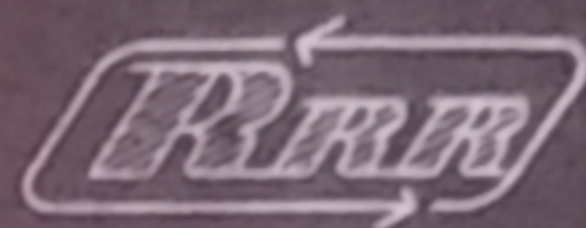


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June 1954

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-15-71 (Off. #724)

Call letters W B F F

Station location BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Name of licensee CHESAPEAKE TELEVISION, INC. (MPCT-7237 9-4-70)
XCHESAPEAKE ENGINEERING PLACEMENT SERVICE, INC.

Transmitter location ROLLING ROAD, 0.23 MILE NORTH OF ROUTE 40, CATONSVILLE, MARYLAND

Main studio location 3500 PARKDALE AVENUE, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND (BMPCT-7106 11-14-69)
ROLLING ROAD, 0.23 MILE NORTH OF ROUTE 40, CATONSVILLE, MARYLAND

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPCT-3479	8-9-67	CH.45	V-240 kw	U	10-9-67
AH: 550' MSL: 903.2'					
CP FOR A NEW COMM. TV BROADCAST STATION.					
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ISSUED WITHOUT CALL LETTERS					
BPCT-3479(1) 3-18-68 CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED.					
BMPCT-6770	5-29-69	CH.45	V-1425 kw	U	
BMPCT-6980	"	656-662	A- 150 kw		11-29-69
AH: 900' MSL: 1249'. MP (BPCT-3479) chg. ERP, type trans. AH, EXTd					
BMPCT-7106	11-14-69	MP (BPCT-3479, as mod)			
ext. date and change studio location (s)					5-14-70 ✓
BMPCT-7192,	9-4-70	Ch-45	V-1350kw	Unl.	10-9-67
BMPCT-7225 &		656-664mc	3-269kw		3-4-71
BMPCT-7237	MP(BPCT-3479 as mod.) to ext. completion date;				
AH-900'	chg. ERP & ant. & HAAT; and chg. name.				
MSL: 1249'					
BMPCT-7257	12-14-70	MP (BPCT-3479 as mod			
chg. Vis. Trans.					3-4-71 ✓
BMPCT-7288	2-24-71	MP (BPCT-3479 as mod)			
ext. date					8-24-71
WIRE	3-19-71	RE TENDERED L.I.C. APPLI. AUTH. GR.			
ON PTA ACCORD CP BMPCT-7288 EXCEPT WITH AMPEX TA-55AG					
VISUAL TRANSMITTER AND AURAL TRANSMITTER OUTPUT POWER					
6.5 KW.					
BPCT-4418	4-8-71	CP install Aux. Trans.			10-8-72
BPCT-2073	4-15-71	Ch. 45	V. 1350kw	U	4-15-71
AH: 900' MSL: 1249' 656-662 A. 158					
L.I.C. (BPCT-3479 as mod) for a new station					
MAIN TRANS. & ANT.					
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRCT-724	10-27-72	Renewal of License (S)			10-1-75
BRCT-724	9-12-75	Renewal of license (S)			10-1-78
BPCT-5031	7-13-77	Ch. 45	V. 4170 kW	U	9-13-77
AH: 900' MSL: 1249' 656-662 A. 417 kW					
CP to chg ERP, transmitting equip. and ant.					
BRCT-724	2-26-79	Renewal of License (S)			10-1-81

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call
Letters ~~W B FF~~ W B FF

