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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

W G A Y-FM (11-29-71)

Call letters Washington, D.C. (4-30-59)

GREATER MEDIA, INC. (MLH-BPR-6-27-72)

Station location Silver Spring, Maryland

XGreater New York Media, Inc.(AL 6-30-71EFF: 3-30-71)

X CONNIE B. GAY(BAPH 4-8-59 EFF: 6-1-59)

Name of licensee

X TRI-SUBURBAN BROADCASTING CORF.

5202 River Road, Bethesda, Maryland (BPH 7-11-74) xxWorld Bldg., 8121 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md. (PH 9-27-65) (LH6-27-66) Transmitter location X 11306 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, Maryland

World Bldg., 8121 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring Md. (PH 9-27-65) (LH6-27-66)

Main studio location Xsame as xmtr

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed	Call letters W.G.A.Y Station location WASHINGTON D. G.
Name of licensee WGAY, INC.	
Transmitter location	

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed	Call letters WGAY-FM Station location Washington, D. C.
Name of licensee GREATER MEDIA, INC.	
Transmitter location	

Main studio location

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BRH-91	9(8)	7-16-76	Renewal	of Main	& AUX.	10-1-78
BPH-1	D147	8-24-71	99.50	Hz ERP:	21kw{H8	V} 8-24-77
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADGASTING

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Name TRI-SUBURBAN BROADCASTING CORP.

and PO 11306 Kemp Mill Rd.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BPH-2314 Recd Filed	11-29-57 11-29-57 11-29-57	CP for new FM broadcast station: Freq. 99.5 mc Ch 258 ERP. 20 kw U HAAT 275.7' T-L 11306 Kemp Mill Rd. Silver Spring Md. S-L Same as xmtr	GRANTED	1-17-58
BMPH-5277 Rec'd Filed	8-13-58 8-13-58	Modification of c.p. (BPH-2314 which author- ized a new FM Broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 9-17-58 to 2-1-59. Atty's: Cohn and Marks		8-22-58
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CONNIE B. GAY

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			Atty's: Cohn & Harks		
	BAPH-189 Rec'd. Filed		Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Connie B. Gay. D.F. Prince.Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	4-8-59 6-1-59
İ	BMPH-5380 Rec'd Filed	1-2-59 1-6-59 1-6-59	Modification of c.p. (EPH-2314 as mod., which authorized a new FM Broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 2-1-59 to 8-1-59.	GRANTED	1-29-59 to 6-1-59
			Leonard H. Marks, Atty.	1	

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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AUG. 1955 CONNIE B. GAY

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	otion Date	
BMPH-5488 Rec'd Filed	4-27-59 4-28-59 4-28-59	Modification of c.p. (BPH-2314 as mod., which authorized a new FM Broadcast Station for extension of completion date from 6-1-59 to 12-1-59.	_	NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY.	Res
Amended R & F	5-21-59 5-25-59	Leonard H. Marks, Atty. Amended to change name of applicant to Connie B. Gay.			
BLH-1363 Rec'd Filed	5-22-59 5-25-59 5-25-59.	License to cover construction permit, BPH-231 as modified, which authorised a new FM Broadcas Station.		6-19-59	
		P.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.			

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Natur	Date
BAPH-199	5-26-59 5-29-59	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to N G A Y, nc.	RANTED EFF:	6-19-59
BMLH-125 Rec'd Filed	7-16-59 7-20-59 7-20-59	Modification of license to change station location from Silver Spring, Md. to Washington D.C. Atty D.F. Prince	GRANTED	9-30-59
BRH-919 Rec'd Filed	7-18-60 7-19-60 7-19-60	Renewel of license Atty: D. F. Prince	GRANTED	9-7-60
BTC-3521 Rec'd Filed	8-17-60 8-22-60 8-22-60	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Connie B. Gay, et al (All Stockholders) to Connie B. Gay Broadcasting Corporation.		12-5-60 1-1-61 323
		D. F. Prince, Atty.		

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BRH-919 R & F	6-28-63 8-2-63	Renewal of license Atty. Ray R. Paul	GRANTED	4-24-64
BPH-4999 R&F	6-16-65 6-17-65	Construction permit to change ant-trans and studio location and operate trans by remote control from World Building, 8121 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, Maryland; install new trans (RCA-BTF-20E); install new horizontal ant (RCA-BFA-6B, 6 sections) and vertical ant (EKI-300-6, 6 sections); increase TPO to 6.62km operate on a vertical ERP of 20km; and increase HAAT to 372'. Atty: Prince & Paul	RC open	9-27-65 re Sect. rules re . of trans. auth.)

