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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-8-61

Call letters WMEV-FM

Station location Marion, Virginia

Name of licensee MOUNTAIN EMPIRE BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter location On Walker Mountain on State Rt. #16, 4.5 mi. North of city limit of
Marion, VirginiaMain studio location Radio Road, Marion, Va. (Appl. 8-13-79)
X Hungry Mother Road, Marion, Virginia

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-3058 HAAT: 1,480'	9-7-60	93.9 mcs. Ch. 230	3.7-kw TPO: 1-kw	U	11-7-60 5-7-61
<u>Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station.</u>					
BRSCA-292 (624cc)	12-14-60	Subsidiary Communications Authority on a Multiplex Basis to (see auth.)			
BMPH-6700 (1)	5-10-61	Mod. of CP(BPH-3058) extension of completion date to 6-30-61			
BMPH-6712 (BRP 3.4kw)	5-10-61	Mod. of CP(BPH-3058) to chg. trans. & ant. (issued with BMPH-6700)			
BLH-1849 HAAT: 1,480ft.	8-8-61	93.9mcs	3.5kw TFO: 1kw	U	8-8-61 10-1-63
Lic. to cover CP (BPH-3058) as mod. for a new FM broadcast station.					
BRH-1226	9-24-63	Renewal of license			10-1 10-1-66
BRSCA-292	9-24-63	Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a Multiplex Basis to			10-1-66
BRH-1226	9-1-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			10-1-66 10-1-69
BRH-1226(L)	3-29-71	Renewal and NDEA			10-1-72
EBSA	5-25-72				
BRH-1226(S)	10-27-72	RENEWAL			10-1-75
BRH-1226(S)	9-12-75	Renewal of license			10-1-78
BRH-1226	(L) 9-14-78	REN. OF LIC.			10-1-81
BSH-1226	1) 9-18-79	ML chg. Antenna, trans. & resescribe SL & FC.			

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name ~~MOUNTAIN EMPIRE BROADCASTING CORPORATION~~ Station location: Marion, Virginia
 (P.O. - c/o R.C. Wolfenden, Park Boulevard, Box 470, Marion, Virginia.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-3058	6-1-60	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on:	GRANTED	9-7-60
Rec'd	6-28-60	Frequency - 93.9mc CH 230	HAAT:	1,480'
Filed	6-28-60	ERP - 3.7kw	ERP:	3.7-kw
		Type transmitter - RCA BTF-1D		
		Type antenna - RCA BFA-4A (4 section)		
		HAAT - 1477'		
		Trans. location - Walker Mtn. on State Rt. # 16, Marion, Virginia		
		Studio location - Hungry Mother Road Marion, Virginia		
		Remote control point - 1/2 mi. off Va. Hwy. # 16, 1 mi. N. of Marion, Virginia		
		(am site)		
		Atty. - Loucks, Zias & Jansky		
		Engr. - Louis A. King, Bristol, Tennessee		

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Name Mountain Empire Broadcasting Corporation

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Marion, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BSCA-292 Rec'd&Filed	10-29-60 10-31-60	Subsidiary Communications Authority on Multiplex Basis(67kcs.) Loucks and Jansky, Attys.	GRANTED	12-14-60
BMPH-6700 Rec'd&Filed	3-31-61 4-3-61	Modification of C.P.(BPH-3058 which authorized a new FM Broadcast station) for extension completion date from 5-7-61 to 6-30-61. Loucks and Jansky, Attys.	GRANTED	5-10-61
BMPH-6712 Rec;d&Filed	4-10-61 4-13-61	Modification of C.P.(BPH-3058 which authorized a new FM Broadcast station) to change type transmitter(Gates FM-1B) and change type antenna(Andrews, 1304-1). Loucks and Jansky, Attys.	GRANTED	5-10-61 ERP: 3.4kw Issued with BMPH-6700
BLH-1849 R & F	6-6-61 6-8-61	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-3058) as modified for a new FM broadcast station. Atty. Jansky	GRANTED	8-8-61

FORM BC-121
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Marion, Va.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1226 R & F	6-28-63 7-1-63	Renewal of license Atty. Maurice M. Jansky	GRANTED	9-24-63
BRSCA-292 R & F	6-28-63 7-1-63	Renewal of license (SCA) Atty. Same as above		
BRH-1226	6-28-66	Renewal of license	GRANTED	9-1-66
BRSCA-292	6-28-66	Renewal of SCA	SCA Granted but not	issued.
R & F	6-30-66	Atty. Wilner & Bergson	SCA CANCELLED (Ltr. 4-5-67)	
BRH-1226 R & F #526060 \$75. P.N. filed PRESS	7-1-69 7-2-69 7-2-69 7-2-69 AUG 7 1969	Renewal of license Atty-Wilner, Scheiner & Greeley(M.H. Rosenbloom)	GRANTED	3-29-71

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Name **MOUNTAIN EMPIRE BROADCASTING CORPORATION**
MARION, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1226 R & F PN Recd. PRESS 1	6-23-72 6-30-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 9-13-72 re: community survey; equal employment program	GRANTED	10-27-72
BRH-1226 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	5-27-75 5-30-75 " JUL 17 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-12-75
BRH-1226 R & F PRESS	5-16-78 5-22-78 JUN 2 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-14-78
BRH-810528UO PRESS:	AUG 10 1981	Renewal of License Attorney: Stella W. Maloney	GRANTED	10-22-81

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.

