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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

METROPOLITAN

= 11-11-76 Auth. gr. for on-the-air I.D. as Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Date first licensed 11-11-76

Call letters WGBI-FM

LOCATION: SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

WGBI RADIO, INC. (BALH-254) GR: 10-15-56 EFF 11-28-54

Name of licensee X SCRANTON BROADCASTERS, INC.

Transmitter location Near Top of Bald Mountain, Scranton, Pennsylvania  
Roaring Brook Township, Pennsylvania

185-09  
Main studio location 1000 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Mcs. Freq.	E.R.P. Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
B2-PH-234	11-21-45	100.1	7.5 kw		
Letter	6-14-46	No. 261	Subject to Comm. approval of antenna and transmitter details.		
	6-27-47	101.3	(No. 267)		
		Freq. assignment accord. Do. 6768			
PH-284	2-26-48	101.3	1.8 kw	U	By 5-25-48
		Ch. 267	Terr: 1,200 ft. to 11-25-48		
	C. P. issued				
BTC-658	6-4-48	Involuntary Transfer of Control to M.E. Meargee, Executrix of the Estate of Frank Meargee, Deceased.			
BMPH-2784	11-12-48	Ext. of completion date to 2-25-49			
Telegram	12-16-48	Relet atty. 14. Auth. gr. period ending 2-25-49 op. using fac. spec. in BMPH2784 re FM prog. serv.			
BMPH-3116	2-1-49	Ext. of Compl. date to			3-4-49
Telegram	2-24-49	Relet Atty. 23. Auth. ext. period ending 3-4-49 op. using fac. spec. in BMPH-3116 re FM broadcast stations.			
PLH-432	6-6-49	101.3	1.8 kw.	U	To 12-1-50
License to cover C. P. Terr: 1,200 ft.					
BRH-360	11-29-50	Renewal of license.			12-1-50 to 12-1-51.
BRH-360	11-28-51	Renewal of license			To 8-1-54
BRH-360	7-28-54	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			
BALH-254	10-15-56	Vol. assignment of license to WGBI			
EFF:		RADIO, INC.			
BRH-360	7-11-57	101.3	1.8 kw.	U	8-1 8-1-60
	7-27-60	No action on application for renewal of license.			
BRH-360	9-20-60	renewal of License			9-20 8-1-63
BPH-3285	3-22-61	101.3mcs	2.3kw	Unl.	5-22-61
		TPO:760watts, Ch.267	HAAT:1,100'		11-22-61
		CP to incr. ERP and decr. HAAT and change geographic coordinates.			TPO and correc

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Official No. 350

Date first licensed

6-6-49

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Station location

Scranton, Pennsylvania

Name of licensee

WGBI RADIO, INC.

Transmitter location

Near top of Bald Mountain, Scranton, Pennsylvania

Main Studio Location

1000 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

APPL. NO.	DATE ISSUED	FREQ.	POWER	TIME DIV.	PERIOD FROM TO
BPH-1763 HAAT: 1,100'	8-11-61	101.3mc Ch. 267	2.3kw TPO: 740w	Unl.	8-1-61 8-1-63
		License to cover CP (BPH-3285) for ERP, decr. HAAT, chg. TPO and correct coordinate			Incr. in
BPH-3730 HAAT: 1,110'	6-5-62	101.3mcs Ch. 267	ERP: 2.3kw TPO: 490	Unl.	8-5-62 2-5-63
		CP to install new trans. (ITA FM-1000C); & new ant. (Jampro JA-5A, 5 sec.); make chges. in ant. sys. (Incr. hght.)			
BSCA-406	6-8-62	Subsidiary Communications Authorization on 67 kilocycles			8-1-63
BLH-2167	10-26-62	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-3730) which auth instl. new trans. & ant.; make chgs. in HAAT & ant-sys. (TPO: 500w)			
BRSCA-406	7-31-63	Renewal of S. C. A.			8-1 8-1-66
BRH-360	7-31-63	101.3mcs.	2.3kw TOP: 500w	U	8-1 8-1-66
BRH-360 BRSCA-406	7-29-66	Renewal of license			8-1 8-1-69
BRCH-838 (1)	6-28-67	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 1000 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, Pa.			
Memo	1-31-69	No marking required.			
BRH-360(L)	7-24-69	Renewal & NDEA			8-1-72
BRSCA-406	7-24-69	Renewal			8-1-72
BPH-7288(L) HAAT: 1,100' (H&V)	11-12-70	101.3mc	ERP: 2.3kw (H&V) TPO: 880 watts		1-12-71 11-12-71
		CP install new ant, chg ERP:, TPO: & HAAT: (RC)			
BLH-5098(L)	5-20-71	Lic. (BPH-7288) for changes.			8-1-72
EBSA	5-25-72				
BRH-360(s)	7-31-72	Renewal of license Renewal of S.C.A.			8-1-75
BPH-8082 HAAT: 1110' (H&V)	10-24-72	101.3mc #267	ERP: 5.6kw (H&V) (RC)		10-24-73
		CP install new trans., chg. transmissio line, chg. ERP, HAAT.			

