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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 1-22-51

W L T H(8-7-64, Eff:
Call letters x W G R Y' 9-7-64)
LOCATION: GARY, INDIANA

INTER-URBAN BROADCASTING COMPANY(AL gr 5/11/77 EFF: 6/30/77

x NORTHWESTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING CORPORATION(BAPL-5-20-64 EFF: 6-29-64

x W G R Y, INC. (AP 6-30-50 EFF: 7-1-50)

x GEORGE M. WHITNEY, CAROLINE L. WHITNEY, AND FREDRIK K. FEYLING,

Name of licensee ~~d/b as STEEL CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY~~0.45 mi. W. of Liverpool Rd., S. of N&W RR, Hobard, Indiana (Night Site)(CP gr. 9-28-79)
Day 2505 Martin Luther King Dr., Gary, Indiana (BS-3-15-78)

X 2489 Louisiana Street, Gary, Indiana (L 1-22-51)

Transmitter location X Indiana Street and 25th Avenue, Gary, Indiana (CP 9-21-49)

3669 Broadway, Gary, Indiana (Letter of 12-4-56)

X Lake Hotel, 734 Washington Street, Gary, Indiana (L 1-17-52)

x 2489 Louisiana Street, Gary, Indiana (L 1-22-51)

X To be determined, Gary, Indiana (CP 9-21-49)

ZIP 46409

Main studio location

FCC-65

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BP-5681	9-21-49	1370	500w	Daytime	11-21 5-21-50
	CP for a new standard broadcast station.				
BMP-4923	12-23-49	1370	500w	Daytime	11-21 5-21-50
	Mod. CP (5681) to make changes in vertical antenna & change type of T and move T site a distance of 530 feet.				
BMP-5098	4-28-50	Mod. of	CP(5681	as mod)	for ext. of 11-21 11-21-50
	completion date.				
SAP-142	6-30-50	Vol. AP	from G.M. Whitney,	C.L. Whitney & F.K. Feyling d/b as Steel City B/C Co. to WGRY, Inc	
	EFF: 7-1-50				
BL-4280	1-22-51	1370	500w	Daytime	1-22 11-1-53
	Lic. cover CP(5681, as mod.) which authorized a new std. station & specify studio location				
BRC-206 (1)	10-23-53	Mod. of license	to operate trans. by R.C. from Lake Hotel, 734	Washington St., Gary, Ind.,	
BR-2578	10-21-53	1370	500w	Daytime	11-1-53 8-1-55
BTC-1671	2-15-54	Vol. acq. of negative control by EFF: 2-18-54 GEORGE M. WHITNEY AND CAROLINE L. WHITNEY.			
BR-2578	7-20-55	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1 8-1-58
BRC-1068 (1)	1-14-57	Mod. of lic. to change Remote Control Point from Lake Hotel, 734 Washington Street, Gary, Indiana, to 3669 Broadway, Gary, Indiana			
BR-2578	7-2-58	1370	500w	Day	8-1 8-1-61
BR-2578	7-20-61	Renewal of license			8-1 8-1-64
BP-13163	10-10-61	1370kc	1kw	Day	12-10 6-10-62
	CP to increase power to 1kw.				
BP-13163 (1)	11-1-61	Mod. of CP(BP-13163) to include condition.			
BMP-10,321 (2)	7-17-62	Modification of CP(BP-13,163) for extension of completion date to 12-10-62			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters W L T H
X W G R Y

Station location Gary, Indiana

Name of licensee X W G R Y, INC.

