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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-29-47

W K A P (11-8-46)
Call letters x W W P A

Location: Allentown, Pennsylvania

W K A P, Inc. (AL 12-23-48; EFF: 1-1-49)

x N. JOE RAHALL, SAM G. RAHALL, FARRIS E. RAHALL & DEEM F. RAHALL,

Name of licensee a Partnership d/b as ALLENTOWN BROADCASTING COMPANY

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On State Hwy. 329, 0.8 mi. NNW of Allentown, Pennsylvania (Lic. 8-17-51)

* Along State Highway 329, NNW of city of Allentown, 0.8 mile from city limits of Allentown, Pennsylvania (MP 3-21-51)

x Approx. 4 blocks W of the Intersection of Jordan Parkway North and Route

Transmitter location 329, Allentown, Pennsylvania (MP 11-8-46) (Lic. 8-29-47)

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On State Hwy. 329, 0.8 mi. NNW of Allentown, Pennsylvania (Lic. 8-17-51)

* On Route 329, Approx. 4/5 mile N. of city limits of Allentown, Pa.

(ML 2-9-50)

x 715 Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pa. (Lic. 8-29-47)

Main studio location Americus Hotel, 6th and Hamilton Sts., Allentown, Pa. (MP 11-8-46)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From- To- |
|-------------------|---|--|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| P-4496 | 5-24-46 | 1580 | 1kw | Daytime | |
| Letter | 7-11-46 | C.P. for new station granted subject to filing MP for approval of T site and antenna | | | |
| 2-P-4496 | 11-8-46 | 1580 | 1kw | Daytime | 1-8 7-8-47 |
| 2-MP-2071 | Mod. of C.P. (4496) for change type T and approval antenna and T site and specify S location | | | | |
| P-3359 | 8-29-47 | 1580 | 1kw | Daytime | 8-29 5-1-48 |
| P-2173 | Lic. to cover CP (4496 as mod.) for a new station change studio location and determine operating power by direct method. (CONDITIONAL CLAUSE) | | | | |
| P-1566 | 4-8-48 | 1580 | 1kw | D | 5-1 5-1-51 |
| L-814 | 12-23-48 | Vol. assignment of lice. from N. Joe Rahall, Sam G. Rahall, Farris E. Rahall and Deem F. Rahall, a Partnership d/t as Allentown Broadcasting Company to WKAP, Inc. | | | |
| | 1-1-49 | | | | |
| P-1394 | 2-9-50 | 1580 | 1kw | Daytime | 2-9 5-1-51 |
| | Mod. Lic. to change studio location. (COND. CL) | | | | |
| P-1394 | 2-9-50 | 1580 | 1kw | Daytime | 2-9 5-1-51 |
| | Mod. Lic. to change studio location. (COND. CL) | | | | |
| P-3174 | 6-30-50 | 1580 | 1kw | Day | 6-30 5-1-51 |
| | Auth. to determine power by direct measurement. (COND. CLAUSE) | | | | |
| P-6552 | 12-4-50 | 1320 | 1kw-DA-N | U | 2-4 8-4-51 |
| | CP to change frequency & make changes in transmitting equip. change hrs. & install DA-N (CONDL. CLAUSE) | | | | |
| MP-5437 | 3-21-51 | 1320 | 1kw-DA-N | U | 2-4 8-4-51 |
| | Mod. of CP (6552) to change T site, MEOV and T. (CONDL. CLAUSE) | | | | |
| P-1566 | 4-25-51 | 1580 | 1kw | Daytime | 5-1 5-1-54 |
| L-4465 | 8-17-51 | 1320 | 1kw-DA-N | U | 8-17 8-1-54 |
| | Lic. cover CP 6552 as mod., to ch. freq., hrs. of oper., installation new T and DA for night use and chg. T location. | | | | |

