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REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE

Cat. No. 4550L

Patent No. 1,370,199

W W I D (7-21-75)

Date first licensed 6-6-49

Call letters X W D U H - FM

LOCATION: GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA

WWID RADIO, INC. (AL: 12-10-79 EFF: 1-2-80)

Name of licensee X NORTHEAST GEORGIA BROADCASTING COMPANY

(LH 1-24-63)

1102 ~~1140~~ Thompson Bridge Rd. ^{NE} Gainesville, Ga. (redescribed BMPH 9-7-62) /
 X 1102 Thompson Bridge Road, N. E., Gainesville, Georgia (redescribed ltr. 2-27-62)
 x 1140 Thompson Bridge Road, Gainesville, Georgia (CP 5-16-55)

Transmitter location X Altavista Drive, Gainesville, Georgia

(LH 1-24-63)

1102 ~~1140~~ Thompson Bridge Rd. ^{NE} Gainesville, Ga. (redescribed BMPH 9-7-62) /
 X 1102 Thompson Bridge Road, N. E., Gainesville, Georgia (Redescribed ltr. 2-27-62)
 x 1140 Thompson Bridge Road, Gainesville, Georgia (CP-5-16-55)

ZIP 30501

Main studio location X 217 1/2 S. Main Street,
-to-be-determined, Gainesville, Georgia

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Mos. Freq.	ERP Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-1276	3-31-48	103.9 Ch#286	300 w Terr:	U 255 ft.	By 7-4-48 to 1-4-49
C. P. issued (mailed 5-4-48)					
BPH-3063	3-10-49	Ext. of completion date to <i>Cond.</i> 6-30-49			
BLH-443	6-6-49	103.9	300 w	255 ft.	To 9-1-50
Cover BPH-1276 as modified					
BSH-356	8-31-50	Ext. of license to			12-1-50.
BSH-356	11-29-50	Ext. of license to			3-1-51.
BRH-356	2-28-51	Renewal of license			To 9-1-52
BRH-356	8-6-52	Renewal of license to			4-1-55 (L)
BRH-356	3-23-55	Renewal of license to			4-1-58 (L)
BPH-2023	5-16-55	C.P. change ERP to 185 watts-			7-16-55
Terr: 540ft. chg. trans. & studio locations & ant.					1-16-56
BPH-5007	10-4-55	Mod. CP to change ERP to			12-4-55
340 watts, & Terr: to 175 feet & coordinates					6-4-56 (L)
Wire	11-3-55	STA Interim auth. operate according			
BPH-5007 pend. receipt & act. lic. TO					12-2-55
WIRE	1-5-56	RELET ATTY	30. Auth. ext.	Provide Program to 1-31-56	
BLH-1098	2-13-56	Lice. to cover BPH-2023			TO 4-1-58(L)
as mod. 103.9mcs. ERP 340wat s; Terr: 175ft.					
BRH-356	3-19-58	Renewal of license			4-1 4-1-61
	3-29-61	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BPH-356	5-24-61	renewal of license			5-24 4-1-64
BPH-3678	5-18-62	106.7mcs	ERP: 14kw Unl.	7-18	1-18-63
HAAT: 580'		Ch. 294	TPO: 4.1kw		
CP to chg. freq.; incr. ERP; incr. HAAT; install new trans. (RCA BTF-5B); install new ant. (RCA BFA-4A, 4 secs.)					
Conditional.					
BMPH-7341	9-7-62	Mod. of CP(BPH-3678) to redescribe studio & trans. sites; chg. type ant. (Mal Mobley MM-4, 4 secs.); chg. type trans. (Gates FM-5C) & show TPO as 4.2kw.			

