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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 11-14-46

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LOCATION: Norristown, Pa.

WNAR, INC. (AL 11-19-68 EFF. 12-2-68)

x NORRISTOWN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (AL 7-21-48; EFF: 8-1-48)

Name of licensee x RAHALL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Old Arch Rd., Norristown, Pa. (redescription)

x Old Arch Road, East Norristown Township, Norristown, Penn. (Redes., Ltr. 6-16-56)

Transmitter location x Near Intersec. of Old Arch Road and New Hope St.,
Northeast of Norristown, Penna. (MP 8-14-46) (Lic. 11-14-46)

Same as TL

x Old Arch Road, East Norristown Township, Norristown, Penn. (Ltr. 6-16-56)

Main studio location x 115 West Main St., Norristown, Penna. (MP 8-14-46) (Lic. 11-14-46)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
B2-P-4256 Letter 5-23-46	3-13-46 C.P. for new Station	1110	500w	Daytime	granted subject to filing MP for approval of T site and antenna. (Conditional Clause)
B2-P-4256 B2-MP-1922	8-14-46 Mod.C.P.(4256) for change in type of T, approval of antenna and approval of T & S sites	1110	500w	Daytime	10-14 4-14-47 (Conditional Clause)
B2-L-2045 B2-Z-187b	11-14-46 Lic. to cover CP (4256) as modified for a new station and determine operating power by direct measurement.	1110	500w	D	11-14 5-1-48 Cond'l clause
BS-1314	3-25-47 Mod. Lic. to delete waiver 3.60 from cond'l. clause	1110	500w	Daytime	3-25 5-1-48 (Conditional Clause)
S-1314	3-18-48 STA to operate additional time (with power reduced to 250 watts) from sign-off time to conclusion of basketball tournament March 19, 31 and April 3, 1948, in order to broadcast said games, only.				
BS-1314	3-26-48 STA to operate additional time, with power reduced to 250 watts, from sign-off time to conclusion of basketball tournament game, 3-30-48 (in lieu of 3-31-48, auth. for which was granted 3-18-48) in order to broadcast said game, only.				
BR-1314	4-14-48	1110	500w	D	5-1 5-1-51 (Cond'l clause)
BAL-764 EFF: 8-1-48	7-21-48 Vol. assignment of license from Rahall Broadcasting Company, Inc. to Norristown Broadcasting Company, Inc.				
BZ-3228 Author.	11-8-50 determine operating power by direct method (Cond)	1110	500w	D	11-8 5-1-51
BR-1314	4-12-51 Renewal of license	1110ks	500w	D	5-1-51 to 5-1-54
BR-1314	4-28-54 Renewal of license				5-1 8-1-54
BR-1314	7-28-54 Renewal of license				8-1 8-1-57

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Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BP-11318	6-6-57	1110	500w	Day	8-6 2-6-58
	CP to install new transmitter (RCA BTA-1M)				
BR-1314	7-11-57	1110	500w	Day	8-1 8-1-60
BL-6643 (1)	7-16-57	XXX License to cover CP (BP-11318) which auth. installation of new transmitter.			
BR-1314	7-20-60	1110	500w	Day	8-1 8-1-63
	7-24-63	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.			
BR-1314	11-13-64	Renewal of License			8-1 8-1-66
BR-1314	7-29-66	Renewal of License			8-1 8-1-69
BAL-6407 EFF.	11-19-68 12-2-68	Vol. AL			
BR-1314 (L) EBSA	7-24-69 5-25-72	Renewal & NDEA			8-1-72
BR-1314(B)	8-9-72	Renewal of license			8-1-75
BP-19,655	5-7-74	1110khz	500w	Alt M	5-7-75
	CP to install a new Alt. M. Trans				
BZ-8770(1)	3-11-75	Direct Measurement			
BR-1314 BL-13,972(L)	1-15-76	RENEWAL of License and Modification to cover BP-19,655 for Alternate transmitter			8-1-78
BP-12902 Cond1	8-12-78	1110khz	2.5kw(500wCH)	DA-D (non-DA CH)	
	CP inc. power, install DA, chg. trans & ant. sys.				
BP790913AJ (1)	11/7/79	CP to replace expires permit.			5/6/80
BR810401UH (S)	4-24-81	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-84

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters x NewName X RAHALL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

