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BC-126
June 1975

AM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed _____ Call letters W B D Y

Station location BLUEFIELD, VA.

Name of licensee BLUEFIELD BROADCASTING CO., INC.

Transmitter location 0.37 mi. W. of Hwy 102 & Hwy. 643 intersection on Mud Fork,
Bluefield, Va.

Main studio location Same as TL

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To.
BP-21,037	2-19-80	1190KHz.	10kW	Daytime	2-19-81
CP for a new AM station.					
COMTEL	7-14-80	TEMP. AUTH. GR. CONDUCT EQUIPMENT TEST PURSUANT TO BP-21037 DURING DAYTIME, ONCE ARRAY HAS BEEN ROUGH TUNED DURING EXPERIMENTAL HOURS, INCLUDING 1KW NON DIRECTIONAL 1 1 KW, DA-D & 10 KW DA-D TO FACILITATE TAKING MEASUREMENTS CA CARRIER SHALL BE UNMODULATED EXCEPT FOR HOURLY VOICE I.D. AUTH. EXPIRES 9-30-80 NON PROGRAM DURN IN OPERATION SHALL BE CONDUCTED ONLY DURING EXPERIMENTAL HOURS NOTIFY WHEN EACH STEP IS COMMENCED			
MP801104AD	2-12-81	Mod. of CP (BP21037) to augment standard pattern to contain measured fields			
					8-12-81

DUPLICATE
APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

AM

Call Letters: W B D Y

Name: BLUEFIELD BROADCASTING CO., INC.

Station Location: BLUEFIELD, VA.

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BP-21,037	6-14-76	CP FOR A NEW AM STATION: 1190 KHz 10kW Directional Hrs. of oper. Daytime TL/SL: 0.37 mi. W. of Hwy 102 & Hwy. 643 inter. on Mud Fork, Bluefield, Va. (37-16-19 81-19-05)	Gr. 2-19-80
AMENDED	12-15-80	RE: Additional Engineering	

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

1190KHz.

Call Letters: W B D Y

Name: BLUEFIELD BROADCASTING CO., INC.

Station Location: BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMP801104AD PRESS (O)	NOV 21 1980	Mod. of CP (BP-21,037) To Augment Standard Pattern to Contain Measured Fields. Atty. William M. Barnard (Kenkel & Barnard)	GRANTED 2-12-81 Con'd
BL-801104AC R & F PTA PRESS JUN 17 1981 Amended	11-4180 3-4-81 6-12-81	Lic. to cover (BP-21,037) for a NEW AM STATION Atty: William M. Barnard (Kenkel & Barnard) Re: Operating parameter data.	ISSUED

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 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.

