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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

W Q H K 8-2-79

X W M E E (EFF: 10-1-71)

Date first licensed 10-17-52

Call letters X W K J G

LOCATION: FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

PATHFINDER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (ML 9-27-73)
X NORTHEASTERN INDIANA RADIO, INC. (AL 3-11-71 EFF: 3-26-71)

X W K J G, INC. (APL 3-13-57; EFF: 4-15-57)

Name of licensee X NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter location 2915 Maples Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana. (BS 5-2-72)
N. side of Maple Rd., 500' W of Hessen Castle Road, Adams Twp., Ind. (CP 12-5-46)

2915 Maples Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana (BS 5-2-72)

2633 West State Boulevard, Fort Wayne, Indiana (Ltr. 1-7-59)
X 220 East Jefferson Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana (Ltr. 11-10-55) 11.
3802 South Calhoun St.,

Main studio location X To be determined, Fort Wayne, Indiana (CP 12-5-46) 12-5-55

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-	
B4-P-4063	12-5-46	1380	5kw*) *DA(2)	U	2-5 8-5-47	
	C.P. for a new standard broadcast station					
BMP-2913	7-18-47	Mod. of CP (P-4063) for extension of completion date			2-5	9-30-47
BMP-3110	9-10-47	Mod. of CP (P-4063) as mod., for extension of completion date			2-5	10-31-47
BMP-3234	10-23-47	Mod. CP (4063) as mod. for extension of completion date.			2-5	11-30-47
BMP-2973	11-13-47	1380	5kw-DA	U	2-5 11-30-47	
	Mod. CP (4063 as mod.) to mount FM antenna on tower which is located on property site of AM DA array.					
BMP-3332	1-16-48	5kw-DA(2)	1380	U	2-5 11-30-47	
	Mod. CP (4063 as mod.) to make changes in DA.					
Letter	11-14-47	STA to commence operation with power of 5kw, in accordance with terms of CP (B4-P-4063, as modified) for a period beginning 11-15-47 and ending in no event later than 12-14-47.				
BMP-2973	11-13-47	Superseding CP of same date to add conditional clause			2-5	11-30-47
BTC-645	7-29-48	Vol. Acquisition of Control of permittee Corp. from Frank E. McKinney and Robert H. Hinkley to <u>William A. Kunkel, Jr.</u>				
	EFF: 8-3-48					
BTC-697	12-8-48	Invol. transfer of control of Permittee Corp. from William A. Kunkel, Jr., Deceased to <u>William A. Kunkel III (Administrator)</u>				
	EFF: 1-12-49					
BTC-819	10-27-49	Vol. transfer of control of permittee corp. thru sale of 100% of common stock.				
	EFF: 11-1-49 (Cond. Clause)					
B4-5468	10-10-51	1380	5kw* *DA-2 (COND'L CLAUSE)	U	12-10 6-10-52	
	Mod. CP 4063 as mod., for chg. in daytime DA pattern; to employ FM supporting tower as part of array and to extend CAC dates					

B-S. #2

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters W K J G

Name of licensee ~~NORTHWESTERN TV & AM BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.~~