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June 1954

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters W D U N - F M

Station location Gainesville, Georgia

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
WTC-4120 Eff: PerForm323	10-22-62	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by John W. Jacobs, Jr., thru purchase of stock from Donald Quinlan			
BLH-2291 (1)	1-24-63	Lic. to cover CP(BPH-3678, as mod.) which auth. chgs. in freq., ERP, HAAT, type trans., type ant. & TPO. 4.1kw			
BRH-356	3-13-64	106.7mc	14kw	U	4-1 4-1-67
BPH-4067 HAAT:540'	2-2-65	106.7mc Ch.#294	ERP:50kw TPO:4.7kw	Unl.	4-2-65 10-2-65
	CP to install new trans. (Gates FM-5B) & new ant. (Gates FMA-12B, 12 secs.); incr. TPO & ERP and decr. HAAT. (Cond'1)				
BSCA-627	8-6-65	Subsidiary Communications Authorization on 67 kilocycles to			4-1-67
BRCH-635 (1)	8-20-65	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 1102 Thompson Bridge Road, N.E., Gainesville, Georgia.			
BRH-407 (1)	9-24-65	Mod. of CP(BPH-4067) for extension of completion date to 1-30-66.			
BLH-3057 HAAT:540'	1-7-66	106.7mc CH.#294	ERP:50kw TPO:4.7kw	U	1-7 4-1-67
	Lic to cover CP(BPH-4067 as mod) which auth install new trans & ant incr TPO & ERP & incr. HAAT, specify type ant JAMPRO JA-12B, 12 section transGATES FM 5C				
BMSCA-198	9-21-66	Mod. of SCA to delete program relay service on subcarrier frequency of 67kc and provide background music service on subcarrier frequency of 67 kcs.			
BRH-356	3-29-67	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-70
BSCA-627		Renewal of NDEA			4-1 4-1-70
		Renewal of SCA			4-1 4-1-70
BRH-356(S)	4-1-70	RENEWAL & NDEA			4-1-73

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June 1954

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters WDUN-FM

Station location Gainesville, Georgia

Name of licensee NORTHEAST GEORGIA BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location 1102 Thompson Bridge Rd. NE Gainesville, Georgia

Main studio location 1102 Thompson Bridge Rd. NE Gainesville, Georgia

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BSCA-1,041	11-24-70	Request for SCA 67 kc/s			4-1-73
	7-16-72	106.7mc	ERP: 100kw (H&V)	TPO: 18kw	7-16-72
	HAAT: 540' (H&V)				
	CP new trans., ant., TPO, ERP, HAAT.				
BLH-5410(L)	4-18-72	Lic. (BPH-7510) for changes			4-1-73
HAAT: 540' (H&V)	106.7mc	ERP: 100kw (H&V)	TPO: 18kw		
EBSA	5-25-72				
BPH-8950	5-31-74	106.7mc	ERP: 100kw (H&V)	5-31-75	
HAAT: 540' (H&V)		TPO: 16.5kw (RC)			
		CP to install new ant. (Gates FMS-12, 12 sects. (H&V) and make chgs. in trans. line			
BPH-8934	7-31-74	106.7mc	ERP: 100kw (H&V)	7-31-75	
HAAT: 540ft (H&V)		CP install new auxiliary trans at Main TL. Chg TPO, & ERP			
BRH-356	8-30-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-76
BLH-6352	10-16-74	Lic. (BPH-8950) - Changes			
BLH-6395(L)	10-16-74	Lic. (BPH-8934) - new Aux.			
HAAT: 540' (H&V) main & aux.		ERP: 100kw (H&V) main	6kw (H&V) aux.		
BRH-356 (A)	5-28-76	Renwal (Main & AUX.)			4-1-79
BRSCA-1041	5-28-76	Renewal of SCA			4-1-79
LTR.	2-21-78	TRANS:	HARRIS FM-20K now installed		
EBSA	5-16-79				
BALH791115GD	12-10-79	VOL. AL & SCA	EFF:	12-30-79	
BRH781201ZG(L)	4-11-79	Renewal of License & SCA			4-1-82
BRSCA781201ZG					

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FM (CLASS A)

Call

Letters ~~WUN~~ - W D U N - FMName NORTHEAST GEORGIA BROADCASTING COMPANY(P. O. Gainesville, Georgia) 1140 Thompson Bridge Road,217 1/2 S. Main Street,

File No.

Dated

Application for

Action

Nature

Date

NPH-1276

6-9-47

Construction permit for new FM broadcast sta-

Granted conditionally

Rec'd.

6-10-47

tion (Class A) to be operated on

7-17-47.

Class "A"

Filed

6-13-47

Frequency: Channel 268 100.9 Mcs.

station.

Letter mailed

Effective Radiated Power: 304 watts.

7-24-47

Proposed frequency

Antenna height above average terrain: 254 ft.

assignment

Ch#269 101.7

Transmitter: Altavista Drive, Gainesville, Ga.

mc.

(GE BT-1A Max. 250 watts)

Studio: To be determined, Gainesville, Ga.

C. P. ISSUED

Program analysis received, 6-10-47.

