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Form BC 126 #4392
June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-19-64

Call letters WMKR

Station location Millinocket, Maine

KATAHDIN RADIO, INC. (AL 7-30-73 EFF: 7-31-73)

X JOHN M. KEYS (AL 10-8-71 EFF: 10-14-71)

X WMKR, INC. (AL 10-24-67 eff. 11-1-67)

Name of licensee X MID-MAINE BROADCASTERS, INC.

Transmitter location Off Bates Street Extension, Indian Purchase Township #3, Maine /
(BP-7-17-63)

Main studio location Same as transmitter.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BP-14963	7-17-63 CP for a	1240kc	250w, 1kw-LS	U	9-17 3-17-64 new standard broadcast station (Cond'1)
BP-14963 (1)	8-7-63	Mod. of Letters.	CP(BP-14,963) to		assign Call
BL-10,428	8-19-64	1240kc	250, 1kw-LS	U	8-19 4-1-66 Lic to cover CP(BP-14,963) which auth a new standard broadcast station, specify type trans as Gates BC-1G.
BR-4392	3-21-66	Renewal	of License		4-1 4-1-69
BAL-6150 eff. 11-1-67	10-24-67	Voluntary	assignment of		license.
BZ-7100(L)	2-6-69	Direct	Meas.		
BR-4392(3)	5-9-69	Renewal	of License & NDEA		5-9 4-1-72
BAL-7392	10-8-71	VOL. AL	EFF: 10-14-71		
BR-4392(L)	3-30-72	RENEWAL & NDEA			4-1-75
EBSA	5-25-72				
BAL-7897	7-30-73	VOL AL	EFF: 7-31-73		
BR-4392(L)	3-31-75	Renewal	of License		4-1-78
Ltr.	7-19-75	Trans. now being installed RAYTHEON RA-250			
BR-4392(L)	4-13-78	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.)			4-1-81
BZ-9745(1)	11-7-78	Direct	Measurement (Main)		4-1-81
BZ-791011AE(2)	1-10-80 1-10-80	DIRECT MEASUREMENT			4-1-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call
Letters NEW W M K RName MID-MAINE BROADCASTERS, INC.
MILLINOCKET, MAINE (P.O.-Box 508, Millinocket, Maine)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-14,963	7-5-61	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency-1240kc Power-250w, 1kw-LS Hours of operation- Specified Hours 6a.m. to 6p.m. Trans. location-Off Bates St. Extended Indian Purchase Township 3, Maine Studio location-same as transmitter. Engr: Donald P. Wise, Fitchburg, Mass. Atty: Jerome S. Boros (Letter 12-28-62). Request waiver of Section 3.188(h).	GRANTED Cond'l re: 250w Class IV stations.	7-17-63
Rec'd	7-7-61			
Filed	7-7-61			
Amend	2-15-63	AMENDED 2-28-63 to change hours of operation		
Rec'd	2-28-63	to Unlimited		
Filed	2-28-63	Atty-Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine		
Amend	3-15-63	Amended to make change in officers		
R&F	3-26-63			

GATES BC-1T

AUG. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W M K RName MID-MAINE BROADCASTERS, INC.Millinocket, Maine

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
EL-10,428 R. & F. PTA: 12-6-63	11-21-63 11-27-63	Lic to cover CP(PE-1h,963) which auth a new standard broadcast station; specify type trans as Gates BC-1G.	Granted	8-19-64
BR-4392 R & F	12-31-65 1-3-66	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	3-21-66
BAL-7150 R & F AUG 21 1967	8-17-67 8-22-67	Voluntary assignment of license to WMKR, INC. Atty for assignee - <u>Fletcher</u> , Heald etc	GRANTED EFF:	10-24-67 11-1-67

FORM BC-121 #3
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1240kc

Call
Letters W M K R

JOHN M. KEYS

Name ***WMKR, INC.**
Millinocket, Maine

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
PR-4392 R & F #481414 \$75.00 PRESS JAN 28 1969	12-9-68 1-2-69 1-2-69	Renewal of license Atty. Edward W. Hummers, Jr.	GRANTED	5-9-69
BZ-7100 R & F #481667 \$30 DM FEB 7 1969	12/17/69 1/3/69 1/3/69 1/14/69	Direct Meas. Atty: Edward W. Hummers, Jr. Refunded 2/4/69 Engr: Herbert O. Wiles	GRANTED	2-6-69
BAL-7392 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 #022938 CODE 047 AUG 27 1971 Pub. notice filed 9-2-71 AMENDED 9-20-71 re: community needs data	8-6-71 8-9-71	Voluntary assignment of license to JOHN M. KEYS Atty for assignor - Vincent J. Curtis, Jr. for assignee - McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED Req. grant fee \$1,800.00 EFF: Grant fee paid 048 W 016688	10-8-71 10-14-71 11-4-71

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W M K R

KATAHDIN RADIO, INC.

Name JOHN M. KEYS
Millinocket, Maine

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4392 R & F P.N. PRESS FEB 1 1972	12-5-71 12-30-71 12-30-71	Renewal of License Atty: John L. Tierney	GRANTED	3-30-72
BAL-7897 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #193772 CODE 053 (Form 316) JUN 12 1973	5-1-73 6-1-73	Voluntary assignment of license to KATAHDIN RADIO, INC. Atty - McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner	GRANTED EFF:	7-30-73 7-31-73
BR-4392 R & F PN Recd. PRESS DEC 5 1974	11-15-74 11-20-74 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE James R. Cooke, Atty.	GRANTED	3-31-75

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W M K RName KATAHDIN RADIO, INC.
MILLINOCKET, MAINE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4392 R & F P.N. PRESS	11-1-77 11-21-77 11-21-77 JAN 9 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) Atty. John L. Tierney	GRANTED	4-13-78
BZ-9745 R & F DM PRESS	4-6-78 10-17-78 NOV 2 1978	Direct Measurement Atty: John L. Tierney	GRANTED	11-7-78
BZ-791011AE R & F DM PRESS	10-11-79 10-19-79 DEC 21 1979	Direct Measurement Atty: John L. Tierney	GRANTED	1-10-80
BR 801124 PRESS	YG DEC 22 1980	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) John L. Tierney, Atty. AMENDED 2-6-81 re: commercial matter	GRANTED	3-30-81

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. 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.

