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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed August 15, 1963

Call letters *HTPA-TV*

Station location *Harrisburg, Penn.*

Name of licensee *NEWHOUSE BROADCASTING CORPORATION*

Transmitter location *West of U. S. Hwys. 11 & 15 and North of State Hwy. 944, East (LH  
Pennsboro Township/ 8-15-63)*

ZIP 17110 *3400 North 6th Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (Letter / 12-9-80)  
(LH 8-15-63)*

Main studio location *X 3235 Hoffman Street, Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania /*

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-3634 HAAT: 700 TPO: 2.5	5-10-62	104.1 CH. 281	2 kw.	Unl.	7-10 1-10-63
		Construction permit for a new FM Broadcast station.			
BPH-7491 (1)	1-28-63	Mod. of CP(BPH-3634) for est. of completion date to 5-11-63			
BMPH-7491 (2)	1-28-63	Mod. of CP(BPH-3634, as mod.) to chg. type trans. (RCA BTF-1D); chg. TPO to 750w; chg. HAAT to 690'; chg. type ant. (RCA BFA-3A, 3 secs.); & chg. ant. loc. to aux. TV ant. (sidemount 130' level).			
BLH-2387 HAAT: 690'	8-15-63	104.1mc Ch. 281	ERP: 2kw TPO: 750w	Unl.	8-15 8-1-66
		Lic. to cover CP(BPH-3634, as mod.) which auth. a new FM Broadcast Station.			
BPH-5139 HAAT: 690'	10-28-65	104.1mc ch. #281	ERP: 5kw TPO: 1.9kw	Unl.	12-28-65 6-28-66
		CP to install new trans (RCA-BTF-5B), incr. TPO and ERP;			
BRH-1473	7-29-66	Renewal of license			8-1 8-1-69
BLH-3318 HAAT: 690'	9-12-66	104.1mc CH. #281	ERP: 5kw TPO: 1.9kw	U	9-12 8-1-69
		Lic to cover CP(BPH-5139) which auth in stall new trans, chg. TPO & ERP.			
BPH-6580 HAAT: 670' (h&v) Cond '1	1-29-69	104.1mc ch #281	ERP: 10kw (h&v) TPO: 3.5kw	U	9-29-69
		CP install new ant (RCA-BFC-6, 6 sects) chg. TPO; ERP; operate with vert. ERP; and chg. HAAT;			
BLH-4426 (L)	6-23-69	Lic. (BPH-6580) for chgs.			8-1-69
BRH-1473(S) Cond't	12-17-69	Renewal of License & NDBA			8-1-72
EBSA	9-10-70	Coord: 10 18 57.4 ML WL 76 57 02.2			
	5-25-72				
BRH-1473(L)	7-31-72	RENEWAL			8-1-75
BRCH-6219 (1) Const	8-13-74	Mod. of license to Operate by RC.			
	10-25-75	Delete parking & lighting requirements			

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FREQUENCY MODULATION

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters ..... WTPA-FM

Station location .....

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
BRH-1473(L)	7-23-75	Renewal of license			8-1-78
TELEGRAM	11-28-75	chg trans; RCA- BTF-5-E1			
BRH-1473(L)	7-27-78	Renewal			8-1-81
BPH-10972 HAAT: 670' (L)	9-12-78 (H&V)	104.1mhz. #281	ERP: 24kw (H&V)	U	9-12-79
BLH-790119AB (L)	7-11-79	CP install new Trans; chg. TPO & ERP Lic. (BPH-10972) for CHGS.			8-1-81
BTCH800402GL	4-29-80	VOL. TC	EFF: 4-29-80		
Letter Dated	12-9-80	SL & RC Now Located At: 3400 North 6th Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania			
BMLH-800828A0 (1)	9-17-80	ML to change SL & RC to 3400-02 North 6th Street, Susquehanna Township in Dauphin County, Pa.			

