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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-7-63

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Station location Shenandoah, Pa.

Name of licensee SCHUYLKILL TRANS-AUDIO CORPORATION, INC.

Transmitter location x Upper Road, Weston Place, West Mahony Twsp., Penn. (red. BL-8-7-63)
x Upper Road, West Mahony Township, Pennsylvania (BP 7-25-62)

17976

Main studio location Same as transmitter.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To
BP-14646	7-25-62	1530kc	250w	Day	9-25 3-25-63
CP for a new standard broadcast station (Cond'1).					
BP-14646 (1)	7-25-62	Mod. of	CP(BP-14646) to assign Call Letters.		
BMP-10,569 (2)	10-8-62	Mod. of	CP(BP-14646 as mod) to change type trans: Western Electric-451-A-1		
BTC-4286 EFF:	6-7-63 6-12-63	Voluntary transfer of control of Permittee corporation from Louis H. Murray, Martin F. Malarkey, Jr., John L. Miller and David R. Wolf to Altoona Trans-Audio Corporation, Inc.			
BL-10,022	8-7-63	1530kc	250w	Day	8-7- 8-1-66
Lic. to cover CP (BP-14,646 as mod) which auth. a new standard b/c station.					
BR-4267	7-29-66	Renewal of license			8-1 8-1-69
BR-4267(S)	8-15-69	Renewal of License & NDEA			8-1-72
BP-18293	10-14-69	1530kc	1kw 250w CH	Day	6-14-70
CP to increase power & install new trans. (Cond'1)					
Itr.	12-23-69	Trans: Visual AM-1K-A for CP & License			
BL-12,590	4-20-70	Lic.(BP-18293) for changes.			8-1-72
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-4267(S)	8-30-72	RENEWAL			8-1-75
BR-4267(S)	7-23-75	RENEWAL			8-1-78
BR-4267(L)	7-12-78	RENEWAL			8-1-81
BP-20493 (L)	8-23-78	1530	250w(CH)	2.5kW NDA	Day 8-23-79
CP TO INCR. POWER & CHG. TRANS.					
BL-790618AL	(L) 4-30-80	Lic. to cover BP-20,493 for changes			8-1-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters new W M B TName SCHUYLKILLSCHUYLKILL TRANS-AUDIO CORPORATION, INC.SHENANDOAH, PENNSYLVANIA (P.O. Louis H. Murray, Box 168, Altoona, Pa.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-14,646	1-31-61	CP for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1530kc Power - 250w Hours of operation - Daytime Trans. location - Upper Road; West Mahony Township, Pa. Studio location - Same as transmitter Atty.- Smith & Pepper Eng.- George C. Davis	GRANTED	7-25-62
Rec'd	1-31-61		Cond'l re: D-14419	
Filed	1-31-61		Sect. 3.87 of the Comm. Rules. The finding made by the Comm. that the proposed antenna structure is acceptable under FAA criteria (Sect. 626.16, FAA Regulations).	
BMP-10,569	9-7-62	Mod. of CP (BP-14,646 which auth. new standard broadcast station) to change type trans. to W. E. 451 Al. Atty: Keith E. Putbrese	GRANTED	10-8-62
R. & F.	9-17-62			

Gates BC-250T

FORM BC-121

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1530kc

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Name SCHUYLKILL TRANS-AUDIO CORPORATION, INC.
Shenandoah, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-10,022 R. & F. PROG TEST 3-18-63	3-7-63 3-8-63	Lic to cover CP(BP-14,646 as mod) which auth a new stand ard broadcast station. Atty- Smith & Pepper	GRANTED	8-7-63
BTC-4286 R & F	5-3-63 5-6-63	Voluntary transfer of control of permittee corporation from Louis H. Murray, Martin F. Malarkey, Jr., John L. Miller and David R. Wolf to Altoona Trans-Audio Corporation, Inc. Atty. - Smith & Pepper (K. Putbrese)	GRANTED EFF:	6-7-63 6-12-63
BR-4267 R & F	3-31-66 3-31-66	Renewal of License Atty. Smith & Pepper (T. W. Fletcher)	GRANTED	7-29-66
BP-18,073 Rec'd Filed #406381 \$30 #407912 45 MAY 15 1966	2-9-68 2-12-68 2-12-68 2-12-68 2-19-68	CP to increase power from 250w to 500w- (250w CH), and install new trans.(Gates BC-1G). atty-Smith, Pepper, Shack & LHeureux (Robert W. Healy) enr-George C. Davis SEE AMEND CARD #3	GRANTED Cond'l re: antenna resistance meas.	7-14-69

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13th AVENUE & 12th STREET
ALTOONA, PENNA.

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SHENANDOAH, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BP-18,293 cont'd AMENDMENT R & F \$30 #445311 \$45 #450105 Press: OCT 25 1968 PN filed 12-2-68	7-18-68 7-19-68 7-19-68 8-7-68	Change power to 1kw. NEW FILE NO. BP-18,293 ASSIGNED. see over for amendments.	GRANTED	10-14-69
BR-4267 R & F #503456 \$75.00 PRESS APR 20 1969	3-27-69 4-1-69 4-1-69	Renewal of license Atty-Smith, Pepper, Shack & L'Heureux (Arthur V. Weinberg) AMENDED 7-25-69 re: commercial matter	GRANTED	8-15-69
BL-12, 590 R & F #566528 \$30. PTA PRESS APR 8 1970	12-28-69 1-5-70 1-5-70 1-15-70	Lic.(BP-18,293) for changes. Type Trans: Visual Elec. AM-1K-A. Atty: A. V. Weinberg (Smith, Pepper, etc.)	GRANTED	4-20-70

BP-18,293- amendment R&F 9-15-69 re IV-A.

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BR-4267 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAY 25 1972	4-15-72 5-3-72 5-23-72	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Mark S. Fowler, Atty. (Smith & Pepper) AMENDED 8-14-72 re: employment policy	GRANTED	8-30-72
BR-4267 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-7-75 3-14-75 " 29 APR 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Jas. L. Oyster, Atty. (Smith & Pepper)	GRANTED	7-23-75
BP- 20,493 Rec'd Filed \$300-586264 AC-001 PN file MAY 3 1976	6-28-76 6-29-76 6-29-76	CP to inc. power to 2.5kw, & chg. type trans. RCA BTA-5L2 Atty: Robert J. Buenzle Eng. George M. Lohnes	GRANTED	8-23-78

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BR-4267 R & F PRESS	3-9-78 3-31-78 APR 19 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Jas. L. Oyster, Atty.	GRANTED	7-12 78
BL-790618AL R & F PRESS <i>VAR</i>	6-18-79 14 1980	Lic. to cover BP-20,493 for changes Atty. Robert J. Buenzle (Smith and Pepper)	GRANTED	4-30-80
BR810326UL PRESS	MAY 12 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Robert J. Buenzle	<i>gold</i> ISSUED	7-7-81

W M B T RECORD OF DENIAL OF INFORMAL APPLICATIONS

Wire 8-26-63 Request auth. remain on air 8-26-63 to
----- broadcast mine rescue -----

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.