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

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Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From- To- |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| BL-4465 | 8-17-51 | 1320 | 1kw* *DA-N | U | 8-17 8-1-54 (COND'L CLAUSE) |
| Superseding license to correct T&S sites | | | | | |
| BS-1566 | 10- 2 ³ -52 | Mod. license correcting the phase monitor current ratios | | | |
| BR-1566 | 7-28-54 | Renewal of license | | | 8-1 8-1-57 |
| BZ-3823 (1) | 10-26-56 | Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. | | | |
| BR-1566 | 7-18-57 | 1320 | 1kw* *DA-N | U | 8-1 8-1-60 |
| BR-1566 | 7-27-60 | Renewal of License | | | 8-1 8-1-63 |
| BP-13473 | 4-7-61 | 1320kc | 1kw-5kw-LS DA-2 | U | 6-7 12-7-61 |
| CP to increase daytime power to 5kw, change to DA-2, make changes in DA system (two add'l towers) changes in ground system and install new trans. (GATES BC-5P-2) (Cond'l). | | | | | |
| BMP-9934 (1) | 12-7-61 | Mod. CP(BP-13,473) for extension of completion date to February 1, 1962 | | | |
| BL-9046 | 5-17-62 | 1320kc | 1kw, 5kw DA-2 | U | 5-17 8-1-63 |
| License to cover CP(BP-13473, as mod.) which auth. incr. in daytime power and install new trans. (Gates BC-5P-2), chg. from DA-N to DA-2, chg. in DA system, chg. in ground system. | | | | | |
| | 7-24-63 | COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION. | | | |
| BR-1566 | 11-13-64 | Renewal of License | | | 11-13 8-1-66 |
| BR-1566 | 7-29-66 | 1320kc | 1kw-5kw-LS-DA-2 Un | 8-1 | 8-1-69 |
| TELEGRAM | 10-26-67 | PSA | 500w | | |
| TELEGRAM | 2-2-68 | PSA (REVISED) 3350w | | | |
| BTC-5971 | 7-25-69 | Vol. TC | | | |

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Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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| BR-1566(L) | 8-15-69 | RENEWAL | & NDSA | | 8-1-72 |
| EBSA | 5-25-72 | | | | |
| BR-1566(L) | 7-31-72 | RENEWAL | | | 8-1-75 |
| BTC-7407 | 6-27-74 | VOL. TC | EFF: | 6-27-74 | |
| BP-19,964 | 9-29-75 | CP to add MEOV plane pattern | s to day | horizontal | 9-29-76 |
| BR-1566(L) | 3-17-76 | | RENEWAL | | 8-1-78 |
| BL-14,054(L) | 4-7-76 | Lic. to cover | BP-19,964 | for changes | 8-1-78 |
| BS-1566(L) | 7-7-76 | ML to add condition re: 73.114(a)(8) | Section | | 8-1-78 |
| BR-1566(S) | 7-12-78 | Renewal of License | | | 8-1-81 |
| BTC-8403 | 7-28-78 | VOL. TC. | | | |

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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 Letters X NEW

Name N. JOE RAHALL, SAM G. RAHALL, FARRIS E. RAHALL
& DEEM F. RAHALL, A Partnership d/b as ALLENTOWN BROADCASTING COMPANY
(P.O. Temp. 214 1/2 Main St., Beckley, West Virginia)

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| B2-P-4196 Rec'd Filed | 1-21-46 | Construction Permit for new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1540 kc - 1580 kc Power - 1kw Hours of Operation - Daytime Trans. Location - To be determined Allentown, Pa. Studio Location - To be determined Allentown, Pa. (Filed by Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty.; Commercial Radio Equipment Co., Engrs.) RE: To change frequency from 1540 kc to 1580 kc. (Filed by Stephen Tuhy Jr., Atty: Everett L. Dillard, Engr.) | Docket No. 7475 GRANTED (without hearing) subject to approval of T site and antenna Letter 7-11-46 Issued with MP-2071 | 5-24-46 |
| | 1-22-46 | | | |
| | 1-23-46 | | | |
| Amended Rec'd Filed | 4-16-46 4-26-46 5-1-46 | | | |

RCA - BTA-1L (Robert F. Wolfskill,
Commercial Radio Equipment
Co., Kansas City, Mo., Engrs.