Name CHESAPEAKE ENGINEERING PLACEMENT SERVICE, INC.
c/o Julian S. Smith, 44 West Biddle St., Baltimore 1, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-3479	12-17-64	Construction permit for a new Commercial Television Broadcast station:	GRANTED	
Rec. & filed	12-17-64	Ch-72,818-824 mcs ERP: Vis-234kw, Aur-58.5kw Hours of Operation: Unlimited T-L: Rolling Rd., 0.23 mi. N. of Rt. 40, Catonsville, Maryland S-L: same as transmitter (Vis. & Aur. - RCA TTU-10A) Alt-552J- Engr: Gautney & Jones STATION LOCATION: BALTIMORE, MARYLAND ATTY: Fisher, Wayland, Duvall & Southmayd	AUG 9 1967	
AMENDED	8-4-65	Amended pursuant to Supplement #1 to Fourth	MEMO OPINION & ORDER	
Recvd.	8-4-65	Report and Order in Docket 14229 on 6-16-65 to	ADOPTED	on Docket
Filed	8-17-65	change from CH#72,818-824mcs. TO CH#45,656-662mcs.; with ERP Vis. 243kw, Aur. 48kw; Type of antenna to RCA TFU-27J; change in antenna structure and antenna height above average terrain to 552.5 feet. Ben Fisher-atty (Fisher, Wayland, Duvall & Southmayd) Gautney & Jones- ENGR. WASHINGTON, D. C.	15876	

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters NEW-WBFF

Name CHESAPEAKE ENGINEERING PLACEMENT SERVICE, INC.

Baltimore, Maryland

CH 45

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-3479 continued from card #1 AMENDED Rec. Filed	10-7-65 10-7-65 11-8-65	Amended financial data	DOCKET #15875 GRANTED AUG 9 1967	
BMPCT-6770 R & F	3-11-68 3-13-68	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3479, which authorized a new station) to extend completion date from 4-9-68 to 10-15-68. Ben C. Fisher, Atty. (Fisher, Wayland etc.) Amended 3-19-69 to bring up to date current status of construction activities.	MIMO OPINION & ORDER ADOPTED GRANTED Issued with BMPCT-6980	5-29-69

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call

Letters W.B.F.F.

Name CHESAPEAKE ENGINEERING PLACEMENT SERVICE, INC.
 CH-45 Baltimore, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-6980 Rec'd Filed Press PN Rec'd #484815 \$75. #485574 \$75.	1-17-69 1-17-69 1-23-69 FEB 3 1969 2-10-69 1-17-69 1-23-69	Mod. (BPCT-3479, as mod.) to chg. ERP to Vis. 1358 kw, Aur. 150 kw; type trans. GE TT-25A; Ampex TA 55BT; type antenna Bogner DR-26; antenna struc.; and antenna height above average terrain to 900 feet. Fisher, Wayland, Duvall and Southmayd, Atty. (Martin R. Leader) Carl T. Jones, Engr. AMENDED 5-9-69 to submit revised Table I, New By-Laws; revised Sec. II, financial & programming.	GRANTED Condition: re type accepted eqpt.	5-29-69
BMPCT-7106 R & F \$30 #554825 PRESS	10-31-69 11-5-69 " 1-1-1969	MP (BPCT-3479, as mod.) to extend completion date to MAY 29, 1970. Ben C. Fisher, Atty.	GRANTED	11-14-69

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W B F F

CHESAPEAKE TELEVISION, INC.

Name CHESAPEAKE ENGINEERING PLACEMENT SERVICE, INC.
CH. 45 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-7192 R & F \$30. #596583 PRESS	4-27-70 4-29-70 4-29-70 MAY 1 1970	MP (BPCT-3479, as mod.) to extend completion date to 11-14-70. Martin R. Leader, Atty.	GRANTED Issued with BMPCT-7225 and BMPCT-7237	9-4-70
BMPCT-7225 R & F #616947 \$30 PRESS:	7-15-70 7-20-70 7-20-70 JUL 2 1970	MP (BPCT-3479 as mod.) chg. ERP to Vis. 1590kw, Aur. 180kw; type ant. to Ampex BR-35 and HAAT to 897.5 ft. Atty.: B. C. Fisher (Fisher, Wayland, Duvall, Southmayd & Cooper)	GRANTED Issued with BMPCT-7192 and BMPCT-7237	9-4-70
BMPCT-7237 R & F #624549 \$50 AC: 062 PRESS:	8-13-70 8-14-70 8-14-70 AUG 2 1970	MP (BPCT-3479 as mod.) to chg. name of Permittee to Chesapeake Television, Inc. Atty.: B. C. Fisher (Fisher, Wayland, Duvall, Southmayd & Cooper)	GRANTED Issued with BMPCT-7192 and BMPCT-7225	9-4-70

