F	3-29-78			
PRESS	MAY 5 1978	Harry C. Martin, Atty.		

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Name **CITY BROADCASTING CO., INC.**
Reading, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-15495 R&F PRESS:	4-17-78 4-20-78 MAY 16 1978	MP (BPH-10505) for extension of time to: <u>8-30-78</u> (FOR CHANGES) Atty: ----	GRANTED TO	6-27-78 12- 1-78
BLH-780906AB PTA: PRESS:	9-14-78 MAY 15 1979	License to cover (BPH-10505, as mod.) FOR CHANGES Atty: ----	Gr.	6-27-79
BTCH790601EB Form 316 PRESS JUN 13 1979	5-8-79	Vol. acquisition of positive control (100%) of lic corp by Frank A. Franco thru purchase of stock (and retirement thereof) by the licen- see corporation from Howard F. Reber Atty - Robert Heald (Fletcher, Heald, etc.)	GRANTED EFF:	6-20-79 6/29/79

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WRFY-FM

102.5MHz

Name: CITY BROADCASTING CO., INC.

Station Location: READING, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRH-810401YP BRSCA810401YP PRESS: MAY 26 1981	4-1-81	RENEWAL OF LICESNE(MAIN AND ALT. TRANS. RENEWAL OF SCA ATTY: Robert L Heald public notice filed	GRANTED 7-7-81

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.