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Letters X W W P A

Name N. JOE RAHALL, SAM G. RAHALL, FARRIS E. RAHALL
& DEEM F. RAHALL, A Partnership d/b as ALLEN-OWEN BROADCASTING COMPANY

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Nature | Action | |
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| | | | | | Date |
| B2-MP-2071 | 8-16-46 | Modification of construction permit (B2-P-4496, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna, change type of transmitter (Gates BC-1-B), approval of transmitter location at approximately four blocks West of the intersection of Jordan Parkway North and Route 329, Allentown, Pennsylvania, and to specify studio location as Americus Hotel, 6th and Hamilton Streets, Allentown, Pennsylvania. (Filed by John C. Hayes, Atty.) Commercial Radio Equipment Co., Engrs.) Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty(per ltr. 10-15-46 | GRANTED | | 11-8-46 |
| Rec'd | 8-19-46 | | | | |
| Filed | 8-19-46 | | | | |

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Letters W K A P

Name N. JOE RAHALL, SAM G. RAHALL, FARRIS E. RAHALL & DEEM F. RAHALL,
A Partnership d/b as Allentown Broadcasting Company

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| 2L-2359 Rec'd Filed | 3-4-47 | License to cover C.P. (B2-P-4496, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and for change of studio location from: Americus Hotel, 6th. and Hamilton Sta., Allentown, Pennsylvania to: 715 Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania and | GRANTED cond. re waivers 3.55(b) and 3.60 | 8-29-47 |
| | 3-6-47 | | | |
| | 3-6-47 | | | |
| B2-2173 Rec'd Filed | 3-4-47 | Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Stephen Tuhy, Atty.) | | |
| | 3-6-47 | | | |
| | 3-6-47 | | | |
| Rec'd | 4-15-47 4-25-47 | Construction Permit to install a new transmitter (Gates BC-1-E). | Dismissed. Application unnecessary as same request was granted in B2-MP-2071. | |

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4 W K A P, Inc.

x N. JOE RAHALL, SAM G. RAHALL, FARRIS E. RAHALL and

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Letters W K A P

Name DEEM F. RAHALL, A Partnership d/b as ALLENTOWN BROADCASTING COMPANY

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BP-6552 Rec'd | 1-19-48 1-19-48 | Construction Permit to change frequency from 1580kc to 1320kc and to make changes in transmitting equipment. Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty. Esterly C. Page, Engr. | GRANTED C.P. ISSUED | 12-4-50 |
| AMENDED Recd. Filed | 5-14-48 6-11-48 6-11-48 | AMENDED to change hours of operation from daytime only to unlimited and install DA for use at night. | re properly designed phase monitor; re field meas. equipment be available; re a complete non-DA proof be made in addition to the proof on the DA sys. | |
| AMENDED Recd. Filed | 2-28-49 3-3-49 3-11-49 | AMENDED to change name of applicant from N. Joe Rahall, Sam G. Rahall, Farris E. Rahall and Deem F. Rahall, a partnership d/b as Allentown Broadcasting Company to W K A P, Inc. | | |
| BR 1566 | 2-18-48 2-20-48 | Renewal of license Filed by Stephen Tuhy, Jr. Att'y. | Granted | 4-8-48 |

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W K A P, Inc. (AL 12-23-48)

xN. Joe Rahall, Sam G. Rahall, Farris E. Rahall and Deem F.

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LettersW.K.A.P.....

Name Rahall, a partnership d/b as Allentown Broadcasting Company

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BAL-814 Recd. Filed | 8-26-48 | Voluntary Assignment of License from N. Joe Rahall, Sam G. Rahall, Farris E. Rahall and Deem F. Rahall, a partnership d/b as Allentown Broadcasting Company to W K A P, Inc. | GRANTED | 12-23-48 |
| | 9-9-48 | | E FF | 1-1-49 |
| | 10-15-48 | | | |
| BML-1394 Rec'd Filed | 12-22-49 | Modification of license to change studio location from 715 Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania to On Route 329, Approx. 4/5 mile North of City limits of Allentown, Pennsylvania. Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty. | GRANTED | 2-9-50 |
| | 1-3-50 | | re waiver Sec. 3.30(a) | |
| | 1-23-50 | | permitting identification as Allentown, Pa. | |
| BZ-3174 Rec'd Filed | 6-21-50 | Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty. | GRANTED | 6-30-50 |
| | 6-21-50 | | re waiver of Sec. 3.30a | |
| | 6-21-50 | | to identify as Allentown Pa.; re subj. to condition that the inclusion of the FM antenna in the radiator of WCAP does not constitute approval of the use of the FM antenna | |

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Letters W.K.A.P.