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period	
					From	To
BL-2963 BZ-2805	10-17-52	1380	5kw-DA	Un	10-17-52	8-1-55
Lic. to cover CP (BP-4063, as mod.) which authorized new standard broadcast station, specify studio location and authority to determine operating power by direct method.						
Telegram continued	7-28-55	Action on renewal deferred 7-27-55 and op. auth. until final determination on renewal				
BR-2737	8-31-55	1380	5kw-DA-2	U	8-31	8-1-58
BP-10867	12-10-56	1380kc	5kw-DA2	U	2-10-57	8-10-57
Construction permit to make changes in antenna system. (conditional)						
BAPI-126 EFF:	3-13-57 4-15-57	Vol. assignment of license and CP to W K J G, INC.				
BMP-7753 •	7-29-57	1380	5kw-DA2	U	2-10-57	11-10-57
Mod. of CP(BP-10,867) for extension of completion date to November 10, 1957 (cond'l)						
BS-2737 (1)	12-9-57	1380kc	5kw-DA2	U	12-9-57	8-1-58
Mod. of license (as per MEMO) showing readjustment of directional antenna system.						
BR-2737	7-2-58	1380	5kw-DA2	U	8-1	8-1-61
BS-2737 (1)	10-16-58	Mod. of license to make changes in directional antenna system.				
BRC-1651	1-31-61	1380	5kw-DA-2	U	1-31	8-1-61
Mod. of license to operate transmitter by Remote Control from 2633 West State Blvd., Fort Wayne, Indiana.						
BS-2737 (1) EFF:	6-15-61 7-23-61	Mod. license BRC-1651 to chg. time zone to Eastern Standard Time.				
BS-2737	7-23-61	1380	5kw	Un	8-1	8-1-64
BR-2737	7-16-64	Renewal of License to xxxxxx xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx				
BS-2737 (1)	12-8-66	Mod. of license to change operating specifications (Memo).				
BR-2737	7-18-67	1380	5kw-DA-2	U	8-1	8-1-70
Renewal of NDEA						

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June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters W K J G

Station location Fort Wayne, Indiana

Name of licensee W. K. J. G. INC.

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
TELEGRAM	12-21-67	PSA	2300w		
BR-3285(1)	1-31-69	Operate	RC.		
BR-2737 PS-2737	8-28-70	Renewal and Mod.			8-1-73
		Lic. to change oper. specifications			
BAL-7137	3-11-71	VOL. AL	EFF: 3-26-71		
BS-2737(L)	10-1-71	Call letters changed to: W M E E			
Tel.	11-10-71	Trans. RCA BTA-5L now installed.			
BS-2737(1)	5-2-72	ML to redes. trans. loc. and change main studio loc. RC			
BP-19,199	5-9-72	1380kc	5kw DA-2 U		5-9-73
		CP to specify MEOV's on nighttime directional pattern and extend MEOV's on daytime directional pattern.			
EBSA	5-25-72				
BP-19,199	5-9-72	Superseding authorization to correct transmitter type.			
BL-13,358 (L) BL-13,359	5-24-73	Lic use former trans. as alt. Lic(BP-19,199) for changes			8-1-73
Ltr.	7-13-73	1380khz	5kw DA-2 U		Alts.
		Trans: RCA BTA-5F & RCA BTA-5L			
BR-2737(L)		Renewal & Mod. of Main & Alternate Main			8-1-76
BML-2478	9-27-73	ML chg. name			
		1380khz	5kw DA-2 U		
BS-2737(L)	5-29-75	ML chg ant monitor & 240 MP Night value			
BR-2737(S)	9-14-76	RENEWAL (MAIN & ALT.)			8-1-79
LTR.	2-10-78	TRANS: RCA, BTA-5F now installed as AUXILIARY (FORMER ALT. MAIN)			
Comtel	8-31-78	Marking: Tower #5: 1,3,12 & 21 None required Towers #1,#2,#3,#4.			
	8-3-79	chng. ml			
COMTEL	3-3-80	Authority and terms reinstated			
	2-15-80	and extended thru 2-14-80			
BR 790402 CD	1-24-80 (L)	RENEWAL			8-1-82

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

CARD # 4

AM

First licensed

Call Letters ^{WQHK}

Station Location

SEE CARD # 1

Name

Transmitter Location

Main studio location

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
COMTEL	5-8-80	AU. & TERMS COMTEL 8-2-79 EXT. THRU 8-1-80.	
COMTEL	8-4-80	AU. & TERMS COMTEL 8-2-79 EXT. THRU 10-30-80.	
COMTEL	11-17-80	AU. & TERMS COMTEL 7-12-77 EXT. THRU 1-15-81.	

