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June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Granted August 15, 1962

NDEA

W D T V (EFF: 11-15-64)

Date first licensed OFFICIAL NO. 523Call letters X WJPB-TVW. RUSSELL WITHERS, JR. (AL 8-29-77; Eff: 9-2-77) Station location WESTON, WEST VIRGINIAW. RUSSELL WITHERS, JR. AND WILLIAM P. BERNTON d/b as Id: WESTON-CLARKSBURG (Ltr. 3-23-73)

WITHERS BROADCASTING COMPANY OF WEST VIRGINIA (AL 4-5-73; Eff: 5-10-73)

~~XX~~ BROADCAST INDUSTRIES OF WEST VIRGINIA, INC. (BMLCT-672 7-8-68)Name of licensee X WJPB-TV, INC.Transmitter location Fisher Summit, 3 miles NE of Weston, Near Weston, West Virginia

Lowndes Hill, Weston, WV (ML 7-19-78)

Main studio location X Fisher Summit, 3 miles northeast of Weston, near Weston, West Va. (BMPCT-5480, X TO BE DETERMINED, Weston, West Virginia)

6-15-60

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div	Period	
					From	To
BPCT-2318	11-4-59	CH #5	V-100 kw	U		1-4-60
DOCKET #12349		76-82	A-60 kw	MSL: 2173'		7-4-60
CP FOR A NEW COMM. TV BROADCAST STATION. AH: 880'						
BTC-3360	2-17-60	Vol. relinquishment of positive control of permittee corporation by J. P. Beacom thru sale of stock to Thomas P. Johnson and George W. Eby. EFF: 2-22-60				
BMPCT-5480	6-15-60	CH #5	V-100 kw	U		8-15-60
		76-82	A-60 kw	MSL: 2169'		2-15-61
Mod. CP (BPCT-2318) to change Aural ERP, install new transmitters, antenna system, SL, chgs. in equipment, AH. request for waiver of Sec. 3.613 of Rules.						
WIRE	6-22-60	RELETATTY 16 AND LICENSE APPLICATION BLCT-1044, AUTHORITY GRANTED OPERATE WJPB-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORDANCE SECTION 3.629 RULES AND CONSTRUCTION PERMIT BMPCT-5480. THIS AUTHORITY IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO SUCH ACTION AS THE COMMISSION MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE AS A RESULT OF THE HEARING IN FCC DOCKET NO. 13461. ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES UNDER THIS AUTHORITY. Began 6-23-60				
BTC-3360	12-20-61	Voluntary relinquishment of positive control of permittee corporation by J.P. Beacom thru sale of stock to Thomas P. Johnson and George W. Eby. EFF: 12-27-61				
DOCKET #13461		TRANSFERRED				
BLCT-1044	8-15-62	Ch. 5	V:100 kw	U		8-15-62
		76-82	A:60 kw	MSL:2169'		10-1-63
AH:880' License to cover CP (BPCT-2318, as mod.)						
BRCT-523	10-15-63	same	same	same		10-15-63
RENEWAL OF LICENSE						10-1-66
BTC-5060	8-24-66	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from J.P. Beacom, Thomas P. Johnson and George W. Eby TO MEDALLION PICTURES CORPORATION. EFF: 12-1-66				
BRCT-523	9-1-66	Ch. 5	V-100	U		10-1-66
RENEWAL OF LIC.						10-1-69
BMLCT-634	10-19-66	same	V-100	U		10-19-66
			A-10			10-1-69
Mod. of Lic. to reduce Aural ERP						

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Call letters **WDTV**

Station location

Name of licensee **WJTB-TV, INC.**

SEE CARD 1

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div	Period From To
WIRE 6-16-67 PEND. FILING AND ACTION ON FCC FORM 301 AUTH. GR. MOD. VISUAL TRANSMITTER TO GE TYPE TT-42A AND TRANSMIT COLOR PROGRAMS TEMP. PER. END. 9-15-67					
BPCT-3993	7-14-67	CH.5	V-100 kw	U	9-14-67
AH: 880'	MSL:2169'	76-82	A- 10 kw		3-14-68
CP to change Visual type of transmitter; to transmit in color					
WIRE 9-14-67 PEND. FILING LIC. APPL. EXT. AUTH. GRANT. OPERATE WDTV TEMPORARILLY PER. END. 11-15-67 ACC. ^{BPCT} 3993					

WIRE 11-7-67 PENDING FIL. LIC. APPLI. EXT. AUTH. GR. OPER. WDTV TEMP. PER. ENDING 12-31-67 ACCORD. BPCT-3993.					
BMLCT-658	10-30-67		A-20 kw		10-30-67
Mod. of Lic. to inc. Aur. ERP				(2)	10-1-69

WIRE 12-13-67 RE TENDERED LIC. APPL. AUTH. GR. OPER. WDTV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SEC. 73.629 RULES AND CP BPCT-3993.					