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BMP-10,616 (3)	11-15-62	Mod. of CP(BP-13,163)			for ext. of completion date to 6-10-63
BMP-10,864 (4)	4-17-63	Mod. of CP(BP-13,163 as mod)			to extend completion date to 12-10-63
BMP-11090 (5)	12-31-63	Mod. of CP(BP-13,163 as mod.)			for extension of completion date to 6-10-64.
BAPL-310 EFF	5-20-64 6-29-64	Voluntary assignment of license and construction permit (BP-13,163) to NORTH-WESTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING CORPORATION.			
BR-2578	7-15-64	1370kc.	500w	Day	8-1 8-1-67
BMP-11,272 (6)	10-30-64	Mod. of CP(BP-13,163 as mod)			for extension of completion date to 4-10-65
BMP-11,478 (7)	3-31-65	Mod. of CP(BP-13,163 as mod)			for extension of completion date to 10-10-65.
BMP-11,621 (8)	11-10-65	Mod. of CP (BP-13,163, as mod.)			for ext. of completion date to 5-10-66.
BMP-11,794 (9)	6-3-66	Mod. of CP(BP-13,163 as mod.)			for ext. of completion date to 11-10-66
BMP-11,916 (10)	10-26-66	Mod. of CP(BP-13,163 as mod)			for ext. of completion date to 5-10-67
BTC-5243 EFF:	2-24-67 3-30-67	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Gary Printing and Publishing Company (parent corp. of lic. corp.) to H. B. Snyder, Jr., et al, thru liquidation and distribution of its stock.			
BMP-12,042 (11)	4-27-67	Mod. of CP(BP-13,163 as mod)			for ext. of completion date to 11-10-67
BMP-12,208 (12)	11-22-67	Mod. of CP(BP-13,163, as mod.)			for ext. of completion date to 1-10-68
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
BR-2578	12-18-67	1370.c	500w	Day	12-18 8-1-70
		Renewal of NDEA			

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Date first licensed

Call letters W L T H

Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BMP-12285 (13)	2-26-68	Mod. of CP(BP-13,163) for completion date to 4-1-68.			ext. of
BL-11,955	5-14-68	Lic. (BP-13,163 as mod.)			8-1-70
Ltr.	11-26-69	Trans: RCA BTA-2R3			
BR-2578 (L)	11-30-70	Renewal & NDEA			7-1-73
BL-12,584(1)	11-30-70	lic. to use former Main Trans. RCA BTA-1L, for Aux purposes only (1kw)			8-1-73
BZ-7697(1)	12-14-70	Direct Meas. (MAIN)			
EBSA	5-25-72				
Ltr.	10-30-75	Trans now being installed Gates MW-1 (Main)			
BR-2578(L)	5-11-77	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.)			8-1-79
BAL-8713	5/11/77	Vol AL EFF: 6/30/77 "Cond'1"			
BR-2578 (1)	3-15-78	redescribe TL			
BP-20,466 CP to add night power;	9-28-79	1370KHz. 500w, 1kW DA-N			Unl. 9-28-80
BR790402VG (L)	11-8-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-82
BMP-800926AN (1)	11-6-80	MP (BP-20466) for ext. of time to:			4-30-81
BMP-810401AE (2)	7-6-81	MP (BP-20466, as Mod.) for ext. of time to:			12-31-81

Transmitter-Raytheon RA-250 ^{1 kw}

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

W G R Y

Call

Letters New

Name George M. Whitney, Carolina L. Whitney and Fredrik K. Feyling, a partnership d/b as Steel City Broadcasting Company

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-5681 (Continued)				
AMENDED	4-10-48	AMENDED to change transmitter location from		
Rec'd	4-15-48	To be determined-Gary, Indiana TO: Indiana		
Filed	4-23-48	Street and 25th Avenue, Gary, Indiana.		
		Harold G. Samson no longer connected with		
		Applicant per ltr. 5-11-48		
AMENDED	7-28-48	AMENDED to change power from 1kw to 500w		
Recd.	8-2-48			
Filed	8-6-48			

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGRY

Name WGRY, INC. (AP 6-30-50)
xGeorge M. Whitney, Caroline L. Whitney and Fredrik K. Feyling, d/b as Steel City Broadcasting Company

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-4923 Rec'd Filed	12-17-49 12-20-49 12-20-49	Mod. of C.P. (BP-5681, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to make changes in vertical antenna and change type of transmitter (RCA BTA-1L), and move the transmitter location a distance of 530 feet.	GRANTED	12-23-49
BMP-5095 Rec'd Filed	4-17-50 4-19-50 4-19-50	Modification of construction permit (BP-5681, as modified, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 5-21-50 to 11-21-50.	GRANTED	4-28-50
BAP-142 Rec'd Filed	6-12-50 6-15-50 6-15-50	Voluntary assignment of construction permit from George M. Whitney, Caroline L. Whitney and Fredrik K. Feyling d/b as Steel City Broadcasting Company to <u>WGRY, Inc.</u> Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED EFF: 7-1-50	6-30-50

