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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed May 16, 1968

Call letters W.E.R.I-FM

Station location Westerly, Rhode Island.

WESTERLY BROADCASTING COMPANY (BAPH 12-12-62 EFF: 12-20-62)

Name of licensee X RHODE ISLAND-CONNECTICUT RADIO CORPORATION

Noose Neck Hill Rd., Westerly, Rhode Island, (BPH-5-17-66)(LH 5-16-68)

Transmitter location X Near corner Greenman & Margin Streets, Westerly, Rhode Island.

19 Railroad Ave., Westerly, R. I. (LH-5-16-68)

Zip-02891

X To be determined, Westerly, Rhode Island (BPH-5-17-66)

Main studio location X 11 Railroad Avenue, Westerly, Rhode Island

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-2973 HAAT:24'	7-7-60	103.7mc CH 279	17.5kw TPO:5kw	U	9-7-60 3-7-61
Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station.					
BSCA-311 (67kcs.)	2-8-61	Subsidiary Communications Authority on a Multiplex Basis to			(see auth.)
BPH-6550 (1)	7-21-61	Mod. of CP(BPH-2973) to change type transmitter.			
Wire	8-10-61	Remain silent for the period ending 10-14-61.			
Letter	11-22-61	Ext. auth. remain silent thru 1-31-62			
Wire	2-23-62	Ext. auth. remain silent thru 5-23-62			
Wire	10-17-62	Auth. remain silent thru 2-23-63.			
BAPH-301 BASCA-106 EFF:	12-12-62	Voluntary assignment of construction permit and SCA to Westerly Broadcasting Company.			
Wire	12-20-62				
Wire	2-14-63	Ext. auth. remain silent thru 5-23-63.			
Wire	5-20-63	Ext. auth. remain silent thru 8-15-63.			
Wire	8-6-63	Ext. auth. remain silent thru 11-1-63.			
Wire	10-25-63	Ext. auth. remain silent thru 1-29-64.			
Wire	1-27-64	Ext. auth. remain silent thru 4-27-64.			
Wire	4-24-64	Ext. auth. remain silent thru 7-27-64.			
Wire	7-24-64	Ext. auth. remain silent thru 10-27-64.			
Wire	10-21-64	Ext. auth. remain silent thru 1-27-65.			
Wire	1-22-65	Ext. auth. remain silent thru 4-27-65.			
Wire	4-23-65	Ext. auth. remain silent thru 5-21-65.			
Wire	5-12-65	Ext. auth. remain silent thru 8-20-65.			
BTC-4851 EFF	8-16-65	Voluntary transfer of control of lic.corp. from William E. Mathews to Natale L. Urso			
Wire	9-21-65				
Wire	8-17-65	Ext. auth. remain silent thru 12-20-65.			
Wire	12-28-65	Ext. auth. remain silent thru 3-31-66.			
BPH-5295 HAAT:140'	5-17-66	103.7mc. ch#279	ERP: 16kw TPO: 5kw	Unl.	7-17-66 1-17-67
CP to change ant-trans. location; change studio location; install new ant(Andrew Multi V,4section) decrease ERP; and increase HAAT;					
Wire	7-15-66	Auth. remain silent re inst-10-15-66.			
Wire	1-11-67	Auth. remain silent re instated and extended to expire on 4-16-67.			

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Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BMPH-9206 (1)	2-7-67	Mod. of CP(BPH-5295) for ext. of completion date to			4-16-67
BMPH-9206 (2)	4-24-67	Mod. of CP(BPH-5295 as mod.) for ext. of completion date to			10-16-67
BMPH-9621 (3)	10-16-67	Mod. of CP(BPH-5295 as mod.) for ext. of completion date to			1-16-68
BMPH-9818 (4)	2-14-68	Mod. of CP(BPH-5295 as mod.) for ext. of completion date to			4-17-68
BLH-3951	5-16-68	103.7mc	ERP:16kw	RC UNL.	4-1-69
Ltr.	2-17-69	Lic to cover BPH-5295 as mod. for new FM Describe trans. as GATES FM-5B mod. by installation of RCA BTE-10C exciter.			
BRH-2178(L)	3-26-69	Renewal	of License	4-1	4-1-72
BRSCA-311	3-26-69	Renewal	of SCA	4-1	4-1-72
BRH-2178(S)	4-14-72	RENEWAL			4-1-75
EBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-2178(L)	5-8-75		RENEWAL		4-1-78
BRH-2178(S)	5-31-78	Renewal			4-1-81

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters ~~new~~ **W E R I - F M**Name **RHODE ISLAND-CONNECTICUT RADIO CORPORATION**
WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND(P.O. A. Cavallro, Jr., 11 Railroad Ave., Westerly, Rhode Is.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-2973 Rec'd Filed	4-5-60 4-11-60 4-11-60	Construction Permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 103.7mc CH 279 ERP- 17.4kw HAAT 24 feet Type antenna- RCA BFA -4A Type transmitter - RCA-BTF-5B Transmitter location - Margin Street and Greenman Ave., Westerly, Rhode Island Studio location - 11 Railroad Ave. Westerly, Rhode Island Remote Control Location - Same as studio Atty.- Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine Eng.- Barkley & Dexter Laboratories	GRANTED ERP: :	7-7-60 17.5kw
BSCA-311 Rec'd&Filed	12-5-60 12-19-60	Subsidiary Communications Authority on a Multiplex Basis(67kcs.). Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine, Attys.	GRANTED	2-8-61

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Letters WERI-FMName RHODE ISLAND-CONNECTICUT RADIO CORPORATION
Westerly, Rhode Island

