

FCC "HONOR ROLL": REVOKED OR DENIED RENEWAL (Editor's note: This article

originally appeared in the 12/9/72 DXM. At that time, much of the information on frequencies and present assignments was incomplete, and I promised to rerun the article when I filled up the holes. Thanks to Jim Critchett, all the holes have been filled, so we're running it again. - Bill Hardy.)

The FCC's 37th annual report, released in June, 1972, listed for the first time those radio stations given the "death penalty" by the FCC: denial of license application or renewal of license, or revocation of license or CP. This "informal list" is the first such listing of all AM's, FM's and TV's that have lost their authority to operate. The complete list - 55 denials and 34 revocations - is printed in the 6/19/72 issue of Broadcasting. In many cases, new stations were later authorized with the deleted facilities, sometimes with the original call letters.

This list starts in 1934 when the FCC began. The most obvious omission from before that year (under the old FRC) would be Dr. Brinkley's KFKB, Milford, Kansas. Frequencies listed before 1941 are based on the pre-NARBA assignments.

This list is for AM (BCB) denials and revocations only and does not include FM or TV - see Broadcasting for that. And this list does not include stations who have voluntarily surrendered their licenses (such as for economic reasons).

Information on call letters, cities, and dates comes from 6/19/72 Broadcasting and is used by permission.

The following stations were denied renewal of license (or, in some cases, denied grant of original license after the construction permit was granted):

- KGIX-142C Las Vegas, Nev. denied 7/31/34 deleted 5/14/35
- KPJM-1500 Prescott, Ariz. denied 10/15/35 deleted 12/16/35
new license 1940; now KYCA-1490
- KGBZ-93C York, Neb. denied 5/21/36 deleted 7/28/36
- KWEA-1210 Shreveport, La. denied 7/2/36 deleted 8/1/36
- KWTN-1210 Watertown, S.D. denied 5/25/38 deleted 11/6/39
- KGDY-134C Huron, S.D. denied 5/25/38 deleted 6/24/38
- WHEF-1500 Kosciusko, Miss. denied 10/25/38 deleted 11/14/38
- KGCA-127C Decorah, Iowa denied 11/4/40 deleted 11/24/40
shared time w/educ. KWLC, now on 1240
- KIDW-1450 Lamar, Colo. denied 9/22/48 deleted same day
- WOKO-146C Albany, N.Y. denied 3/27/45 deleted 11/9/45
new license (when?)
- WORL-95C Boston, Mass. denied 4/23/47 deleted 5/31/47
new license 1950; now WRYT
- WJBW-1230 New Orleans, La. denied 4/22/48 deleted 8/14/49
new license 1951; now WBOK
- WIBK-80C Knoxville, Tenn. denied 8/10/49 deleted 11/17/52
- KWRZ-1340 Flagstaff, Ariz. denied 8/18/49 deleted 6/22/50
- KXXL-1230 Reno, Nev. denied 12/27/49 deleted 2/28/50
new license 1963; now KCBN
- KSFE-1340 Needles, Calif. denied 8/4/50 deleted same day
new license 1952
- KENE-1230 Belen, N.M. denied 1/10/51 deleted 1/31/51
- KLIQ-1290 Portland, Ore. denied 4/24/57 deleted 5/27/57
new license 1959
- WREA-1480 East Palatka, Fla. denied 7/19/61 deleted 1/12/62
- KCKY-1150 Coolidge, Ariz. denied 2/23/62 deleted 12/10/62
new license 1964
- KCLF-140C Clifton, Ariz. denied 2/23/62 deleted 12/10/62
- KGLU-148C Safford, Ariz. " " " " " " " "
- KVNC-1010 Winslow, Ariz. " " " " " " " "
- KZOW-124C Globe, Ariz. " " " " " " " "
- KRLA-1110 Pasadena, Calif. denied 3/15/62 deleted 8/1/64
special authorization
- WDKD-1310 Kingstree, S.C. denied 7/25/62 deleted 2/1/65
new license 1965
- WSPN-900 Saratoga Springs, N.Y. denied 8/9/63 deleted 3/3/64
new license 1964; now WKAJ
- WIXI-148C Irondale, Ala. denied 9/11/63 deleted 10/30/64
new license 1964; now WLPH
- WMCZ-960 Mobile, Ala. denied 1/29/64 deleted 8/3/66
- WNIZ-138C Lorain, Ohio denied 3/31/64 deleted 7/14/67
new license 1965; now WLRO
- WGMA-1320 Hollywood, Fla. denied 4/17/64 later allowed to
sell
- WHZN-1300 Hazleton, Pa. denied 3/18/65 deleted 4/6/65
- WKSJ-930 Milford, Del. denied 4/29/66 deleted 6/20/66
new license 1967; now WTHD
- KMRE-158C Anderson, Calif. denied 6/2/65 deleted 9/15/65
- KABE-154C Westwego, La. denied 10/6/65 deleted 6/6/66
- WNJR-143C Newark, N.J. denied 11/26/68 deleted 7/20/71
still on air