(P.O. 216 Main St., Beckley, W. Va.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-P-4256	10-5-45	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1110 kc Power: 500w Hours of Operation: Daytime Trans. & Studio Locations: To be determined, Norristown, Pa. (Filed by John C. Hayes, Atty.; Everett L. Dillard, Engr.) Stephen Tuhy, Jr. Atty(per ltr. 10-15-46)	GRANTED	3-13-46
Rec'd	10-9-45		subject to filing MP for approval of T site and antenna & subject to permittee accepting condition that permittee accept such interference as may be caused by grant of B2-P-4170 - appli.	
Filed	10-9-45		for new station at Bethlehem, Pa. Letter 5-23-46	
Letter dated 6-6-46 from Atty. Hayes re acceptance of conditions of grant of 3-13-46			ISSUED WITH MP-1922	

RCA BTA-1-L Transmitter

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-MP-1922	5-15-46	Mod. of C.P. (B2-P-4256, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter (Gates BC-1-E) for approval of antenna and approval of transmitter and studio locations at Near intersection of Old Arch Road and New Hope Street, North East of Norristown, Pennsylvania and 115 West Main Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania respectively. (Everett L. Dillard, Engr.)	GRANTED	8-14-46
Rec'd	5-16-46		Conditional re with	
Filed	5-16-46		permitted accepting such interference as may be caused by operation of station proposed at Bethelham, Penna. (B2-P-4170)	

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Letters W N A RName RAHALL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-L-2045	8-15-46	License to cover C.P. (B2-P-4256, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (William E. Bennis, Jr., Engr.)	GRANTED (Cond'l re waiver 3.55(b) & 3.60)	11-14-46
Rec'd	8-15-46			
Filed	8-15-46			
B2-Z-1871	8-15-46			
Rec'd	8-15-46			
Filed	8-15-46			
BR-1314	2-11-48	Renewal of license Filed by Stephen Tuhy, Jr. atty.	Granted	4-14-48
Rec'd	2-18-48			

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↓ **Norristown Broadcasting Company, Inc. (AL 7-21-48; EFF: 8-1-48)** Stations
 Name **x RAHALL BROADCASTING COMPANY, Inc.**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-744 Rec'd Filed	6-12-48 6-14-48 6-14-48	Voluntary Assignment of License from Rahall Broadcasting Company, Inc. to Norristown Broadcasting Company, Inc. Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	7-21-48 8-1-48
EML-1354 Rec'd Filed	4-25-49 5-4-49 5-23-49	Mod. of License to change hours of operation from daytime to limited time. (Filed by Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty.)	DISMISSED Per Section 3.38 Rules.	12-5-61
BZ-3228 Rec'd Filed	10-23-50 10-24-50 10-24-50	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty. Virginia B. Erwin, Engr.	GRANTED	11-8-50

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1314 Rec'd	2-23-51 3-9-51	Renewal of License. (Stephen Tuhy, Atty.)	GRANTED	4-12-51
HR-1314 Rec'd Filed	1-28-54 2-1-54 2-1-54	Renewal of License Filed by Stephen Tuhy, Atty.	Granted	4-28-54
BR-1314 Rec'd Filed	6-7-54 6-9-54 6-9-54	Renewal of License, (Informal Request) Filed by Stephen Tuhy, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	7-28-54
BR-1314 Rec'd Filed	5-1-57 5-3-57 5-3-57	Renewal of license	GRANTED	7-11-57

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Name NORRISTOWN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-11,318 Rec'd Filed	5-27-57 5-29-57 5-29-57	Construction Permit to install a new transmitter (RCA BTA-1M).	GRANTED	6-6-57
XXXXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX	XXXXXX XXXXXX			
BL-6643 Rec'd Filed	5-27-57 5-29-57 5-29-57	License to cover Construction Permit (BP-11,318 which authorized installation of a new transmitter (RCA BTA-1M).	GRANTED	7-16-57

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Letters ...W.N.A.R.....Name NORRISTOWN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-12,902	3-10-59	Construction permit to increase power from 500w to 50kw, install directional antenna system (DA-D), install new transmitter (Gates-BG-50B), change-transmitter-location from near intersection of Old Arch Road and New Hope St., N.E., Norristown, Pennsylvania to intersection of Hannah Ave. and Township Line Road, Norristown, Pennsylvania, and and make changes in ground system.	DOCKET	14952
Rec'd	3-10-59		GRANTED	6-12-78
Filed	3-10-59		Concl.	
		Atty.- Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & H. Engr.- Page, Creutz, Steel & Waldschmitt		
AMENDMENT	5-26-60	AMENDED to make changes in DA system		
R & F	6-8-60			
AMENDMENT	11-1-62	Atty. - G.C. Cooper (Fisher, Wayland etc)		
R & F	11-7-62	AMENDED to make changes in DA pattern		

SEE CARD #B FOR AMENDMENT *also 9 + over*

AMENDED 1-30-69 revised III and IV-A

AMEND Recd 2-23-78 Filed 4-10-78 reduce power to 2.5kw (500wCH) DA (non-DA for CH)

