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4173

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 10-26-62

Call letters W H A G (4-13-62)
x W D D W

Station location Halfway, Maryland

Name of licensee INTERSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (AL gr 3/3/77 EFF: 3/7/77)
x REGIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location Pike
1250 Downsville Park, Hagerstown, Maryland (red. 10-26-62)
x East side of Route 632, 0.5 mi. S. of Hagerstown, Maryland (BMP 3-12-62)
x Intersection of Rte. 632 and Funkstown Rd., Halfway, Maryland (BP 10-13-61)

21740

Same as transmitter.

Main Studio Location Intersection of Rte. 632 and Funkstown Rd., Halfway, Maryland

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

APPL. NO.	DATE ISSUED	FREQ.	POWER	TIME DIV.	PERIOD FROM TO
BP-11646	10-13-61	1410kc	1kw-DA-D	Day	12-13 6-13-62
CP for a new standard broadcast station (Cond'1).					
BMP-10088	3-12-62	1410kc	1kw-DA-D	Day	12-13 6-13-62
Mod. of CP(BP-11646) to chg. ant-trans. and studio loc. and change type trans. (GATES BC-1F)					
BL-9404	10-26-62	1410kc	1kw-DA-D		10-26 10-1-63
Lic. to cover CP (BP-11,646 as mod) which auth. a new standard b/c station.					
BP-16,069	2-10-64	1410kc	250w-DA-D	Aux.	4-10 10-10-64
CP to install an auxiliary transmitter(GATES BCA-250) at main transmitter location to be operated on 1410kc, 250w, for auxiliary purposes only.					
BR-4173	3-10-64	Renewal of License			3-10 10-1-66
BL-10,770	3-18-65	1410kc	250w-DA-D	Aux	3-18 10-1-66
Lic to cover CP(BP-16,069) which auth the install of a new Aux Transmitter					
BR-5406 (1)	3-18-65	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power			
<i>(Main)</i>					
BR-4173	9-7-66	1410kc	1kw-DA-D	Day	10-1 10-1-69
BTC-5215 EFF:	1-10-67 2-9-67	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Arthur A. Snowberger, John L. Miller and Richard Hildreth to Adler Communications Corporation.			
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	460w		
BRC-3165 (1)	3-8-68	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 1250 Downsville Park, Hagerstown, Maryland.			
BR-4173(L)	9-25-69	Renewal			10-1-72
BS-4173(I)	3-4-71	ML delete RC			
EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-4173(L)	11-30-72	RENEWAL			10-1-75
BS-4173	3-31-76	BS Resume direct measurements & chg ant monitor & MP's values			
BR-4173(L)	1-1-76	RENEWAL			10-1-78

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Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BAL-8899	3/3/77	Vol AL	EFF: 3/7/77		
FCC 4-14-77	Change in mailing address				
BR-4173(L)	10-23-78	Renewal of License			10-1-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Aug. 1955

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Letters NEW WDDWName REGIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY(P.O. - Richard Hildreth, 703 Perpetual Bldg., Washington 4, D.C.)

File No.	Dated	(Minsey Bldg. 8-14-58) Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-11,646	10-18-57	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1410kc Power - 1kw DA-D Hours of operation - Daytime Trans. location - 0.45 mile south of US 11, - 1200' from Bower Ave. Halfway, Maryland Studio location - To be determined. Remote Control Point - STATION LOCATION - HALFWAY, MARYLAND Atty. - Fisher, Wayland, Duvall & Southmayd Engr. - Page, Creutz, Steel & Waldschmitt	GRANTED	10-13-61
Rec'd	10-18-57		Cond'l re: Phase Mon., Field meas. equip., DA & non-DA proof.	
Filed	10-18-57		After Hearing Docket No. 12678 Order Issued.	
AMENDMENT R & F	5-27-58 5-27-58	AMENDED to change antenna-trans. & studio loc. to Inters. of Rte 632 and Funkstown Road, Wash- ington County, Md., install DA-D; make changes in gr. system; change station loc. to HALFWAY FUNKSTOWN , MD; make changes in officers, direct- ors and stockholders. WASHINGTON, D. C. see page 2 for amend.		

Aug. 1955

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Letters new W D D W

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-11,646 AMENDMENT R & F	8-14-58 8-14-58	AMENDED to change station location to HALFWAY, MARYLAND. Atty. - Spearman & Roberson (Richard Hildreth)	GRANTED	10-13-61
BP-11646 Amended	8-22-58	AMENDED to change type trans. (GATES BC -1T).		
R. & F. AMENDMENT Rec'd	8-22-58 3-15-61 3-16-61	AMENDED to make changes in officers, stockholders and stockholdings.		
Filed (ORDER)	4-6-61			

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Call W H A G (4-18-62)
Letters ~~Xi.D.D.~~.....

