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Question

After the Davis Amendment, did the Federal Radio Commission assign any licenses to entities for a future station?

Answer

Yes, General Order 40 appears to have given construction permits to two new stations, listed in Table 1. It also gave permits to some existing stations allowing them to broadcast with more power and those stations are listed in Table 2. Finally, Table 3 shows the much larger number of construction permits given to stations in the year prior to General Order 40, most of which had been built-out during that year.

After General Order 40

Table 1

The following stations have construction permits on September 10, 1928 pursuant to General Order 40. However, these stations did not exist before this time.

Location	Station	Permit Power	Frequency
PA, Philadelphia	WCAU	5000	1170
WV, Clarksburg	WOBU	65	1200

Table 2

The following stations were in existence when General Order 40 was announced on September 10, 1928 but were issued construction permits allowing them to broadcast with more power pursuant to General Order 40.¹

Location	Station	Power	Permit Power	Frequency
AL, Auburn	WJAX	1000	5000	1140
AR, Hot Springs	WBAP	1000	5000	800
CA, LA	KFI	5,000	50,000	640
CT, Hartford	WBAL	500	50,000	1060
GA, Atlanta	WSB	1000	5000	740
KY, Louisville	WHAS	5,000	10,000	1020
LA, New Orleans	WWL	500	5000	850
NC, Charlotte	WBT	5,000	10,000	1080
NC, Raleigh	WPTF	5,000	10,000	1080

¹ 1928 Fed. Radio Comm'n 2d Ann. Rep. Appendix G (1) at 170-91, available at http://www.fcc.gov/mb/audio/decdoc/annual_reports.html.

TX, Dallas	KRLD	5,000	10,000	1040
TX, Dallas (part-time)	WFAA	5,000	50,000	1040
TX, Fort Worth	WBAP	5,000	50,000	800
UT, Salt Lake City	KSL	1130	5000	1130
VA, Richmond	WRVA	1000	5000	1110
WV, Wheeling	WWVA	250	5000	1020

Prior to General Order 40

Table 3

List of construction permits granted to broadcasting stations between July 1, 1927 and June 30, 1928. (before General Order 40)²

Zone	Location	Station	Permit Power	Frequency
1	NH, Manchester	WRBH	500	TBD
1	NY, Saranac Lake	WNBZ	10	1290
2	WV, Clarksburg	WQBJ	65	1250
2	VA, Roanoke	WRBX	1000	TBD
2	OH, Shelby (deleted soon after since this was portable)	WOBR	10	1470
3	FL, Tampa	WQBA	250	
3	AR, Little Rock	KGHI	15	1150
3	TX, Georgetown	KGKL	100	1290
3	TX, Goldthwaite	KGKB	50	1070
3	AR, Little Rock	KGJF	250	1080
3	TX, Richmond	KGHX	50	TBD
3	MS, Gulfport	WGCM	15	1350
3	TX, Wichita Falls	KGKO	250	TBD
3	MS, Utica	WQBC	100	1390
3	GA, Tifton	WRBI	20	1350
3	TX, Breckenridge	KFYO	15	1420
3	NC, Gastonia	WRBU	50	TBD
3	AR, McGehee	KGHG	50	TBD
3	GA, Columbus	WRBL	50	1170
3	SC, Columbia	WRBW	15	TBD
3	MS, Greenville	WRBQ	100	1090
3	TN, Union City	WOBT	15	1460
3	NC, Wilmington	WRBT	50	1320
3	MS, Hattiesburg	WRBJ	10	1200
3	TX, El Paso	KGHO	50	
4	SD, Pierre	KGFX	200	1180

² *Id.* at Appendix D (2) – D (3) 84-100.

5	MT, Billings	KGHL	250	1350
5	CO, Pueblo	KGHF	250	1430
5	MT, Missoula	KGHD	5	1290
5	CA, Inglewood	KGGM	100	
5	HI, Honolulu	KGHB	250	1320
5	CO, Pueblo	KGHA	500	1430