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters now WTPA-FM

Name NEWHOUSE BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA (P.O. Donald D. Wear, 3235 Hoffman St., Harrisburg, Pa.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-3634 Rec'd Filed	1-9-62 1-10-62 1-10-62	CP for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 104.1mc CH 281 ERP 2kw Type Antenna - RCA-BFA-1A (1 section ) HAAT 700 feet Type transmitter - RCA-BTF-5D TPO 2.52kw Trans. location - West of U. S. Hgwys. 11 & 15 and N. of State Hwy. 944 East Pennsboro Township, Pennsylvania Studio location - 3235 Hoffman Street Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  Atty. Dow, Lohnes and Albertson Eng. Lohnes and Culver	GRANTED:	5-10-62



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Aug. 1955

Call  
Letters WTPA-FMName NEWHOUSE BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-5139 R&F	10-4-65 10-11-65	Construction permit to install new trans (RCA-BTF-5E), increase TPO to 1.88kw, and increase ERP to 5kw.  Atty: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED	10-28-65
BRH-1473 R & F	5-2-66 5-2-66	Renewal of license Atty. Dow, Lohnes and Albertson	GRANTED	7-29-66
BLH-3318 R & F	6/20/66 6/21/66	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-5139) which auth. install new trans., chng. TPO and ERP.  Atty: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED	9-12-66
BPH-6580 R & F #480185 \$30 JAN 24 1969	12-10-68 12-27-68 12-27-68	CP to install new ant(RCA-BFC-6, 6 sects); chg. TPO: 3.52kw; ERP 10kw; operate with vert. ERP 10kw & chg. HAAT 666 feet.  Atty - Daniel M. Redmond(Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) Engt: Lohnes & Culver	GRANTED	1-29-69 Cond'1 the gr. does not preclude WAEB-FM, Allen-Town, Pa. being gr. ERP of no more than 20kw & HAAT of no more than 500 ft.

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

Call  
Letters

WTFA-FM

Name NEWHO USE BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1473 R & F #511684 \$75 PRESS	4-23-69 5-5-69 5-5-69	Renewal of license Atty-Dow, Lohnes & Albertson (Daniel M. Redmond) AMENDED 6-12-69 re: Engineering Data	GRANTED Cond'l re: The outcome of the now pending anti-trust action.	12-17-69
BLH-4426 R & F #517901 \$30 PT	5/15/69 5/27/69 5/27/69 6/5/69	License (BPH-6580) for changes.  Atty: Daniel M. Redmond	GRANTED	6-23-69
BRH-1473 R & F PN PRESS  MAY 25 1972	4-25-72 5-3-72 5-15-72	Renewal of License  Atty: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson AMENDED 6-16-72 re: employment policy	GRANTED Cond. re anti-trust	7-31-72

Re: BRH-1473- Sect. II, para. 2 not answered-called atty.  
6-9-69 for amendment.

Form BC-121  
September 1969

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WTPA-FMName Newhouse Broadcasting Corporation  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCH-1,219 R & F #327250 \$50 Code 057 Press	6-24-74 7-18-74 7-22-74 AUG 5 - 1974	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from the studio site: 3235 Hoffman Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 17.21(b) OF COMM. RULES. Atty: Daniel M. Redmond (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	8-13-74
BRH-1473 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-24-75 4-1-75 MAY " 8 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE D.M. Redmond, Atty AMENDED 4-29-75 re: court complaint	GRANTED	7-23-75
BPH-10972 R & F PRESS:	2-24-78 3-6-78 MAR 16 1978	CP install new Trans (RCA-BTF-10E-1); chg TPO & ERP: 24kw (H&V) Atty: Daniel M. Redmond (Dow, Lohnes, etc.) Engr:-----	ACCEPTED & GRANTED	9-12-78

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May 1976

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters W T P A-FMName NEWHOUSE BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1473 R & F PRESS	3-13-78 4-3-78 <b>APR 17 1978</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 8-28-80 re: programming Atty. Daniel M. Redmond (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	7-27-78
BLH-790119AB PTA: PRESS:	1-26-79 <b>MAY 21 1979</b>	License to cover (BPH-10972) FOR CHANGES Atty: Daniel M. Redmond	GRANTED	7-11-79
BTCH800402GL FORM 316 (ALSO SEE WSYR, WSYR-FM, WAPI & WAPI-FM PRESS	4-1-80 <b>APR 22 1980</b>	Vol. acquisition of negative control of lic corp by each, Donald E. Newhouse and S. I. Newhouse, Jr. thru purchase of stock (and retirement thereof) by the licensee corp from Mitzi E. Newhouse  Atty - John Rafter (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED EFF:	4-29-80 4-29-80

## APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W T P A

104.1MHz.

Name: NEWHOUSE BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Station Location: HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMLH800828AO PRESS (0)	SEP 15 1980	Modification of License to change Main SL & RC to: 3400-02 North 6th Street, Susquehanna Township in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania (OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS).  REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.210(a)(2) OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES.  Atty. Richard F. Swift (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED 9-17-80
BRH810401UU PRESS	MAY 14 1981	Renewal of License Atty.: Daniel M. Redmond	GRANTED 7-7-81 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