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call WKJG
 Letters X

Name NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
 (P.O. 1335 Lincoln Bank Tower, Fort Wayne, Ind.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B4-P-4063	9-28-45	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1380 kc Power: 50w - DA Hours of Operation: Unlimited time Trans. Location: North side of Maple Road, 500' West of Hassen Castle Road, Adams Twp., Ind. Studio Location: To be determined, Fort Wayne, Ind. (Filed by Wa. C. Koplovitz, Atty.; Raymond M. Willette, Engr.) (Call "WKJG" reserved)	Docket No. 7971	
Rec'd	10-3-45		Comm. upon its own motion removed from hearing docket and	
Filed	10-7-45		GRANTED 12-5-46 Order Issued	
AMENDED	4-18-46	AMENDED re changes in DA pattern ^{for} of nighttime operation		
Recd.	5-10-46			
Filed	5-10-46			

HOA S-E Transmitter

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

#2

Call

Letters W K J GName NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING CO., INC.,

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B4-MP-2422	12-28-46	Mod. of C.P. (B4-P-4063, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to make changes in directional antenna and mount FM antenna on top of AM tower. Frederick H. Walton, Jr., Paul A. DeMars, Engr.	Dismissed Request of Attorney	4-3-47
Rec'd	12-30-46			
Filed	12-30-46			

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

#3

Call
Letters W K J GName NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-2913 Rec'd Filed	6-27-47 7-2-47 7-2-47	Mod. of C.P. (B4-P-4063, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from: 8-5-47 to: 9-30-47. (Frederick H. Walton, Jr., Atty.)	Granted	7-18-47
BMP-2973 Rec'd Filed	7-7-47 7-10-47 7-10-47	Mod. of C.P. (B4-P-4063, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to mount FM antenna on tower which is located on property site of AM directional antenna. (Filed by Frederick H. Walton, Jr., Atty.; Paul A. de Mars, Engr.)	GRANTED	11-13-47

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

#4

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Letters W K J GName NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-3110 Rec'd Filed	8-30-47 9-2-47 9-2-47	Mod. of C.P. (B4-P-4063, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from: 9-30-47 to: 10-31-47. (Frederick H. Walton, Jr., Atty.)	Granted	9-10-47
BMP-3234 Rec'd Filed	10-13-47 10-15-47 10-15-47	Mod. of C.P. (B4-P-4063, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 10-31-47 to 11-30-47. (Filed by Frederick H. Walton, Jr., Atty.)	GRANTED	10-23-47

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters

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Name NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-3332	11-13-47	Mod. of C.P. (B4-P-4063, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to make changes in directional antenna. (Filed by Frederick H. Walton, Jr., Atty.) John Barron, Engr.	GRANTED	1-16-48
Rec'd	11-14-47			
Filed	11-14-47			
Petition filed by Atty. Paul A. O'Bryan for WSPD to reconsider this grant & designate it for hearing with WSPD.				

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call
Letters WKJGName NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-2963 Rec'd Filed	11-4-47 11-12-47 11-12-47	License to cover C.P. (B4-P-4063, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and specify studio location as 116 E. Berry Street , Fort Wayne, Indiana and	GRANTED	10-17-52
BZ-2805 Rec'd Filed (See amendment Card 6a)	11-4-47 11-12-47 11-12-47	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Frederick H. Walton, Jr, Atty. Clyde H. Bond, Engr.)		
BTC-645 Rec'd Filed	5-17-48 5-28-48 5-28-48	Voluntary Acquisition of Control of permittee corporation from Frank E. McKinney and Robert H. Hinkley to William A. Kunkel, Jr. 450 shares of capital stock-45% William C. Koplovitz, Atty	GRANTED EFF:	7-29-48 8-3-48

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Letters WKJG

Name

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-2963 (cont. from Card #6)				
AMENDED	12-27-49	AMENDED to change studio location from 116 E.		
Rec'd	12-29-49	Berry Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana, to: 220		
Filed	12-29-49	East Jefferson Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana.		
		Pierson and Ball, Attys.		
AMENDED	1-21-52	AMENDED to change studio location from "to be		
Rec'd	3-28-52	determined", Fort Wayne, Indiana to 3802 S.		
Filed	2-28-52	Calhoun, Ft. Wayne, Indiana		