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Norristown, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1314 Rec'd Filed	5-3-60 5-9-60 5-9-60	Renewal of License. Aloysius B. McCabe, Atty.	GRANTED	7-20-60
BR-1314 R & F	4-22-63 5-2-63	Renewal of License Aloysius B. McCabe, Atty.	GRANTED	11-13-64
BR-1314 R & F	4-30-66 5-2-66	Renewal of license Atty. Aloysius B. McCabe	GRANTED	7-29-66
AMENDMENT BP-12,902 Received Filed(order)	6-2-66 6-3-66 9-9-66	AMENDED to change power to 5kw - 1kw (CH); change type trans (Gates-BC-5H); delete change in antenna-transmitter location and change antenna-system(change heights and reduce number of towers).	GRANTED	6-12-78 Condi
AMENDED R&F	12-26-69 1-8-70	Change in stockholders, stockholdings and officers & directors.		

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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WNAR, INC.
Name x NORRISTOWN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
Norristown, Penna. 19404

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-6407 R & F FEE PD: \$75 - #440322 JUL 12 1968 (SEE OVER FOR AMENDMENTS)	6-28-68	Voluntary assignment of license to WNAR, INC. Atty for assignor - A.B. McCabe for assignee - <u>Smith & Pepper</u>	GRANTED	11-19-68
	7-1-68		EFF.	12-2-68
BR-1314 R & F #508463 \$75 PRESS MAY 1 1969	4-15-69	Renewal of license Atty-Smith, Pepper, Shack & L'Heureux (Arthur V. Weinberg)	GRANTED	7-24-69
	4-21-69			
AMENDMENT BP-12,902 R&F, PRESS: AUG 1 1969	12-22-68	Amended to change name of applicant to WNAR, INC.	GRANTED	6-12-78 Cond 1
	12-26-68			
Amended 12-29-70 re changes in stockholdings. Amended 3-15-71 re revised ownership report. Amended 5-17-71 re community survey. Amended 5-25-71 re community survey. Amended 3-31-72 re to reflect an option purchase.		F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.		

RE: BAL-6407 - AMENDED 7-15-68 re Exh.D (B/C int)

AMENDED 8-27-68 (assignee) re prog., Table I -officer;
& statement re pending CP(BP-12902)-not contingent on grant

AMENDED 8-30-68 - fin. data (assignee)

AMENDED 10-16-68 - Change an Officer & Director

Re: BR-1314 dtd 4-15-69- Atty. called-323 filed simul-
taneously und. another cover ltr.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call
Letters W N A R

Name WNAR, INC.
Norristown, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1314 R & F P.N. PRESS MAY 19 1972	4-20-72 5-3-72 5-3-72	Renewal of License Atty: Martin R. Leader AMENDED 7-17-72 re: revised balance sheet; programming	GRANTED	8-9-72
BP- 19,655 Rec'd Filed \$50-287141 AC-056 MAY 9 1974	3-1-74 3-4-74 3-4-74 3-4-74	Construction permit to install a new Alternate Main Transmitter RCA BTA-1M.	GRANTED	5-7-74
BZ-8770 R & F DM PRESS MAR 5 1975	12-29-74 12-30-74 1-17-75	Direct Measurement	GRANTED	3-11-75

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Form BC-121
September 1969
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Letters W N A RName WNAR, INC.
NORRISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1314 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-15-75 3-31-75 " APR 15 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 8-25-75 re: EEO	GRANTED issued with BL-13,972	1-15-76
BL-13,972 R & F \$50#424039 PTA PRESS JUN 30 1975	4-24-75 5-7-75 5-8-75 6-3-75	Lic. to cover BP-19,655 for New Alternate Transmitter, RCA BTA-1M Atty: Martin R. Leader (Fisher, Wayland, etc.)	GRANTED issued with RENEWAL	1-15-76
BR-1314 R & F PRESS	3-20-78 4-3-78 APR 17 1978	Renewal of License (Main & Alt. Main) Atty.: Martin R. Leader (BR810401UH) SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 4-1-81 as an amendment to pending renewal application. (Aty. Ann K. Ford) PRESS: MAY 5 1981	GRANTED	4-24-81

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Name: WNAR, INC.

Station Location: NORRISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BP790913AJ PRESS (O)	OCT 19 1979	Construction Permit to Replace Expired Permit (BP-12,902). Atty. Martin R. Leader (Fisher, Wayland, Southmayd & Cooper)	GRANTED 11/7/79
Returned-- Resubmitted EZ-810406AC R & F DM PRESS	3-31-81 4-8-81 4-6-81 4-15-81 APR 22 1981	DIRECT MEASUREMENT Atty: --- 1	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.