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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
BMPH-13,744 (1)	6-7-73	MP(BPH-8082)	chg. transmission line, ERP: 7 kilowatts (H&V)		
BMPH-13880 (2)	9-24-73	MP(BPH-8082)	ext. time to		2-24-74
BMPH-14,011 (3)	3-29-74	MP(BPH-8082)	as mod ext. time to		5-31-74
BMPH-14,113 (4)	6-4-74	MP(BPH-8082, as mod)	ext. time to		10-1-74
BMPH-14,254 (5)	10-10-74	MP(BPH-8082 as mod)	chg trans, chg ant, TPO, & ant sys (decr hght)		
BMPH-14,244 (6)	10-15-74	MP(BPH-8082, as mod.)	ext. to		2-1-75.
BMPH-14,383 (7)	1-24-75	MP(BPH-8082, as mod)	ext time		4-1-75
BLH-6673(I) HAAT: 1110' (H&V)-ERP: 7kw(H&V) RC	6-16-75	Lic.(BPH-8082, as mod.)	Changes		8-1-75
BRH-360(S) BRSCA-406	7-23-75 " " "	RENEWAL .....			8-1-78 .....
BLH-6992(I)	5-25-76	Lic. to use former main transmitter for Auxiliary purposes only - with new main antenna. ERP: 1.55kw(H&V)			8-1-78
BRH-360 BRSCA-406	9-26-78 "	(S) REN. OF LIC. (MAIN & AUX.) U SCA			8-1-81

WGBI RADIO, INC. GR: 10-15-56 (BALH-254) EFF:

Call Letters WGBI-FMName X SCRANTON BROADCASTERS, INC.P.O. 1000 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-PH-284 Recd. Filed	6-31-44	Construction permit for new high frequency FM broadcast station Frequency: 48,100 Kcs., Coverage; 19,557 Sq. Mi. Studio: 1000 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, Penna. Transmitter: Roaring Brook Township, Penna. (G.E. GF-110-B Max. 10kw) Filed by Fred W. Albertson, Att'y. Amendment re Comm. letter of 9-7-45 recd. 9-26-45. No changes. (Metropolitan) Program analysis rec'd 4-16-46 Engr. info. rec'd 8-5-46 re Comm. letter of 6-14-46, changing transmitter location; transmitter type and making changes in antenna system. Engr. info. recd. 10-24-47 changing frequency; ERP; type transmitter; transmitter location & make changes in antenna system.	Granted	11-21-45
	7-28-44		For Met. type station- Conditional - Type 1 letter mailed 11-23-45	
	7-28-44		Basic Engr. approved 5-21-46.	
			Program analysis approved 5-21-46.	
			C. P. ISSUED Gr. 2-26-48 Exp. 11-25-48	



Grant R. Wrathall, Engineer

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WGBI-FMName WGBI RADIO, INC.  
X SCRANTON BROADCASTERS, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-638 Recd Filed	4-23-48 4-29-48 4-29-48	Involuntary Transfer of Control of permittee corporation from Frank Megargee, Deceased to M. E. Megargee, Executrix of the Estate of Frank Megargee, Deceased Mr. John Carr, Att'y	GRANTED	6-4-48
BMPH-2784 Recd. Filed	10-22-48 10-28-48 10-28-48	Mod. of C. P. (B2-PH-284) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 11-25-48 to 3-25-49. Filed by John P. Carr, Atty.	GRANTED	11-12-48 to 2-25-49
BMPH-3116 Recd. Filed	1-19-49 1-25-49 1-25-49	Mod. of C. P. (B2-PH-284 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 2-25-49 to 3-4-49. Filed by John P. Carr, Atty.	GRANTED	2-1-49
HLH-432 Rec'd. Filed	2-18-49 3-1-49 3-1-49	License to cover C. P. (BPH-284 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station Filed by John P. Carr, Atty.	GRANTED	6-6-49

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WGBI RADIO, INC.