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Card #7

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Letters W K J GName NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-697 Recd. Filed	11-2-48	Involuntary Transfer of Control of Permitted Corporation from William A. Kunkel, Jr. ^{deceased} to William A. Kunkel III (Administrator) (625 shares capital stock - 62.5%)	GRANTED	12-8-48
	11-4-48		EFF:	1-12-49
	11-4-48			
BTC-819 Rec'd Filed	8-22-49	Voluntary transfer of control of permitted corporation thru sale of 100% of common stock from William A. Kunkel III, administrator of the estate of William A. Kunkel, Jr. and Gilmore S. Haynie to Clarence L. Schust, H. Leslie Popp, Edward G. Thoms, Walter L. Thoms, Earl Groth, Jr., John A. Toothill, Herbert Willis & Estate of Earl Groth. Thomas N. Dowd, Atty.	GRANTED	10-27-49
	8-25-49		EFF:	11-1-49
	8-25-49		subj. to cond. that the transfer of control be not effectuated until the transferees, as pro- posed, have caused the license for WFTW to be surrendered to the FCC	
		Ltr. 7-19-50 notifying that Dempsey & Koplovitz no longer represent applicant.		

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FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters M. K. J. G.Name NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-5468 Rec'd Filed	1-19-51 1-24-51 1-24-51	Modification of construction permit (B4-P-4068, as modified, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to make changes in the day time directional antenna pattern (DA-2) and to employ the present FM supporting tower as part of the DA system for daytime operation. Harrison T. Slaughter, Atty. George Gautney, Engr.	GRANTED Cond'l re installation to phase monitor; availability field meas. equip; and submission sufficient information to show night time pattern not altered	10-10-51
BR-2737 Rec'd Filed	4-19-55 4-20-55 4-20-55	Renewal of License Filed by Ralph L. Walker, Atty.	GRANTED	8-31-55

Aug. 1955

W K J G, INC. (APL 3-13-57; EFF: 4-15-57)

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Letters W K J G

Name X NORTHEASTERN INDIANA BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-10,867 Rec'd Filed	10-10-56 10-16-56 10-16-56	Construction permit to make changes in antenna system (dec. hght of No.5 tower- remove FM ant) Atty. - Pierson, Ball & Dowd Engr. - Gautney & Jones	GRANTED Cond'l that during removal of FM antenna the power of WKJG shall be determined by the indirect method and the DA system maintained as closely as possible to values appearing in license Upon completion of installation sufficient data shall be submitted to show that the DA pattern remains substantially unchanged. Any change of common point resistance will necessitate submission of Form 302	12-10-56
BAPL-126 Rec'd Filed	2-12-57 2-13-57 2-13-57	Voluntary assignment of license and construction permit to W K J G, Inc. Ralph L. Walker, Atty. for Assignor Thomas J. Dougherty, Atty. for Assignee	GRANTED EFF:	3-13-57 4-15-57

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

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Letters W.K.J.G.Name W K J G, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-7753 Rec'd Filed	7-9-57 7-10-57 7-10-57	Modification of construction permit (BP-10,867, which authorized changes in antenna system (decrease height of No. 5 tower - remove FM antenna) for extension of completion date from 3-10-57 to 1-9-58. Thomas J. Dougherty, Atty.	GRANTED Forfeited Letter	7-29-57 to Nov.10, 1957 Sect. 1.314 1-22-58
BR-2757 Rec'd Filed	4-30-58 5-2-58 5-2-58	Renewal of License John B. Jacob, Attorney	GRANTED	7-2-58
BRC-1651 Rec'd Filed	3-23-60 4-1-60 4-1-60	Modification of license to operate transmitter by Remote Control from 2633 West State Boulevard, Fort Wayne, Indiana Alfred C. Cordon, Atty. (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	1-31-61

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WKJOName WKJO, INC.
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2737 Rec'd Filed	4-28-61 5-1-61 5-1-61	Renewal of License. Alfred C. Cordon, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	7-20-61
BR-2737 Rec'd Filed	4-14-64 4-29-64 4-29-64	Renewal of license Atty. John B. Jacob	GRANTED	9-15-64
BR-2737 R. & F.	4-18-67 4-28-67	Renewal of license. atty-Dow, Lohnes and Albertson	granted	7-18-67
BRC-3285 R & F #460286 \$30 OCT 4 1968	9-11-68 9-23-68 9-23-68	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 2633 West State Blvd., Fort Wayne, Indiana, nighttime operation. Atty.: John B. Jacob	GRANTED	1-31-69

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call W M E E
Letters X W K J G

NORTHEASTERN INDIANA RADIO, INC.