Gr. 3-31-48

Filed by-Alvord-and-Alvord, Attorneys

Exp. 1-4-49

Miller & Schroeder, Ltr. (7-10-47)

Engineer: Joseph A. Chambers

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Letters **WDUN-FM**

Name **NORTHEAST GEORGIA BROADCASTING COMPANY**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-3063 Recd. Filed	1-5-49 1-7-49 1-7-49	Mod. of C. P. BPH-1276 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 1-4-49 to 6-30-49. Filed by Neville Miller, Atty.	GRANTED that constr. be compld. or interim op. commence by exp. date, 6-30-49	3-10-49 (CONDITIONALLY)
		ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REC'd 3-4-49 RE: Comm's letter of 2-8-49.		
BLH-443 Rec'd. Filed	3-26-49 3-28-49 3-28-49	License to cover C. P. (HPH-1276 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station. Filed by Neville Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	6-6-49
BRH-356 Recd & Filed	6-26-50 6-30-50	Renewal of license. Filed by Neville Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	2-28-51
BRH-356 Recd & Filed	5-29-52 6-2-52	Renewal of license	GRANTED	8-6-52
BRH-356 Recd. Amend & Filed	12-28-54 1-3-55 2-2-55 2-8-55	Renewal of license Neville Miller, atty Amend. recd. to QS, 9, 10.	Atty called re Sect. 10 page 11. GRANTED	8-6-52 --- 3-23-55

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Name **NORTHEAST GEORGIA B/CO. COMPANY**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-2023 Recd. & Filed	3-21-55 4-1-55	C. P. to make changes in licensed station to change ERP to .186 w; Ant. ht. above average terr: 538 ft. T-L & S-L to 1140 Thompson Bridge Rd. Gainesville, Ga. & make changes in antenna system. Neville, Miller, atty	GRANTED	5-16-55
BMPH-5007 Recd & filed	8-5-55 8-8-55	Mod. of C. P. (BPH-2023 which authorized changes in licensed station) to change ERP to 0.342 kw; ant. ht. above average terr: 174 ft. & make changes in antenna system. A. Schroeder, atty	GRANTED	10-4-55
BLH-1098 Recd & filed	1-24-56 1-25-56	License to cover C. P. B(PH-2023 as mod) which authorized changes in licensed station) Filed by Neville Miller, atty	GRANTED	2-13-56
BRE-356 Rec'd Filed	12-13-57 12-31-57 12-31-57	Renewal of license. N. Miller, Atty. F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.	GRANTED	3-19-58

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Aug. 1955

Call
Letters WUN-TVName NORTHEAST GEORGIA BROADCASTING COMPANY
Gainesville, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-356 Rec'd Filed	12-21-60 1-3-61 1-3-61	Renewal of license Miller & Schroeder, Attys.	GRANTED	5-24-61
BRH-3678 Rec'd Filed	2-20-62 2-27-62 2-27-62	CP to change freq. from 103.9mc CH 280 to 106.7mc CH 294; increase ERP from 340w to <u>14.1kw</u> ; increase HAAT to 575 feet; install new transmitter (RCA-BTF-5B) and install new Antenna (RCA-BFA-4A (4 sections) Atty. Miller & Schroeder Eng. Palmer A. Greer, Greenville, S. C.	GRANTED	5-18-62

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W.D.U.N. 2M

Name **NORTHEAST GEORGIA BROADCASTING COMPANY**
GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-7341 R & F	8-10-62 8-13-62	Mod. of CP (BPH-3678 which auth chg of freq; chgs in ERP, HAAT; install new trans and ant) to chg type ant (Mal Nobley-MM-4, 4 sec) & type trans (Gates-FM-5C); incr ERP from 14kw to 14.1kw & chg line types. Atty: Miller & Schroeder	GRANTED	9-7-62
BTC-4120 Rec'd Filed	8-17-62 9-5-62 9-5-62	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by John W. Jacobs, Jr. thru purchase of stock from L. Donald Quinlan. John P. Bankson, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED: EFF: Per Form 323	10-22-62 10-26-62