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W G R YName W. G. R. Y. INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-4280 Rec'd Filed	11-1-50 11-3-50 11-3-50	License to cover construction permit (HP-5681 as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and specify studio location as 2489 Louisiana Street, Gary, Indiana. Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	1-22-51
BR-2578 Rec'd Filed	7-23-53 7-27-53 7-27-53	Renewal of License	GRANTED	10-21-53
BRC-206 Rec'd Filed	10-10-53 10-12-53 10-12-53	Modification of license to operate transmitter by Remote Control from Lake Hotel, 734 Washington Street, Gary, Indiana.	GRANTED	10-23-53
BTC-1671 Rec'd Filed	2-4-54 28-54 2-8-54	Voluntary acquisition of negative control of licensee corporation by George M. Whitney and Carolina L. Whitney (50%) each) thru retirement to treasury of 24 shares of stock by Frederick K. Feyling. Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	2-15-54 2-18-54

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Call
 Letters W G R Y

Name W G R Y, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2578 Rec'd Filed	4-27-55 5-4-55 5-4-55	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	7-20-55
BRC-1068 Rec'd Filed	1-7-57 1-10-57 1-10-57	Modification of license to change Remote Control Point from Lake Hotel, 734 Washington Street, Gary, Indiana, to <u>3669</u> Broadway, Gary, Indiana	GRANTED	1-14-57
BR-2578 Rec'd Filed	4-30-58 5-2-58 5-2-58	Renewal of License	GRANTED	7-2-58
BP-13,163 R. & P.	5-15-59 5-18-59	Construction permit to increase power from 500w to 1kw. Engr. Edward W. Jaeger, Lombard, Ill.	GRANTED AFTER HRG DOCKET # 14044	10-10-61
BR-2578 Rec'd&Filed	5-1-61 5-16-61	Renewal of License Samuel Miller, atty.	GRANTED	8x28x; 7-20-61

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W L T H
x W G R Y

NORTHWESTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING CORPORATION
x W G R Y, INC.

Name
GARY, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-11,090 R. & F.	11-9-63 11-13-63	Mod. of CP (BP-13,163 as mod which auth incr power) for ext. of completion date from 12-10-63 to _____.	GRANTED to	12-31-63 6-10-64
BAPL-310 R. & F.	11-20-63 11-20-63	Voluntary assignment of license and construction permit (BP-13,163) to NORTHWESTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING CORPORATION. Request waiver of Section 1.365 of Rules. Atty- Hogan & Hartson, Assignee Atty- Samuel Miller, Assignor	GRANTED EFF	5-20-64 6-29-64
BR-2578 R & F	6-1-64 6-2-64	Renewal of License Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	7-15-64
BMP-11,272 R&F AMEND R.&F	6-3-64 6-5-64 10-1-64 10-1-64	Mod CP (BP-13,163 as mod which auth incr power) for ext comple date from 6-10-64 to 9-10-64. AMENDED 10-1-64 to chg. name to NORTHWESTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING CORPORATION Atty: Samuel Miller, Assignor Hogan & Hartson	GRANTED	10-30-64 to 4-10-65

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W L T H

Name NORTHWESTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Gary, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-11,478 R&F	3-12-65 3-16-65	Mod. of C.P. (BP-13,163, as mod. which auth. increase power to 1kw) for extension of completion date from 4-10-65 to _____.	GRANTED to	3-31-65 10-10-65
BMP-11,621 R&F	9-17-65 9-27-65	Atty: <u>Hogan & Hartson</u> Mod. of C.P. (BP-13,163, as mod. which auth., incr. power to 1kw) for extension of completion date from 10-10-65 to _____.	GRANTED to	11-10-65 5-10-66
BMP-11,794 Rec'd Filed	4-11-66 4-25-66 5-19-66	Modification of CP (BP-13,163 as modified which authorized increase power to 1 kw) for extension of completion date from 5-10-66 to _____.	GRANTED to	6-3-66 11-10-66
Atty - Hogan & Hartson				