Name X W K J G, INC.
Fort Wayne, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2737 R & F #597526 \$75. PH PRESS	4-17-70 4-30-70 4-30-70 4-30-70 JUN 8 1970	Renewal of license Atty: Alan C. Campbell (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) AMENDED 6-15-70 re: engineering data; statement on programming AMENDED 7-6-70 re: commercial practices	GRANTED	8-28-70
<p>DA 7 25 70 memo</p>				
PAL-7137 Rec'd FEE PD: \$250 CODE 053 (Form 316 - also see FM) FILED (ltr from atty re date	9-2-70 9-3-70 -#628156 9-17-70	Voluntary assignment of license to NORTHEASTERN INDIANA RADIO, INC. Request waiver Rule 73.35, Docket 18110 Mutually Contingent on grant of BTC-6343 (WKJG-TV) Atty - Dow, Lohnes & Albertson Etr from atty filed 9-17-70 re date of applic	GRANTED EFF:	3-11-71 3-26-71

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Letters W M E E

Name NORTHEASTERN INDIANA RADIO, INC.
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BB-19,199 Rec'd Filed \$50-002731 AC-060 PRESS: MAY 1 1972 Amended 4-5-72 re Engineering.	12-16-71 12-17-71 12-17-71 12-17-71	Construction permit to specify MEOV's on nighttime directional pattern and extend MEOV's on daytime directional pattern. Atty. Alan Campbell (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	5-9-72
BL-13,358 Rec'd W 048626-\$50 PTA Amended & F PTA ext. PRESS	2-28-72 3-8-72 3-8-72-AC-067 6-15-72 12-5-72 12-29-72 JAN 15 1973	Lic. to use former Main transmitter(RCA, BTA-5E) as an Alternate transmitter. Limited to 7-21-72 Section II-A (new appln)	GRANTED issued with BL-13,359	5-24-73
BL-13,359 Rec'd W 137120-\$50 PTA PRESS (OVER) PTA EXT.	11-30-72 12-5-72 12-19-72 12-29-72 JAN 15 1973	Lic.(BP-19,199) for changes, Main trans. RCA, BTA-5L. Delete RC AC-067 Atty: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson(A.Campbell)	issued with BL-13,358	5-24-73

BL-13,359-Amended 4-25-73 - Financial data

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W M E EName **PATHFINDER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION**
NORTHEASTERN INDIANA RADIO, INC.
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2737 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	5-1-73 5-3-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Main) A. Campbell, Atty. AMENDED 8-8-73 re: reference to transfer of control application on file	GRANTED 9-20-73 issued with BML-2478	
BR-2737 R & F	7-17-73 7-19-73	Renewal of license (Alternate Main)		
BML-2478 R & F \$50-225575 AC-056 PRESS: AUG 29 1973	8-18-73 8-21-73 8-21-73	Modification of license to change the corporate name to PATHFINDER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION. Atty. Dominic Monahan	GRANTED 9-27-73 issued with BR-2737	
BR-2737 R & F P.N. Press	3-15-76 4-1-76 4-1-76 JUN 17 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTERNATE MAIN) Atty: B. Dwight Perry (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) AMENDED 7-12-76 re: station policies & procedures AMENDED 9-10-76 re: commercial matter		

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1380khz.

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call W Q H K
Letters ~~X~~ W M E EName PATHFINDER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
Fort Wayne, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-21,209 R & F PRESS:	5-2-78 JUL 1-0 1978	CP to install new Aux. Transmitter (GATES-BC-1T) at main TL; to be operated on: 1380khz., 1kw DA-2. FOR AUXILIARY PURPOSES ONLY Atty: Alan C. Campbell Engr: -----	DISMISSED (NOT ISSUED) UNNECESSARY	2-1-79
BR790402CD PRESS	JUN 5 1979	Renewal of License	GRANTED	1-24-80

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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.