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-6550 Rec'd & Filed	12-24-60 12-27-60	Modification of CP(BPH-2973 which auth. a new FM Broadcast station) to change type transmitter to a Gates, FM-5B. Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine, Attys.	GRANTED	1-24-61
BLH-1814 Rec'd & Filed PROG. TEST 3-8-61	2-24-61 2-28-61	License to cover construction permit(BPH-2973 as mod.) which auth. a new FM Broadcast station. Fly, Shuebruk, Blume & Gaguine, Attys.	DISMISSED AS MOOT (Ltr. 7-15-66)	
BPH-3639 R & F	1-19-62 2-1-62	Construction permit to change frequency from 103.7mc CH 279 to 94.9mc CH 235 Engr. - Creutz & Snowberger	DISMISSED	11-27-63 Docket No. 14629

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BAPH-301 BASCA-106 Rec'd Filed	10-30-62 11-2-62 11-2-62	Voluntary assignment of construction permit and SCA to Westerly Broadcasting Company. Jerome S. Boros, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	12-12-62 12-20-62
Ltr. dated 10-21-63 & rec'd 10-22-63 requesting ext. auth. remain silent for a period ending 1-29-64 pending relocation of facilities - Broadcast Facilities (Room 7454) 10-24-63 (Current auth. remain silent expires 11-1-63)				
Ltr. dated 7-20-64 from licensee re ext. remain silent to 10-27-64 B/C 7-22-64				
Ltr. dated 10-17-64 from licensee re ext. remain silent for 3 mos. B/C 10-20-64				
BTC-4851 R & F	6-19-65 6-23-65	Voluntary transfer of control of permittee corp. from William E. Mathews to Natale L. Urso Atty. - G. Scheer (Amram, Hahn & Sundlun	GRANTED EFF:	8-16-65 9-21-65
Ltr. dated 12-11-65 from Urso re ext. remain silent B/C 12-20-65				

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WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BPH-5295 R & F	3-2-66 3-3-66	CP to change ant.-trans. location to Moose Neck Hill Road, Westerly, Rhode Island; change studio location to To Be Determined, Westerly, Rhode Island; install new ant. (Andrew Multi V, 4 sections); decrease ERP to 16.1kw; and increase HAAT to 197 -feet. 141 feet.	GRANTED	5-17-66
AMENDMENT R & F	3-30-66 3-31-66	AMENDED to change HAAT to 141'.		
BTC Rec'd (Form 316)	6-12-66 7-6-66	Voluntary transfer of stock from William E. Mathews, Louise M. Mathews, Christopher B. Russell and Joan M. Russell to the licensee corporation (and retirement thereof)	RET'D	7-11-66 not nec. (to be reported on 323)

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Letters **WER 1-FM**

Name **WESTERLY BROADCASTING COMPANY**
WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-9206 R & F	1-13-67	Modification of CP(BPH-5295 which authorized change ant-trans location; change studio location; install new ant; decrease ERP; and increase HAAT) for extension of completion date from 1-17-67 to 4-16-67.	GRANTED to	2-7-67
	1-16-67			4-16-67
BMPH-9333 R & F	4-7-67	Mod. of CP(BPH-5295 as mod., which authorized change ant-trans location; change studio loc.; install new ant.; incr. HAAT and decr. ERP) for extension of completion date from 4-16-67 to 10-16-67.	GRANTED to	4-24-67
	4-10-67			10-16-67
BMPH-9621 R & F OCT 3 1967	9-21-67	Mod. of CP(BPH-5295 as mod., which authorized chg. ant-trans location; chg. studio location; install new ant.; incr. HAAT and decr. ERP) for extension of completion date from 10-16-67 to 1-16-68.	GRANTED to	10-16-67
	9-22-67			1-16-68

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BMPH-9818 R & F JAN 25 1968	1-13-68 1-15-68	Mod. of CP(BPH-5295 as mod., which authorized chg. ant-trans location; chg. studio location; install new ant.; incr. HAAT and decr. ERP) for extension of completion date from 1-16-68 to 4-17-68.	GRANTED	2-14-68
BLH-3951 R & F #404971 \$75 Refunded \$45 PT APR 26 1968	2/2/68 2/5/68 2/5/68 4/24/68 2/16/68	License to cover (BPH-5295 as mod., for a new FM station.) Specify Studio & R.C. loc. Engr: Richard B. Johnson	GRANTED	5-16-68
BRH-2178 R & F #481425 \$75. PRESS FEB 8 1969 BRSCA-311 R & F #490828 \$30 FEB 19 1969	12-28-68 1-2-69 1-2-69 1969 2-11-69 2-13-69	Renewal of license---4-1-69 AMENDED 2-24-69 re: Balance Sheet & Programming Renewal of SCA	GRANTED	3-26-69

SCA not filed. Forms sent 2-7-69

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BRH-2178 & F PN Recd. PRESS JAN 18 1972	12-31-71 1-5-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 1-19-72 re: employment policy AMENDED 3-6-72 re: programming; emp. policy	GRANTED	4-14-72
BRH-2178 & F PN Recd. PRESS JAN 8 1975	11-30-74 12-5-74 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 4-18-75 re: EEO AMENDED 4-24-75 re: programming	GRANTED	5-8-75
BRH-2178 & F P.N. PRESS DEC 21 1977	11-30-77 12-7-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	5-31-78

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Name: WESTERLY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Station Location: WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRH-801201WY PRESS	JAN 26 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 2-12-81 re: Community Leader Checklist.	GRANTED 3-31-81

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.