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Call
Letters W B F FCH-45 Name CHESAPEAKE TELEVISION, INC.
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCCT-7257 R & IF #636499 \$50 AC: 062 PRESS:	10-7-70 10-13-70 10-13-70 OCT 27 1970	MP(BPCT-3479 as mod.) to chg. type Vis. trans. to Ampex TA-55BT. Atty.: B. C. Fisher (Fisher, Wayland)	GRANTED	12-14-70
BMPCCT-7288 R & F #663443 \$50 AC: 069 PRESS:	2-3-71 2-8-71 2-8-71 FEB 22 1971	MP(BPCT-3479 as mod.) to extend completion date to 9-1-71. Atty.: BCFisher (Fisher, Wayland)	GRANTED	2-24-71
BPCT-4418 R & F #662991 \$50 PRESS:	2-5-71 2-9-71 2-9-71 FEB 29 1971	CP to install Auxiliary Trans. (GE TT-25-A) at Main Trans. location. Atty.: MRLeader (Fisher, Wayland) / y	GRANTED	4-8-71
BLCT-2073 R & F #673112 \$50 AC: 069 PRESS:	3-17-71 3-18-71 3-18-71 APR 7 1971	Lic. to cover (BPCT-3479 as mod.) for new station. Atty.: MRLeader (Fisher, Wayland)	GRANTED	4-15-71

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Call
Letters W B F FName CHESAPEAKE TELEVISION, INC.
Ch. 45 Baltimore, Md.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
Ltr.	4-30--71	Req. auth. to operate remote control.		
BRCTV-8 R & F #023919 \$50 AC: 069 PRESS	8-6-71 8-12-71 8-12-71 AUG 20 1971	Mod. of Lic. to oper. trans. by remote control from 3500 Parkdale Ave., Baltimore, Maryland. Atty.: Martin R. Leader (Fisher, Wayland)	DISMISSED	3-17-75 Per Sect. 1.568(b) of the Rules.
BRCT-724 R & F PN REC PRESS	6-30-72 7-3-72 7-3-72 JUL 18 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Amended 7-18-72 re balance sheet. Martin R. Leader (Fisher, Wayland & Cooper) Amended 8-22-72 re S c. v. IV-B	GRANTED	10-27-72

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call
Letters W B F F

Name CHESAPEAKE TELEVISION, INC.
CH- 45 Baltimore, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-724 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	5-28-75 6-2-75 6-2-75 15 JUL 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Annual Report Filed Atty: Martin R. Leader (Fisher, Wayland, Southmayd and Cooper) Amended 6-27-75 re annual report.	GRANTED	9-12-75
BPCT- 5031 R&F PRESS	3-25-77 4-4-77 MAY 11 1977	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 5000kW, Aur. 500kW; make chgs. in transmitting equipment; and chg. type ant. to Bogner B28H (BT). AMENDED 6-21-77 re Engineering.	GRANTED	7-13-77
BRCT-724 R&F PN RECD PRESS	5-9-78 6-1-78 6-1-78 JUN 13 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Main Transl & Ant.)(Aux. Trans.) No Contours filed: Check BPCT-5031, grted. 7-13-77.	GRANTED	2-26-79

BPCT-5031 - condition:

The transmitter configuration specified herein has not been type accepted. Therefore, before program tests are authorized, the transmitter must be type accepted in accordance with Section 73.640 of the Commission's Rules.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W B F FName CHESAPEAKE TELEVISION, INC.
CH-45 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-780710YB R&F PRESS	7-1-78 7-10-78	MP(BPCT-5031) to extend completion date.		RETURNED AS UNNECESSARY
BALCT-791116LC R&F PN REC'D (FORM-314) PRESS	11-16-79 12-12-79 '79 11 27	Voluntary assignment of license corporation to WBFF TELEVISION CORPORATION ASSIGNOR: Martin R. Leader, Atty. (Fisher, Wayland, Southmyd & Cooper) Assignee: Carl R. Ramey, Atty. (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner)	DISMISSED	9-30-80 REQUEST OF APPLICANT