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Letters WGBI-FMName X SCRANTON BROADCASTERS, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-360 Recd & Filed	9-21-50 10-2-50	Renewal of license. Filed by John Carr, Atty.	GRANTED	11-29-50
BRH-360 Rec'd. Filed	8-9-51 8-14-51 8-14-51	Renewal of license. Filed by John P. Carr, Atty.	GRANTED	11-28-51
BRH-360 Recd. & Filed	4-20-54 4-23-54	Renewal of license John P. Carr, atty	GRANTED	7-28-54
BALH-254 Recd & filed	8-1-56 8-23-56	Vol. assignment of license to WGBI RADIO INC. John B. Jacob, atty	GRANTED EFF:	10-15-56 11-28-56
BRH-360 Rec. & filed	4-30-57 5-3-57	Renewal of license Alfred C. Cordon-atty	GRANTED	7-11-57

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WGBI-FMName WGBI RADIO, INC.  
Scranton, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-360 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd & Filed	4-29-60	Renewal of License.	<del>RETURNED</del>	<del>6-6-60</del>
	5-3-60		<del>Section IV not filed</del>	
	6-29-60		GRANTED	9-20-60
	7-12-60			
	7-12-60			
BPH-3285 R & F	2-11-61	Construction Permit to increase ERP from 1.8kw to 2.3kw, change HAAT from 1,200' to 1,090' and transmitter power output, and correct geographical coordinates Atty. Earle Stanely	GRANTED	3-22-61
	2-15-61		HAAT: 1,100'	
BLH-1853 R & F	5-26-61	Lic. to cover CP(BPH-3285) for increase in ERP, decrease HAAT, change TPO and correct Coordinates. Atty. Stanley	GRANTED	8-14-61
	5-31-61			

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WQBI-FM

Name WOBI RADIO, INC.  
Scranton, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-3730 R & F	4-14-62 4-19-62	Construction permit to install a new transmitter (ITA FM 1000C) and new antenna (JAMPRO JA 5A, 5 section); make changes in antenna, system (incr. hght) Atty. - E.R. Stanley (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	6-5-62
BSCA-406 R & F	3-31-62 4-11-62	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on 67kc.  Atty. - Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED	6-8-62
BLH-2167 R & F	6-25-62 6-28-62	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-3730) which auth install of new trans & ant & chgs in ant-sys. and change HAAT  Attys: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED	10-26-62

FORM BC-121  
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WOB-FM

Name WOB RADIO, INC.  
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-360 R & F	4-15-63 5-1-63	Renewal of license and S C A Atty. Earl R. Stanley	GRANTED	7-31-63
BRH-360 R & F	4-15-66 5-4-66	Renewal of license	GRANTED	7-29-66
BRSCA-406 R & F	4-15-66 5-4-66	Renewal of SCA Atty- Dow, Lohnes & Albertson		
BRCH-838 Rec'd Resub. R & F	6-19-67 5-26-67 6-19-67 6-20-67	Modification of license to operate trans- mitter by remote control from 1000 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania.  Atty.: Daniel W. Toohey	<del>Returned</del> Premature dated GRANTED	<del>6-6-67</del> 6-28-67
BRH-360 R & F BRSCA-406 R & F #511938 \$75. #511934 \$30. PRESS	5-1-69 5-5-69 4-15-69 5-5-69 5-5-69 5-5-69	Renewal of license  Renewal of SCA Atty-Dow, Lohnes & Albertson (Charles J. Robertson)	GRANTED	7-24-69

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name WGBI Radio, Inc.  
Scranton, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-7288 R & F #637213 \$50 CODE: 061 PRESS: OCT 2 7 1970	10-15-70 10-19-70 10-19-70	CP to install new Ant(Gates-FMC-5A, 5 horiz.& vert. sects); make chgs. in ant. system(decr. hght); chg. TPO: 0.882kw; operate with vert. ERP: 2.3kw; & vert. HAAT: 1090 ft.  Atty - Daniel W. Toohen(Dow, Lohnes etc.) Engr- Jules Cohen	GRANTED	11-12-70
AMENDED BIN-5098 R & F #673127 \$50. AC-060 PFA PRESS MAY 12 1971	10-29-70 3-30-71 4-7-71 4-7-71 4-21-71	Engr. Data to Correct, Section V-B, para. 9. Lic.(BIN-7288) for changes. Atty: Daniel W. Toohy(Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	5-20-71