- WKOV-1330 Wellston, Ohio denied 1/24/68 deleted 9/11/70
new license 197C
- KICM-1250 Golden, Colo. denied 10/2/68 license surren-
dered 4/8/60 - new license 1969
- WCGA-900 Calhoun, Ga. denied 10/29/69 still in
litigation
- KTRG-990 Honolulu, Hawaii denied 3/18/70 license surren-
dered 2/18/71
- KFLY-1240 Corvallis, Ore. denied 5/20/70 deleted 3/3/71
new license 1971
- KPTN-140C Central Point, Ore. denied 5/20/70 deleted 3/3/71
- WXUR-690 Media, Pa. denied 7/1/70 deleted 7/5/73
- WHMC-1150 Gaithersburg, Md. denied 3/24/71 still in
litigation
- WCFV-1230 Clifton Forge, Va. denied 5/27/71 deleted 7/20/71

The following stations' licenses or construction permits were revoked:

- KUNA-1420 Yuma, Ariz. revoked 2/20/39 deleted 2/1/40
- WSAL-1200 Salisbury, Md. revoked 10/24/39 deleted 3/31/40
- WHPN-149C Middlesboro, Ky. revoked 10/16/47 deleted 2/27/48
- KGAR-1050 Garden City, Kan. revoked 2/27/48 deleted 5/19/49
new license 1949; now KNCO
- WPBP-145C Mayaguez, P.R. revoked 12/22/48 deleted 5/2/49
- KCRO-1380 Englewood, Colo. revoked 10/14/49 deleted 8/9/50
- KWIK-1490 Burbank, Calif. revoked 12/14/49 deleted 5/15/51
new license 1951; now KROQ-1500
- KPAB-1490 Laredo, Tex. revoked 1/26/50 deleted 2/14/51
new license 1952; now KVOZ
- WXLT-1450 Ely, Minn. revoked 5/23/50 deleted 3/28/51
new license 1954; now WELY
- KFMA-158C Davenport, Iowa revoked 6/21/50 deleted 4/2/51
new license 1952; now KWNT
- KALA-1400 Sitka, Alaska revoked 5/21/52 deleted 8/6/52
new license 1954; now KSEW
- KOAT-860 Albuquerque, N.M. revoked 6/22/55 deleted 11/9/55
- WGAV-1570 Amsterdam, N.Y. revoked 9/25/57 deleted 4/28/59
new license 1962; now WAFS
- KHCD-1450 Clifton, Ariz. revoked 7/23/58 deleted 1/27/59
- KBOH-1270 Bismarok-Mandan, N.D. revoked 11/30/60 deleted 3/3/63
new license 1963
- KLPT-1600 Golden Meadow, La. revoked 1/19/61 deleted 6/25/62
new license 1963; now KLEB
- WIOS-1480 Tawas City-E. Tawas, Mich. revoked 3/20/61 deleted 1/13/62
new license 1965
- WGRC-1580 Green Cove Springs, Fla. revoked 2/20/62 deleted 6/26/62
- KMK-1380 St. Louis, Mo. revoked 5/27/63 deleted 3/1/66
special authorization
- WBMT-1350 Black Mountain, N.C. revoked 6/26/63 deleted 9/1/65
new license 1966; now WBMS
- WSRA-1490 Milton, Fla. revoked 8/1/67 deleted 8/17/67
new license 1967
- WEKY-134C Richmond, Ky. revoked 5/3/68 later allowed to
sell
- WHHL-1440 Holly Hill, S.C. revoked 6/22/66 deleted 7/12/67
- WPPA-790 Pensacola, Fla. revoked 5/11/66 later allowed to
sell

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