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: **WBFF**Name: **CHESAPEAKE TELEVISION, INC.**CH-45 Station Location: **BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BLCT-781017KG R *6F	10-17-78	Lic. to cover 6P (BPGT-5031, as mod) for chgs. in ERP; transmitting equipment and type antenna Atty., Martin R. Leader	
BSTV810220KE PN RECD	2-20-81 3-18-81	Request authority to install Subscription Television equipment. Atty. Kathryn R. Schmeltzer (FWC & L) AMENDED 6-1-81 re legal	<p>REC'D AUG 10 1982</p> <p>Min. _____</p> <p>SEE CARD NO. 10 FOR DELEGATED AUTHORITY.</p>

PETITION TO DISMISS OR DENY 5-11-81 by BENITO GAGUINE FOR NEW-VISION, INC.

PETITION TO DENY 5-11-81 by Thomas Schattenfield for CHANNEL 50, INC. permittee of WCQR(TV)

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME by Martin Leader for CHESAPEAKE TELEVISION INC.

OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DISMISS OR DENY 5-29-81 by Martin R. Leader for CHESAPEAKE TELEVISION, INC. (WBFF)

OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY 5-29-81 by Martin R. Leader for WBFF(TV)

OPPOSITION TO JOINT REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS 6-11-81 by Martin R. Leader for CHESAPEAKE TELEVISION IN.

OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 6-11-81 by Martin R. Leader for CHESAPEAKE TELEVISION, INC.

SUPPLEMENT TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DISMISS OR DENY 6-11-81 by Martin K. Leader for CHESAPEAKE TELEVISION, INC.

JOINT REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO JOINT REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 6-23-81 by Thomas Schattenfield on behalf of CHANNEL 50, INC.

JOINT REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO JOINT REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS 6-23-81 by Thomas Schattenfield on behalf of CHANNEL 50, INC and Russell C. Balch on behalf of NEW-VISION, INC.

MEMORANDUM OPINION & ORDER FCC82-86 ADOPTED 2-11-82 RELEASED 2-24-82

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED That, pursuant to Section 1.115(g) of the Commissions Rules, the application for review filed by Channel 50, Inc., STVGW and New-Vision, Inc IS DENIED.

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING
COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call Letters: WBFF {TV}

Name: CHESAPEAKE TELEVISION, INC.
CH-45

Station Location: BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BKCT-810601LQ R&F PN REC'D	5-29-81 6-01-81 6-01-81	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: KATHRYN R. SCHMELTZER {FISHER, WAYLAND, COOPER AND LEADER}	

Conclusion and Order

18. Upon careful review of the application, as amended, and the pleadings, we find that no substantial and material question requiring further proceedings is presented. Furthermore, we find that the applicant is fully qualified to operate as proposed and that a grant of its application would serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

19. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the petition filed by New-Vision 50, Inc. and the joint petition filed by Channel 50, Inc. and STVCW ARE DENIED.

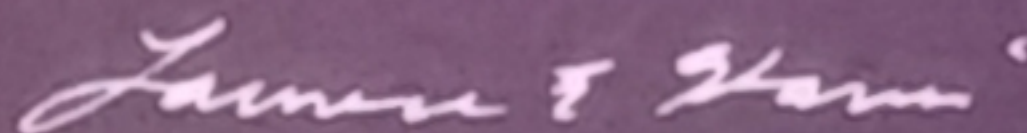
20. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the requirements of the Fifth Report and Order, to the extent indicated, ARE WAIVED.

21. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the application of Chesapeake Television, Inc., to operate subscription television on Channel 45, Baltimore, Maryland, IS GRANTED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Adopted: July 8, 1982

Released: July 16, 1982



Laurence E. Harris
Chief, Broadcast Bureau

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 radio 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.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. 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 television station history.