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

101.3 mcs

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 Letters **WGBI-FM**

Name **WGBI RADIO, INC.**  
**SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-360 BRSCA-406 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	4-29-72 " 5-3-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA Daniel W. Toohey, Atty.	GRANTED	7-31-72
BPH-8082 R & F #112271 \$50 Code 061 Press OCT 18 1972	9-22-72 9-25-72 9-25-72	CP to install new trans. (RCA BTF-3E1); chg. transmission line; chg. ERP: 5.6KW (H&V); HAAT: 1111' (H&V).  Atty: Daniel W. Toohey	GRANTED	10-24-72
BMPH-13,774 R & F #184873 \$50 Code 061 Press JUN 1 - 1973	5-9-73 5-11-73 5-11-73	MP (BPH-8082) chg. transmission line and ERP: 7KW (H&V).  Atty: Daniel W, Toohey	GRANTED	6-7-73



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September 1969

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WGBI-FMName WGBI Radio, Inc.  
Scranton, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-13,880 Rec'd Filed #232387 \$50 Code 057 Press	9-5-73 9-10-73 9-13-73 9-14-73 SEP 18 1973	MP (BPH-8082, as mod.) ext. time to 4-1-74. (For Changes)  Atty: Richard D. Marks	GRANTED to	9-24-73 2-24-74
BMPH-14,011 R & F #277313 \$50 Code 057 PRESS	2-7-74 2-7-74 2-8-74 MAR 11 1974	MP (BPH-8082) ext. time to <u>5-31-74</u> (For Changes) Atty: Richard D. Marks	GRANTED TO	3-29-74 5-31-74
BMPH-14,113 R & F #304626 \$50 Code 057 PRESS	5-8-74 5-14-74 5-15-74 MAY 29 1974	MP (BPH-8082, as mod.) ext. time to 10-1-74. (For Changes)  Atty: Richard D. Marks	GRANTED TO	6-4-74 10-1-74

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

101, 3mhz.

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Scranton, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BMPH-14,244 R & F #343914 \$50 Code 057 PRESS	9-3-74	MP(BPH-8082, as mod.) ext. time to 2-1-75. (Changes) Atty: Richard D. Marks	GRANTED  TO	10-15-74
	9-5-74			2-1-75
	9-13-74			
	SEP 19 1974			
BMPH-14,254 R & F #342411 \$50 Code 057 Press	9-3-74	MP (BPH-8082, as mod.) chg. trans. (RCA BTF-5E2); chg. ant. (RCA BFC-3B, 3 sects.(H&V); make chg. ant. system (decr. hght.); and chg. TPO.  Atty: Richard D. Marks(Dow, Lohnes etc.)	GRANTED	10-10-74
	9-5-74			
	9-10-74			
	SEP 27 1974			
BMPH-14,383 R & F #380830 \$50 Code 057 PRESS	1-10-75	MP(BPH-8082, as mod) ext. time to 4-1-75. (Changes)  Atty: Richard D. Marks (Dow, Lohnes, Albertson)	GRANTED  TO	1-24-75
	1-10-75			4-1-75
	1-10-75			
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SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BRH-360 BRSCA-406 PN Recd. PRESS	3-20-75 3-20-75 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE R.D.MARKS, Atty. (Dow, & Albertson) AMENDED 6-20-75 re: programming, commercial matter & EEO	GRANTED	7-23-75
<b>APR 30 1975</b>				
BLH-6673 R & F W 408338-\$100 PTA PRESS	4-1-75 4-1-75 4-3-75-057 4-8-75	Lic.(BPH-8082, as mod.)-Changes. Atty: Cohn and Marks(Richard D. Marks)	GRANTED	6-16-75
<b>MAY 22 1975</b>				
BLH-6992 Rec'd W518507-\$100 (\$50. refunded) Amended & F PTA PRESS	12-24-75 1-12-76 1-15-76-00 3-3-76 3-9-76 APR 5 1976	Lic. to use former main transmitter(ITA, FM-1000-C) for Auxiliary purposes only - with new antenna. TPO: 1.05kw - ERP: 1.55kw(H&V). antenna & trans. line data (Par. 8, Sect.II-B) Atty: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson(R. D. Marks)	GRANTED	5-25-76

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

101.3mhz.

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Letters **WGBI-FM**

Name **WGBI RADIO, INC.**  
**Scranton, Pennsylvania**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
Ltr. dated R & F PRESS	8-23-76 8-23-76 <b>AUG 30 1976</b>	Filed by Patrick M. Connolly, Esq., request for dual city identification from: Scranton-Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.	GRANTED	11-11-76
BRH-360 BRSCA-406 R & F PRESS	3-25-78 3-25-78 4-3-78 <b>APR 19 1978</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) RENEWAL OF SCA Atty. Richard D. Marks (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	9-26-78
BRH810401UZ BRSCA810401UZ PRESS	<b>MAY 26 1981</b>	Renewal of License Renewal of SCA Atty.: Todd D. Gray	<i>grd.</i>	7-7-81 <b>ISSUED</b>

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