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Name Regional Broadcasting Company
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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-10,088 R&F	1-19-62 1-19-62	Mod of CP (BP-11646 which auth a new standard broadcast station) to chg ant-trans and main studio loc from Intersection of Rte 632 and Funkstown Rd., Halfway, Md. <u>to</u> on the east side of Rte 632, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi south of Hagerstown city limits and chg type trans (Gates BC-1F). Atty: Spearman and Roberson (R. Hildreth)	GRANTED	3-12-62
LETTER DATED	3-29-62	FROM COHEN FOR WARK REQUESTING PROPOSED CHANGE OF CALL LETTERS be DENIED - OBJECTION DENIED 4-18-62 - LETTER		
BL-9404 R. & F.	5-24-62 5-24-62	Lic to cover CP(BP-11,646 as mod) which auth a new standard broadcast station. Atty- SPEARMAN & ROBERSON	GRANTED	10-26-62

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BR-4173 Rec'd Filed	9-3-63 9-6-63 9-6-63	Renewal of license---10-1-63 Atty. Richard Hildreth	GRANTED	3-10-64
BP-16,069 R. & F.	12-24-63 12-31-63	CP to install an auxiliary transmitter (Gates 3CA250) at main transmitter location to be operated on 1410kc, 250w, for auxiliary purposes only. Atty: Spearman and Roberson	GRANTED	2-10-64
EL-10,770 R. & F.	10-9-64 10-9-64	License to cover construction permit (BP-16,069) which authorized the installation of a new Auxiliary Transmitter.	GRANTED	3-18-65
EZ-5406 R. & F.	12-7-64 12-7-64	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	3-18-65

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BR-4173 R & F	6-29-66 7-5-66	Renewal of license Atty- Fletcher, Heald, Rowell, Kenehan and Hildreth	GRANTED	9-9-66
BTC-5215 R & F	11-30-66 11-30-66	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Arthur A. Snowberger, John L. Miller and Richard Hildreth to Adler Communications Corporation Atty - Richard Hildreth	GRANTED EPY:	1-10-67 2-9-67
PETITION OF WARK, INC. FOR PROCEEDINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1.1 OF THE COMMISSION RULES AND FOR OTHER RELIEF filed 6-30-67 by Stanley S. Neustadt behalf WARK & WARK-FM REPLY filed 8-2-67 by Stanley Cohen,				
BRC-3165 R & F AUG 25 1967	7-27-67 8-17-67	Modification of license to operate/trans- mitter by remote control from 1250 Downsville Park, Hagerstown, Maryland. (DA-D) Atty.: Wade H. Hargrove	GRANTED	3-8-68

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 10-2-67 by Neustadt on behalf of WARK, Inc.

OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 10-13-67 by Lester Cohen on behalf of WMAL.

OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 10-17-67 by Hildreth on behalf of applicants.

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BR-4173 R & F #527018375. P.N. filed PRESS AUG 1 1969	7-1-69 7-3-69 7-3-69 7-16-69	Renewal of license Atty-Fletcher, Heald, Rosell, etc. (Special dispensation) Hennessey III	GRANTED	9-25-69
BR-4173 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JUL 19 1972	10-8-70 6-12-72 7-3-72 7-10-72	Annual license fee paid \$24.00 #635071 RENEWAL OF LICENSE Vincent J. Curtis, Jr. Atty AMENDED 7-24-72 re: programming; emp. policy AMENDED 9-12-72 re: community survey & employment policy AMENDED 9-25-72 re: employment practices AMENDED 11-14-72 re: engineering data	GRANTED	11-30-72
BR-4173 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JUN 20 1975	6-2-75 6-2-75 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 9-18-75 re: programming M.Scott Johnson, Atty. AMENDED 4-4-76 re: programming	GRANTED	4-9-76

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BAL-8899 R & F FEE PD:\$400 #652932 CODE 047 (INCLUDES FM WQCM) JAN 28 1977	12-30-76 12-30-76	Voluntary assignment of license to INTERSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (SEE OVER) Atty - Fletcher, Heald etc (V. Curtis) AMENDED 1-10-77 - programming exhibits	GRANTED EFF:	3/3/77 3/7/77
BR-4173 R & F PRESS -----	5-26-78 6-1-78 JUN 28 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Vincent J. Curtis, Jr. (Fletcher, Heald, Kenchan & Hildreth)	GRANTED	10-23-78
BR-810601D3 Press: AUG 5 1981	5 1981	Renewal of License Attorney: Vincent J. Curtis, Jr.	GRANTED	10-22-81

RE: BAL-8899 - Atty was called 1/26-77 - Table I incomplet
re home addresses; bal sheets nec & bank ltr re loan

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.

