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BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

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Station Location VERNON, CONNECTICUT

Name TOLLAND COUNTY BROADCASTING, INC.

Transmitter Location Lower Butcher Rd. at Hockanum Brook in Ellington, Conn.

Main studio location To be determined, Vernon, Conn.

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BP-20,736 CP FOR A NEW STATION	5-24-79	1170KHz. 1kW Daytime (RC)	5-24-80
BP-20,736 (1)	9/24/79	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED	& EBSA IS
BMP800527AY (2)	7-14-80	MP (BP-20736) for ext. of time to:	1-10-81
BMP-810112AM (3)	3-12-81	MP (BP-20736, as Mod.) for ext. of time to:	8-31-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters NEW

Name TOLLAND COUNTY Broadcasting, Inc.
Vernon, Conn. Box AA, Duxbury, Mass. 02332

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-20,736 R & F PRESS:AUG 17 1978 PN FILED	2-13-77 2-14-77 1-22-79	CP for a new standard broadcast station on Freq. 1170khz. Power 1kw Hours of oper. Daytime Trans. loc. Lower Butcher Rd. at Hockanum Brook in Ellington, Conn. Studio loc. To be determined, Vernon, Conn. Trans. Collins 820-D-2 41° 52' 38" 72° 28' 43" MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 SECTION 1.569(b)(2)(i) IS WAIVED AND APPLIC ACCEPTED FOR FILING	GRANTED	5-24-79
Amended R & F	1-22-79	re: Articles of Organization and By Laws financing plan, Updated community leader surveys		

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

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Name: TOLAND COUNTY BROADCASTING, INC.

Station Location: VERNON, CONNECTICUT

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMP-800527AY PRESS: (O)	JUL 10 1980	Mod of CP(BP-20736) for extension of time to November 24, 1980(new)	GRANTED 7-14-80 TO 1-10-81
BMP801205AL PRESS (O)	1-12-81	Mod. of CP (BP-20,736, as Mod.) To make chgs. in Ant. Sys.; chg. TL to: Off Penfield Drive, Ellington, Connecticut; chg. type Trans. & chg. Ant. Pattern. MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES. 41° 52' 07" 72° 29' 04"	

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

1200khz

Call Letters: WRTT

Name: TOLAND COUNTY BROADCASTING, INC.

Station Location: VERNON, CONNECTICUT

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BP- 801205AL ACCEPTED APR 17 '81	CUT OFF MAY 26 '81	Construction permit to change hours of operation to unlimited by adding nighttime service with 1kw, DA-2; change frequency from 1170khz to 1200khz; change TL: Off Penfield Drive, Ellington, Connecticut, and make chgs in antenna system. 41° 52' 07" 72° 29' 04"	
AMENDED	1-14-81	RE: Section I, and additional Engineering	
AMENDED	1-14-81	RE: Additional Engineering	
AMENDED	1-16-81	Section I, (Signature)	
	1-28-81	Public Notice	
AMENDED	5-18-81	RE: Legal Info (RE: Edward F. Perry)	
	5-26-81	PETITION TO DENY OR DISMISS FILED BY JOEL H. LEVY ON BEHALF OF CLEAR CHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	
AMENDED	5-26-81	RE: Engineering (OVER)	

BP-801205AL

6-9-81 MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY OR DISMISS FILED BY HARRY P. WARNER ON BEHALF OF SUBURBANATER, INC.

6-10-81 OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY OR DISMISS APPLICATION OF LAWRENCE COUNTY BROADCASTING CORPORATION FILED BY THOMAS W. FLETCHER ON BEHALF OF LAWRENCE COUNTY BROADCASTING CORPORATION

6-16-81 OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY OR DISMISS APPLICATION OF WILSON COUNTY BROADCAST SERVICES, INC. FILED BY JOHN L. TIERNEY ON BEHALF OF WILSON COUNTY BROADCAST SERVICES, INC.

AMENDED 6-29-81 Additional Engineering

AMENDED 7-6-81 Additional Information

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING
1170KHz.

Call Letters: W R T T

Name: TOLLAND COUNTY BROADCASTING, INC.

Station Location: VERNON, CONNECTICUT

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMP810112AM PRESS (0) FEB	25 1981	MP (BP-20,736, as Mod.) For Extension of Time to: _____ (NEW STATION)	GRANTED: 3-12-81 TO: 8-31-81

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.