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MGAY, INC. Name WASHINGTON, D. C. Action Nature Date Application for Dated File No. Modification of CF (BPH-4999 which auth GRANTED 12-3-65 11-12-65 BMPH-8574 change ant-trans and studio location, install 11-12-65 R&F new trans, and horiz and vert ant, increase TPO and hAAT, and change ERP) to increase TPO to 16.55kw, and increase horiz and vert ELP to 50kw. Atty: Prince & Paul 4/7/66 Lic. to cover CP (BPH_4999 as mod.) which BLH_3238 auth. chng. ant-trans. & studio loc., install 4/7/66 R&F GRANTED 6-27-66 new trans. & antenna, chng. TPO, HAAT & ERP. Atty: Prince & Paul Renewal of License 6-30-66 GRANTED BRH-919 3-9-67 7-5-66 R&F Prince & Paul, Attys. F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Name WGAY, INC.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	And the Control of th
BRCH-739 Rec'd Filed	8-3-66 8-3-66 8-3-66	Modification of license to operate trans- mitter by remote control from World Bldg., 8121 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.	GRANTED	8-31-66
BPH-5848 R & F	5-24-67 5-26-67	372 feet. For Auxiliary Purposes Only. With remote control operation.	GRANTED	7-20-67
AMENDMENT R & F	6-20-67 6-21-67	Atty - Ray R. Paul Engr.: AMENDED to chg. ERP to 3kw.		
BLH_3866 R & F	11/1/67	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-5848) which auth. install aux. trans. at main trans. loc. for aux. purpose	GRANTED	2-14-68
PTA-11/17/	FJAN 2 5 196	Atty: Ray R. Paul-ac. WASHINGTON, D.G.	1	

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Greater New York Meida, Inc.

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File No. BALH -1526 R & F FEE PD: \$2 CODE 053 (F ALSO SEE:	6-9-71 60 #010734 orm 316) AM WQMR)	Voluntary assignment of license to OREATER NEW YORK MEDIA, INC. Atty - Schwartz & Woods	Act Nature GRANTED EFF:	Date 6-30-71 6-30-71		
R & F	3-16-72 3-20-72	CP to install new ant. (RCA BFC-6B, 6 sects.).	GRANTED	4-5-72		
#052455 \$50 Code 061 Press MA	3-20-72 R 9 1 1972	Atty: Louis Schwartz				
BMLH-420 R & F Fee pd. with PRESS: JUN	5-23-72	Mod. of Lic. chg. name of licensee to: GREATER MEDIA, INC. Atty - Louis Schwartz.	GRANTED	6-27-72		
		F.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.				

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GREATER MEDIA, INC. Greater New York Media, Inc.

Washington, D. C.				
File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature Nature	tion Date
BMPH-13,529	5-22-72 5-23-72	MP(BPH-7836) chg. name of permittee to: GREATER MEDIA, INC.	GRANTEI	6-27 72
Fee pd. wi		Atty - Louis Schwartz		
BRH -919 R & F	6-26-72 6-30-72	Renewal of License(Main & Auxiliary)	GRANTE	7-16-76
PN	6-30-72	Atty: Schwartz & Woods		
PRESS AUG 7	OF GREATER	(SEE WASH(FM) FOR PETITION) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 9-13-72 b Robert A. Woods, Counsels on behalf of Greater MEDIA, INC. TO "PETITION TO PREVENT EMPLOYMENT	Media, Ih	C.
		Woods on behalf of WGAY-FM (over)	CDANTED	((75
BLH-5816 Rec'd	4-5-73 4-5-73	Lic.(BPH-7836, as mod.) for changes of Main & Aux. transmitters.	GRANTED	6-6-75
Amended &	N. S. C.		CONDITIONAL	RE RENEWAL
W 175476—\$ PTA PRESS		AC-068 Atty: Schwartz & Woods F.C.C. WASHINGTON, D. C.		
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SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 6-2-75 as an amendment to pending renewal (Main & Aux.). PN 6-2-75 JUL 1 1 1975 BRH-919 AMENDED 10-6-75 re: EEO

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Name Greater Media, Inc.