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Letters *W.D.W.M.*

Name *NORTHEAST GEORGIA BROADCASTING COMPANY*
Gainesville, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-2291 R. & F.	11-28-62 11-29-62	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-3678, as mod) which with chgs in freq, ERP, HAAT, type trans, type ant and TPO. Atty: Miller & Schroeder	GRANTED	1-24-63
BPH-4067 R. & F.	8-8-63 8-12-63	CP to chg freq. from 106.7mc CH 294 to 97.1mc CH-246, incr. ERP from 14kw to 100kw, incr. TPO from 4.1kw to 9.46, chg type trans. to Gates EM-1QB, chg type antenna to Gates FMA-12B, decr. HAAT from 580 ft. to 537 ft.. Miller & Schroeder, Attys. Engr: Palmer A. Greer, Greenville, S. C.	GRANTED	2-2-65
AMENDED Rec. Filed	12-3-64 12-4-64 12-17-64	AMENDED 12-17-64 to chng.freq.to 106.7mc CH 294,decrease ERP to 50kw,TPO to 4.74kw, chng.type trans.to Gates FM-5B.	Cond'l re	WDUN submit 302s

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Aug. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W D U N-FM

Name NORTHEAST GEORGIA BROADCASTING COMPANY
Gainesville, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-356 R & F	12-12-63 12-30-63	Renewal of license Atty. John P. Bankson, Jr.	GRANTED	3-13-64
BSCA-627 R&F	6-24-65 6-28-65	Request for subsidiary communications authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67kes. Atty: Miller & Schroeder	GRANTED	8-6-65
BRCH-635 R & F	8-6-65 8-9-65	Modification of license to operate trans- mitter by remote control from 1102 Thompson Bridge Road, N.E., Gainesville, Georgia. John P. Bankson, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	8-20-65
EMPH-8467 R&F	9-3-65 9-7-65	Modification of CP (EPH-4067 which authorized install new trans and new ant, and change TPO, EHP, and HAAT) for extension of completion date from 10-2-65 to 1-30-66. Atty: Miller & Schroeder	GRANTED	9-24-65

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AUG. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W D U N - FM

Name NORTHEAST GEORGIA BROADCASTING COMPANY
Gainesville, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-3057 R & F	10/25/65 11/1/65	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-4067 as mod.) which auth. install new trans. & ant., incr. TPO & ERP and decrease HAAT, specify type antenna JAMPRO JA-12B, 12 sections.	GRANTED	1-7-66
Amend R. & F.	12-8-65 12-10-65	Amended to specify trans. as GATES FM-5C. Attys: Miller & Schroeder		
BPH-5401 R & F	5-30-66 6-6-66	CP to install new trans. (Collins 830F-1A); install vertically polarized ant. (Jampro J 12V, 12 sections); make changes in ant. system (increase height); increase TPO to 9.15kw; operate with vertical ERP of 50kw; increase horizontal HAAT to 587 feet and operate with vertical HAAT of 582 feet. Miller and Schroeder, Attys. (J.P. Bankson, Jr.)	DENIED 8-4-66 at request of applicant	

F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W D U N-FMNAME NORTHEAST GEORGIA BROADCASTING COMPANY
GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BNSCA-198 R & F	8-4-66	Modification of Subsidiary Communications	GRANTED	9-21-66
	8-8-66	Authorization to delete program relay service on subcarrier frequency of 67 kilocycles and provide background music service on subcarrier frequency of 67 kilocycles.		
BRSCA-627 R & F	12-8-66	Miller and Schroeder, Attys. (J.P. Bankson, Jr.)	GRANTED	3-29-67
	12-22-66	Renewal of Subsidiary Communications Authorization		
BRH-356 R & F	12-13-66	Miller and Schroeder, Attys. (J.P. Bankson, Jr.)	GRANTED	3-29-67
	12-22-66	Renewal of License		
		Miller and Schroeder, Attys. (J.P. Bankson, Jr.)		

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters **WDUN-FM**Name **NORTHEAST GEORGIA BROADCASTING COMPANY**
Gainesville, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-356 R & F #568502 \$75. P.N.	12-12-69 1-2-70 1-2-70 1-2-70	Renewal of License Atty.: John P. Bankson, Jr.	GRANTED	4-1-70
BSCA-1,041 R & F #635325 \$50 CODE: 068 PRESS: OCT 16 1970	9-29-70 10-7-70 10-7-70 10-7-70	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kilocycles. Atty - John P. Bankson, Jr.	GRANTED	11-24-70
BPH-7510 R & F #011033 \$50 CODE: 061 PRESS:	6-3-71 6-11-71 6-11-71 3 JUL 1971	CP install new trans(RCA-BTF_20E1); Ant(RCA- BFC-12B, 12 horiz. & vert. sects); chg. TPO: 17.94kw; ERP: 100kw(h&v); HAAT: 537' (h&v). Atty - John P. Bankson, Jr.	GRANTED	7-16-71 NEDM determine power indirect file 302. Grant does not preclude NEDM being gr.max.power.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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WDUN-FM