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W L T HName NORTHWESTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING CORPORATION
GARY, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-11,916 R & F.	10-10-66	Mod. of CP(BP-13,163 as mod. which authorized increase power to 1kw) for extension of completion date from 11-10-66 to _____ Atty. Hogan & Hartson Engr. Edward W. Jacker, Lombard III	GRANTED to	10-26-66
	10-18-66			5-10-67
BTC-5243 R & F	12-29-66	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Gary Printing and Publishing Company (parent corp. of lic. corp) to H.B. Snyder, Jr, et al, thru liquidation and distribution of its stock. REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 1.597 of RULES Atty - Hogan & Hartson	GRANTED EFF:	2-24-67
	1-11-67			3-30-67

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
 Letters W L T H

Name NORTHWESTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING CORPORATION
GARY, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-12,042 R & F	4-10-67	Mod. of CP(BP-13,163) as mod. which auth increase power to 1kw) for extension of completion date from 5-D-67 to _____ Atty. Hogan & Hartson	GRANTED to	4-27-67
	4-13-67			11-10-67
BR-2578 R & F	4-28-67 5-3-67	Renewal of License Atty: Hogan & Hartson	GRANTED	12-18-67
BMP-12,208 Recd Filed	10-27-67 10-23-67 11-9-67	Mod. of CP(BP-13163 as mod., which auth. inc. power to 1kw) for extension of completion date from 11-10-67 to _____ Attys-Hogan & Hartson(Jay E.Ricks)	GRANTED to	11-22-67 1-10-68
BMP-12,285 R.&F.	1-12-68 1-9-68	Mod. of CP(BP-13,163 as mod., which auth. inc power) for extension of completion date from 1-10-68 to 4-1-68. Attys-Hogan & Hartson(Jay E.Ricks)	GRANTED to	2-26-68 4-1-68

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
 Letters W L T H

Name NORTHWESTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Gary, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-11,955 R & F #418024 \$30 PT APR 22 1968	3/25/68 4/1/68 4/1/68 4/10/68	License (BP-13,163 as mod.) for changes). Atty: Lester Cohen	GRANTED	5-14-68
BL-12,584 R & F #565776 \$30.00 PTA PRESS APR 7 1970	11-26-69 12-31-69 12-31-69 1-13-70 APR 7 1970	License to use former Main Transmitter (RCA BTA-1L) as Auxiliary Transmitter. Atty: Lauren A. Colby (Colby & Tarrant)	GRANTED	11-30-70
BR-2578 R ecd. \$75 #597184 PN Recd. FILED DM 11-13-70 MAY 14 1970	4-27-70 4-29-70 " " 5-11-70 MAY 14 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Lauren A. Colby, Atty. AMENDED 7-16-70 re: financial & programming data: bal. sheet AMENDED 9-18-70 re: response to complaints filed against station (2) AMENDED 10-9-70 re: re: construction of counsels response to ltr 7-31-70	GRANTED	11-30-70

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WLTHName NORTHWESTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Gary, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-7697 R & F DM PRESS DEC 8 1970	10-30-70 11-5-70 11-13-70	Direct Measurement. Atty: <u>Colby & Tarrant</u>	GRANTED	12-14-70
BR-2578 R & F PN Recd.	4-16-73 4-30-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) <u>Lauren A. Colby, Atty.</u>	Designated for Hearing SEP 24 1975 Min.	20604
PRESS MAY 1973		PETITION TO DENY RENEWAL OF BROADCAST LICENSE filed 7-2-73 by the Gary Human Relations Commission. PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 7-10-73 by Radio Station WLTH FURTHER PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 8-8-73 by Northwestern Indiana B/C Corporation FURTHER PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 8-27-73 by Northwestern Indiana B/C Corporation OPPOSITION TO "PETITION TO DENY RENEWAL OF BROADCAST LICENSE" filed 10-1-73 by Lauren Colby on behalf of Northwestern Indiana Broadcasting Corporation MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 10-10-73 by the Gary Human Relations Commission SUPPLEMENT TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 10-23-73 by Station WLTH CONSENT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 10-25-73 by Petitioners	GRANTED	5-11-77
		AMENDED 10-23-73 re: community survey	(OVER)	

BR-2578 REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY
RENEWAL OF LICENSE filed 11-16-73 by The Gary Human
Relations Commission