Washington, D. G.					
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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date	
BPH-9029	8-10-73	CP to chg. TL to: 5202 River Road, Bethesda,	CRANTED	7-11-74	
R&F	8-14-73	Maryland; install new trans. (RCA BTF-20E1);	Ultri, 115	/-11-/4	
#223443 \$50	8-15-73	install new ant. (RCA BFC-2B, 2 sects. (H&V);			
Code 057 Press	JUL 9 - 1974	make chg. ant. system (incr. hght.); chg. TPO; ERP: 17KW(H&V) and HAAT: 770'(H&V). 38° 57' 49" - 77° 06' 18")			
		Atty: Louis Schwartz(Schwartz & Woods)			
	9-19-73	PETITION TO DENY WAIVER OF COMMISSION RULE AND APPLICATION THAT PATENTLY VIOLATES THE PUBLIC I by Wayside Broadcasting Corporation.	THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF T		
	10-1-73	REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed by Greater	Media, Inc		
	10-15-73	REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME filed by			
	1-15-74	REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME filed by			
	3-22-74	REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME filed by G	reater Med	lia, Inc.	
	6-26-74	OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed by Greater I PETITION TO DENY WAIVER OF COMM. RULES is hereby atty. letter 6-26-74.	Media, Inc withdrawn	per	
		F.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.			

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Name Greater Media, Inc.
Washington, D.C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Natur	otion Date
BMPH-14,450 R & F #399126\$100 Code 057	1-14-75 3-7-75 3-10-75	MP(BPH-9029) to make changes in transmission line; change antenna (RCA-BFC-3B, 3 sections H&V); change TPO.		
BSC4-1452 R & F #400338\$100 Code 057	3-12-75 3-12-75 3-13-75	Request for Subsidiary Communications Author- ization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 khz. Atty: Louis Schwartz, (Schwartz & Woods)	COMPARING ICHOL	5-1-75 10-1-75
BMPH-14,517 R & F #440086\$100 Code 057 PRESS	6-16-75	MP(BPH-9029, as mod.) ext. time to 9-12-75. (Changes) Atty: Louis Schwartz	GRANTED	7-9-75 12-1-75

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Name GREATER MEDIA, INC. Washington, D. C.						
File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature Date			
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PTA	9-3-75 SEP 1 9 1975					
BPH-10142 R & F 577409\$10	4-15-76 6-4-76 0 6-10-76	CP chg ERP: {21kw H&V}; Request Waiver of Section 73.211 of Comm Rule Atty. Louis Schwartz		ED 8-24-76		
CODE DOL	AUG 1 3 1976	From David I. Steel. Sr.				
R&F	8 7-21-77 7-27-77	MP{BPH-10147} ext time to 12-31-77 {For Chgs}	GRANTED	8-25-77 12-31-77		
PRESS	AUG 1 1977	Atty. Louis Schwartz F.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.				

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Name Greater Media, Inc.
Washington, D.C.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature Date		
BMPH-15238 R & F	8-12-77 8-15-77	MP(BPH-10147) chg Antenna: COLLINS, G5CPS- 3AE, 3 sections H&V	ACCEPTED & GRANTED 11-3-77		
PRESS		Atty. Louis Schwartz Engr. David L. Steel,	Sr.		
BLH-7750	8-31-77	License (BPH-10147, as mod.) for changes.			
R & F PTA: PRESS: MAY	9-19-77 4-13-78 2 5 1978	Atty: Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED 9-20-78 issued with renewal		
BRH-919 BRSCA-1452	5-28-78 5-28-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) RENEWAL OF SCA	GRANT ED 9-14-78		
R & F PRESS	6-1-78 UL 7 1078	Atty. Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods)			
		F.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.			

Phne 1-30-79 587-4900 atmosphere

Call Letters: WGAY-FM

Name: Greater Media, Inc.

Station Location:

Washington, D. C.

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRH-810601H2 BRSCA-810601H2 Press: Aug 1 0 198		Renewal of License Renewal of SCA Attorney: Malcolm G. Stevenson	GRANTED 10-22-81
			Form BC-121 March 1979

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.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) 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 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). Prior to that move, 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.

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.

