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Form BC 126  
June 1954 #4452

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-1-65

WAKE (Eff:11-3-60)  
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Station location Valparaiso, Indiana

Name of licensee PORTER COUNTY BROADCASTING CORPORATION (BP-12-16-64; EFF. 1-1-65) COMPANY  
LEONARD J. ELLIS AND BERNICE A. ELLIS d/b as PORTER COUNTY BROADCASTING/

Transmitter location Sager <sup>R</sup>d., 1.7 mi. S. of city limits of Valparaiso, Indiana (BP-6-23-64)

Zip-46383

Main studio location Same as Transmitter  
To be determined, Valparaiso, Indiana (BP-6-23-64)

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BP-14980	6-23-64	1500kc	1kw-DA-D	Day	8-23 2-23-65
CP for a new standard broadcast station (Cond'l)					
BAP-695 EFF: 1-1-65	12-16-64	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to PORTER COUNTY BROADCASTING CORPORATION			
BL-10,781	4-1-65	1500kc	1kw-DA-D	Day	4-1 8-1-67
Lic to cover CP(BP-14,980) which auth a new standard broadcast station; specify Main Studio Loc same as Trans. specify type Trans as Gates BC-1G.					
BP-17813	8-11-67	1500kc	1kw-DA-D	Day	10-11 4-11-68
CP to make changes in antenna system (increase height and install FM antenna side-mounted).					
BR-4452(L)	7-15-68	Renewal of License & NDEA			8-1-70
BL-12,053(L)	1-31-69	Lic. to cover CP(BP-17,813) to chg. ant system and install FM ant.			8-1-70
BS-4452(1)	8-11-69	Mod. of lic. to change operating specifications (Memo).			
BR-4452(L)	7-31-70	Renewal of license & NDEA			8-1-73
BZ-8002(1)	3-27-72	Direct Measurement			
BZ-8002(1)	3-27-72	supersede to correct Oper. Specs.			
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-4452(L)	8-17-73	RENEWAL			8-1-76
Comlet	6-14-74	Ant. monitor Potomac Inst. AM-19(204)			
COMTEL	8-25-75	PSA	2.5 watts		
BR-4452 BZ-9158(L)	9-23-76	Renewal of License & Modification			
BR790323UL(S)	7-24-79	Renewal of License			8-1-79 8-1-82

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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PORTER COUNTY BROADCASTING CORPORATION

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PORTER COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY

VALPARAISO, INDIANA (P.O. Leonard J. Ellis, Rt. 1, Box 134, Chesterton, Ind.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
14,980 <del>BP-14,528</del> Rec'd Filed	12-1-60 12-2-60 12-2-60	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1500kc Power - <del>250w</del> DA-D 1kw Hours of operation - Daytime Trans. location - Sager Road, 1.7 miles south of city limits of Valparaiso, Indiana Studio location - To be determined Valparaiso, Indiana Atty.- John H. Midlen Eng.- E. H. Munn, Jr., Coldwater, Mich.	GRANTED Cond'l re: Phase Mon., Field meas. equip. DA & non-DA proof, Pre-sunrise operation, Permittee shall accept any interference. After Hearing Docket No. 14807 Order Issued	6-23-64 Phase Mon.
AMENDMENT R & F	7-12-61 7-14-61	AMENDED to increase power to 1kw; change type transmitter (GATES BC 1T); make changes in DA system. NEW FILE NO. ASSIGNED - BP-14,980		
BAP-695 R & F	11-23-64 12-1-64	Voluntary assignment of construction permit (BP-14,980) to Porter County Broadcasting Corporation  Atty. Midlen and <del>Harrison</del> o. c.	GRANTED EFF:	12-16-64 1-1-65

Gates BC-250T 1T

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Valparaiso, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
HL-10,781 R. & F.	10-21-64 10-26-64	License to cover construction permit(BP-14,980) which authorized a new Standard broadcast station; specify Main Studio Location SAME as Transmitter; specify type transmitter as Gates BC-1G.	GRANTED	4-1-65
AMENDED	3-31-65	Atty- John H. Midlen Amended to change name of applicant to PORTER COUNTY BROADCASTING CORPORATION.		
BP-17,813 Received Filed AUG 11 1967	7-13-67 6-28-67 8-8-67	CP to make changes in antenna system (increase height and install FM antenna side-mounted)	GRANTED <del>Returned</del> <del>Sect. 1 not filed</del> Returned-8-3-67-See. I not-dated.	8-11-67 <del>7-10-67</del>
BR-4452 R & F JUL 18 1967	7-8-67 7-10-67	Renewal of license (By letter of 11-30-67 apparent forfeiture liability of \$200)	GRANTED	7-15-68

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Valparaiso, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-12,053 Rec'd RESUB Rec'd Amended Filed PT <i>over</i> AUG 16 1968	1/15/68 1/17/68 3/20/68 3/22/68 7/1/68 7/1/68 7/12/68	Lic. to cover GP (BP-17,813) which auth. chng ant-system and install FM ant.  Engr: E. Harold Munn, Coldwater, Mich.	<del>RETURNED - 1/22/68 - engr - incomplete</del>  GRANTED	       1-31-69
BR-4452 R & F #597503 \$75 PN PRESS MAY 5 1970	4-29-70 4-30-70 4-30-70	Renewal of license AMENDED 7-17-70 re: programming; commercial policy	N GRANTED	7-31-70
BZ-8002 Rec'd Amended & F PTA PRESS MAR 17 1974	9-25-70 9-28-70 3-1-72 3-3-72	Direct Measurement  Engr. data	GRANTED	3-27-72

Fee: \$75 paid 1/17/68 #400285 refunded \$45 1/22/68



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VALPARAISO, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BR-4452 R & F PN PRESS MAY 13 1973	4-30-73 5-2-73 5-2-73	Renewal of License AMENDED 7-23-73 re: ascertainment of community needs; employment policy	GRANTED	8-17-73
BR-4452 R & F PN Recd. PRESS APR 28 1976	3-26-76 3-29-76 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 5-6-76 re: engineering & transmission logs AMENDED 5-24-76 re: balance sheet	GRANTED	7-23-76 issued with BZ-9158
BZ-9158 R & F \$100#526866 DM PRESS JUL 8 1976	11-20-75 11-24-75 2-9-76 7-1-76	Direct Measurement	GRANTED	9-23-76 issued with RENEWAL

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Name PORTER COUNTY BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
Valparaiso, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-9573 R & F DM PRESS JAN 24 1978	9-30-77 10-5-77 11-29-77	Direct Measurement		
BR 790323 UL PRESS JUN 12 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	granted	7-24-79
BZ-800429AC R & F ... .. PRESS MAY 4 1980	4-29-80	DIRECT MEASUREMENT		

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