MOTION TO STRIKE AMENDMENT FOR LIMITED PURPOSES filed
12-28-73 by The Gary Human Relations Commission

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 1-8-74 by Lauren A.
Colby on behalf of Northwestern Indiana B/C Corporation
OPPOSITION TO "MOTION TO STRIKE AMENDMENT FOR LIMITED
PURPOSES" filed 1-30-74 by Northwestern Indiana B/C Corp.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO STRIKE AMENDMENT FOR
LIMITED PURPOSES filed 3-27-74 by: The Gary Human Relation
Commission

AMENDED 8-12-74 re: programming

AMENDED 9-3-74 re; programming

AMENDED 11-14-74 re: reply of petitioners re: ltr. of
5-14-74

AMENDED 8-15-75 re: ascert. of comm. needs

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W L T H

INTER-URBAN BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name ~~xxx~~ NORTHWESTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Gary, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
The COMMISSION: ob 9-3-74 notified licensee that it has incurred an apparent liability of \$2000 for willful or repeated violation of Section 73.1206 of the Rules.				
BAL -8713 R & F FEE PD: \$200 #574108 CODE 047 17 JUN 1976 PN filed 6/29/76 PN filed 7/6/76		Voluntary assignment of license to INTER-URBAN BROADCASTING COMPANY (SEE OVER) Atty for assignor - Lauren A. Colby for assignee - Jones, Day, Reavis & Pague	GRANTED EFF:	5/11/77 6/30/77 "Cond'1"
BP-20,466 Rec'd Filed \$100-586186 AC-001 PN filed PN filed	6-23-76 6-29-76 6-29-76 7-22-76 8-1-76	CP to add nighttime power with 500w DA-N, inc. daytime power to 1kw, chg. hours of oper. to Unl., TL 0.45 mi. W. of Liverpool Rd., S. of N & W RR, Hobart, Indiana. (two site oper.) 41° 32' 16" 87° 18' 23" Atty: Lauren A. Colby Eng. Marvin Blumberg	Gr. MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACT. UNDER SEC. 1.1305 OF THE RULES	9-28-79

MAK 69 13/8

RE: BAL-8713 - Noted: Ill. corp(assignee) Cert of auth for
Ind. not filed; also stock sub. agreements dated after
applic. - OK since all are officers

AMENDED 7-2-76 - Proj. bal sheet & fin. data; prog. data
& Table II (bus int of stockholder)

Explanation re post dating of stock sub. agreements(see
above note) - filed 8-16-76

AMENDED 12-14-76 - loan agreements (re cond on grant

LTR 6-13-77 - Mr/ Lewis has divested int in Nationwide

5-24-78 PETITION TO DENY FILED BY WARREN C. ZWICKY, ESQ.

6-7-78 MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FILED BY INTER-URBAN
BROADCASTING CORP THROUGH ITS ATTORNEY LINDA K.
SMITH

6-23-78 WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION TO DENY FILED BY STORER
BROADCASTING COMPANY THROUGH ITS ATTORNEY
WARREN C. ZWICKY

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W L T H

Name INTER-URBAN BROADCASTING COMPANY
Gary, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR790402VG PRESS MAY 3 1979		Renewal of License Atty. Linda K. Smith	GRANTED	11-8-79
BMP800926AN PRESS (0)		MP (BP-20,466) For Extension of Time to: _____ (FOR CHANGES) Atty. John I. Stewart, Jr. (Crowell & Moring)	GRANTED: TO:	11-6-80 4-30-81
BTC810330FG Form 315 PRESS APR 28 1981 PN FILED 4-22-81		Vol TC from Thomas P. Lewis, James J. Hutchinson, A. Martin Katz, et al to Chicago Metropolitan Mutual Assurance Company Request Waiver of Sec. 73.3597 Atty John I Stewart, Jr.		

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W L T H

Name: Inter-Urban Broadcasting Company

Station Location: Gary, Indiana

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMP-810401AE PRESS:	(MAY 21 1981)	MP(BP-20466 as mod.) for extension of time to: _____ (FOR CHGS.) Atty - John I. Stewart, Jr.(Crowell & Moring)	GRANTED: 7-6-81 TO: 12-31-81

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.