Name NORTHEAST GEORGIA BROADCASTING COMPANY
Gainesville, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-5410 R & F W 023195-\$50. PTA PRESS	12-2-71 12-6-71 12-6-72 12-8-71 APR 12 1972	Lic.(BPH-7510) for changes. AC-068 Atty: Miller, Schroeder & <u>Bankson</u>	GRANTED	4-18-72
BRH-356 R & F PN BRSCA-1041 PRESS	12-6-72 12-29-72 12-29-72 12-29-72	Renewal of License Atty: John P. Bankson, Jr. AMENDED 2-23-73 re: equal employ. prog. Renewal of SCA AMENDED 2-15-74 re: EEO	GRANTED	8-30-74 issued w/ BLH-6352 & BLH-6395
Ltr.	11-16-73	Hamel, Park, etc. Bankson) now attys.		
BLH- Rec'd W 270044-\$50.	1-14-74 1-17-74 1-17-74-AC-057	Lic. for Auxiliary trans.	RETURNED	2-1-74-for 301

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WDUN-FMName Northeast Georgia Broadcasting Company
Gainesville, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-8934 R & F #270044 \$50 Code 057 Press MAY 6 1974	4-5-74 4-9-74 1-17-74 6 1974	CP to install new Auxiliary Trans. (Gates FM-1B); at Main Trans. Loc., to be operated on 106.7mhz #295; TPO: 1KW; ERP: 5.58KW(H&V) and HAAT: 537' (H&V). Atty: John P. Bankson, Jr. (Hamel, Park etc.)	GRANTED COND'L	7-31-74
BPH-8950 R & F #305613 \$50 Code 057 Press MAY 1 1974	4-19-74 4-22-74 4-24-74 1 1974	CP to install new antenna (GATES FMS-12, 12 sects. (H&V) and make changes in transmission line. Atty: John P. Bankson, Jr. (Hamel, Park etc.)	GRANTED	5-31-74
BPH-8934 CONTINUED FROM ABOVE AMENDED Press JUL 9 1974	6-20-74 9 1974	Engr. Data: Chg. ant. (Gates FMC-12, 12 sects. (H&V); chg. transmission line and ERP: 6.04KW(H&V).		
BLH-6352 R & F W 327184-\$50. PTA PRESS	7-9-74 7-18-74 7-18-74-057 7-23-74	Lic.(BPH-8950)-Changes. Atty: Hamel, Park, McCabe & Saunders (J. P. Bankson, Jr.) - WASHINGTON, D. C.	GRANTED	10-16-74

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call
Letters *WDUN-FMName **NORTHEAST GEORGIA BROADCASTING COMPANY**
Gainesville, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-6395 R & F W 344423-50 PTA PRESS	8-20-74 9-11-74 9-11-74-05 9-18-74 1974	Lic.(BPH-8934)-Auxiliary trans. Transmitter: GATES, FM-1C. Antenna: GATES, FMS-12, 12 sects. Atty: Hamel, Park, etc.(John Bankson, Jr.)	GRANTED	10-16-74
BRH-356 R & F PN PRESS BRSCA-1041 R & F	11-6-75 12-1-75 12-1-75 FEB 9 1976 11-6-75 12-1-75	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Atty.: John P. Bankson, Jr. Renewal of SCA	GRANTED	5-28-76
BRH 781201 ZG BRSCA "	FEB 14 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX.) RENEWAL OF SCA J.P.Bankson, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	4-11-79

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W W I D

WWID RADIO, INC.

Name: X NORTHEAST GEORGIA BROADCASTING COMPANY

Station Location: Gainesville, Georgia

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BALH791115GD Form 316 (also see am WDUN) PRESS NOV 26 1979	11-6-79	Vol. AL to WWID RADIO, INC. (INCLUDE SCA) Atty - John P. Bankson (Hamel, Park, McCabe, etc.)	GRANTED 12-10-79 EFF: 1-2-80 CON: 12-31-80
BPH-800211AB (O) PRESS:		Construction permit incr HAAT: 1109'H&V; chg TL: Off Red Lane Road, Gainesville, Georgia and make chgs in antenna system 34 19 38 83 47 45 MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305	DISMISSED 6-25-80 C 7

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.