Name WKAP, INC.

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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BMP-5437 | 12-18-50 | Modification of construction permit (BP-6552, which authorized change frequency, hours of operation, make changes in transmitting equipment and the installation of directional antenna in trans. room; re for night use) to change transmitter location from approx. 4 blocks west of the intersection of Jordan Parkway North and Route 329, Allentown, Pennsylvania to Along State Highway 329, NW of city of Allentown, 0.8 mile from city limits of Allentown, Pennsylvania and make changes in the maximum expected operating values. | GRANTED | 3-21-51 |
| Rec'd | 12-27-50 | | re a properly designed | |
| Filed | 12-27-50 | | phase monitor be installed field meas. equip. be available at all times; re a complete non-DA proof be submitted in addition to the proof required on the DA sys. | |
| AMENDED | 1-9-51 | AMENDED to change type of transmitter (Gates BC-1F). | | |
| Rec'd | 1-11-51 | | | |
| Filed | 1-11-51 | | | |

Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty.
E. C. Page, Engr.

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W K A P

Name WKAP, INC.

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| BR-1566 Rec'd | 3-2-51 3-9-51 | Renewal of license (Stephen Tuhy, Atty.) | GRANTED | 4-25-51 |
| EL-4465 Rec'd Filed | 6-1-51 6-8-51 6-8-51 | License to cover construction permit (EP-6552 as modified) which authorized change frequency, hours of operation, make changes in transmitting equipment, installation of directional antenna for night use and new transmitter and change transmitter location. Stephen Tuhy, Atty. E. C. Page, ENGR. | GRANTED | 8-17-51 Cond'l re availability field meas. equip. |
| BR-1566 Rec'd Filed | 4-26-54 4-29-54 4-29-54 | Renewal of License Filed by Stephen Tuhy, Atty. | GRANTED | 7-28-54 |

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AUG. 1955

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Letters W.F.A.P.

Name W.F.A.P., Inc.

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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BZ-3823 Rec'd Filed | 9-18-56 9-21-56 9-24-56 | Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. Stephen Tuhy, Jr. Atty. | GRANTED | 10-26-56 |
| BR-1566 Rec'd Filed | 5-1-57 5-7-57 5-7-57 | Renewal of License. Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty. | GRANTED | 7-18-57 |
| BP-13,473 Rec'd Filed | 9-2-59 9-4-59 9-4-59 | Construction Permit to increase daytime power from 1kw to 5kw, change from employing DA-N to DA-2; make changes in DA system (two add'l towers); changes in ground system and install new transmitter(Gates BC-5P-2) Atty.- Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson et al Engr.- Page, Creutz, Steel and Waldschmitt | GRANTED | 4-7-61 Cond'l re: Phase Mon., Field meas. equip., DA & non-DA proof. |

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Letters W K A PName W K A P, INC.

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BR-1566 Rec'd | 4-28-60 | Renewal of license | GRANTED | 7-27-60 |
| Filed | 5-9-60 | Atty: Aloysius B. McCabe | | |
| | 5-9-60 | | | |
| BMP-9934 R&F | 11-7-61 11-8-61 | Mod of CP (BP-13473 which auth incr day power, chg to DA-2, make chgs in DA system, chgs in ground system and install new trans) for extension of completion date from 12-7-61 to _____. Atty: Aloysius B. McCabe | GRANTED | 12-7-61 to 2-1-62 |
| BL-9046 R. & F. | 12-13-61 12-19-61 | Lic to cover CP(BP-13,473 as mod) which auth. incr. in daytime power and installation of a new trans.; chg. from DA-N to DA-2; chg. in DA System; chg. in ground system. Atty- KIRKLAND, ELLIS, HODSON, CHAFFETZ and Masters | GRANTED | 5-17-62 |
| BR-1566 R & F | 4-18-63 5-3-63 | Renewal of License Aloysius B. McCabe, Atty. | GRANTED | 11-13-64 |

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Letters W K A P

Name W K A P, Inc.
Allentown, Pennsylvania

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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BR-1566 R & F | 4-7-66 5-2-66 | Renewal of license Atty- Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters | GRANTED | 7-29-66 |
| BR-1566 R. & F. #512074 \$75 MAY 12 1969 | 4-23-69 5-5-69 5-5-69 | Renewal of license. atty-Aloysius B. McCabe (Kirkland, Ellis et al) AMENDED 5-15-69 re: type number of transmitter AMENDED 7-2-69 re: Programming | GRANTED | 8-15-69 |
| ETC-5971 R & F FEE PD: \$30 (Form 316 WLCY, etc JUN 1 1969 | 5-31-69 6-6-69 -#520046 also see WKAP-TV, | Vol. transfer of control of lic. corp. from N. Joe Rahall, Sam G. Rahall, Farris E. Rahall et al, to Rahall Communications Corporation Atty - A.B. McCabe | GRANTED ff: | 7-25-69 10-3-69 |
| STATION NOW REPRESENTED by Arthur Stambler - per ltr 6-5-69 | | | | |

at ty-called 5-7-69 re type trans.

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Name WKAP, INC.
ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BR-1566 | 4-24-72 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE | GRANTED | 7-31-72 |
| R & F | 4-26-72 | B. Jay Baraff, Atty. (Stambler & Shrinsky) | | |
| PN Recd. | " | AMENDED 5-30-72 re: employment policy | | |
| PRESS MAY 4 1972 | | | | |
| LETTER RECEIVED 5-14-73 | | STATING THAT ARENT, FOX, KINTNER, PLOTKIN AND | KAHN NOW | REPRESENT |
| THE LICENSEE. | | | | |
| ----- | | | | |
| BTC-7407 | 4-1-74 | Voluntary transfer of de facto control of | GRANTED | 6-27-74 |
| R & F | 4-10-74 | Rahall Communications Corporation (parent corp | EFF: | 6-27-74 |
| SEE WLCY FOR FEE PD: | | of licensee) from N. Joe Rahall, Farris E. | | |
| (FORM 316) | | Rahall, and Sam G. Rahall, et al (family group) | | |
| | | to N. Joe Rahall, Farris E. Rahall, and Richard | | |
| | | O. Jacobs, Voting Trustees | | |
| | | Atty - Arent, Fox etc (P. Tannenwald) | | |

Form BC-121
September 1969

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Call
Letters W.K.A.P.Name WKAP, Inc.
Allentown, Pennsylvania

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BR-1566 R & F P. N. Rec'd Press | 3-14-75 4-1-75 4-1-75 MAY 8 1975 | Renewal of License. Atty: Peter Tannenwald AMENDED 5-14-75 re: business interests AMENDED 10-15-75 re: officers & directors (over) | GRANTED | 3-17-76 |
| BP- 19,964 R & F \$100-430350 AC-056 | 5-19-75 5-21-75 5-21-75 JUN 10 1975 | Construction permit to add meov's to day horizontal plane pattern. Atty: Peter Tannenwald | GRANTED to | 9-29-75 9-29-76 |
| BL-14,054 R & F \$100#486337 PTA PRESS NOV • 0 | 9-30-75 10-14-75 10-15-75 10-23-75 1975 | Lic. to cover BP-19,964 for changes Atty: Peter Tannenwald(Arent, Fox, etc.) | GRANTED | 4-7-76 |

(BR-1566) AMENDED 11-19-75 re: business interests

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Name WKAP, INC.
Allentown, Penna.

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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BTC-8403 R & F FORM 315 (ALSO SEE WIDE JUL 28 1977 PN filed | 6-29-77 | Voluntary transfer of control of Rahall Communications Corporation (parent corp of lic) from Farris E. Rahall, N. Joe Rahall, and Richard O. Jacobs, Voting Trustees (de facto control), et al, to Gulf United Corporation Atty for transferor - Arnold & Porter for transferee - Kirkland, Ellis & Howe | GRANTED | 7-28-78 |
| | 6-30-77 | | | 9-13-78 |
| BR-1566 R & F PRESS | 3-17-78 3-23-78 APR 25 1978 | Renewal of License Peter Tannenwald, Atty. | GRANTED | 7-12-78 |

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WKAP

Name: WKAP, INC.

Station Location: ALLENTOWN, PENNA.

| File No. | Date | Description | Action and Date |
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| BR810401ZH PRESS | MAY 27 1981 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. David H. Lloyd | grtd. 7-7-81 ISSUED |

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.