BMLCT-670	7-8-68	NL chg. name (S)		(3)	10-1-69
BLCT-1745	8-13-69	(L) LICENSE (BPCT-3993) chgs.			10-1-69
BRCT-523	10-9-69	Ch-5	V-100kw	Unl.	10-1-72
AH:880' MSL:2169' 76-82mcs A-5.25kw					
Ren. of Lic. & NDEA (corrected Aur. ERP & TPO).					
BRCT-523	10-9-69	CH.5	V-100 kw	U	
AH:880'	MSL:2169'	76-82	A- 20 kw		10-1-72
SUPERSEDED 12-18-69. TO CORRECT AURAL EFFECTIVE RADIATED POWER & TRANSMITTER OUTPUT POWER.					

WIRE 9-23-70 PENDING RESTORATION OF TOWER AND ANT. SYS. AUTH. GR. OPER TEMP. PER. END. 12-23-70 AT REDUCED POWER WITH SINGLE BAY BATWING ANT. AT PRESENTLY AUTH. SITE AND WITH ANT. HGT. 34 FT. ABOVE GR. 1694 FT ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL. ADVISE OF APPROX. SCHEDULE FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND RESUMPTION OF NORMAL OPERATION.					
BSCCT-523	1-15-71	To correct antenna supporting structure.			

BTC-6004	6-30--71	Invol. T/C			

BESA	5-15-72				

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COMMERCIAL TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

DUPLICATE

Date first licensed

(#3 Card only)

Call letters W D T V

Station location WESTON, W. VA.

Name of licensee

W. RUSSELL WITHERS, JR. AND WILLIAM P. BERNTON d/b as
WITHERS BROADCASTING COMPANY OF WEST VIRGINIA

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div	Period From - To	
BRCT-523	4-5-73	Renewal of License (S)			10-1-75	
BALCT-500	4-5-73	Vol. AL				
BALCT-500	4-5-73	Vol. AL (superseded to correct Assignee)				
BRCT-523	9-12-75	Renewal of license (L)			10-1-75	
AH: 880'	MSL: 2169'	Ch. 5	V. 100 kW		10-1-78	
		76-82	A. 20 kW			
BALCT-654	8-29-77	Voluntary assignment of of license				
BMLCT-843 &	5-11-79	Ch-5	V-100kW	Unl.	5-11-79	
BRCT-523		76-82	A-20kW		10-1-81	
AH: 880'	MSL: 2169'	Renewal of license; and ML to chg. SL				
BMLCT-800626KE		7-31-80				
ML TO CHG. SL						

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING COMM. TV

Call
 Letters ~~now~~ WJPB-TV

Name WJPB-TV, INC.
Broadcast House, 400 Quincy Street, Fairmont, West Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-2318 Rec. & filed	4-29-57 5-2-57	Construction permit for a new Commercial TV broadcast station. Freq: Channel # 5, 76-82 mcs. ERP: Vis. 100 kw, Aur. 60 kw Hours of operation: Unlimited T-L- Fisher Summit, Weston, West Virginia S-L- To be determined, Weston, West Virginia Station Location: Weston, West Virginia (RCA TF-25BL) Ter: 881' Filed direct A. D. Ring- engr.	GRANTED	Docket 12349 11-4-59
BTC-1380 Rec'd Filed	1-25-60 1-25-60 1-25-60	Voluntary relinquishment of positive control of permittee corporation by J. P. Beacom thru sale of stock to Thomas P. Johnson and George W. Eby. (James A. McKenna Jr. Atty)	COMM. GRANTED	2-17-60 * EFF: 2-22-60 ** ON 4-13-60 EFF. DATE OF GR. POSTPONED: & DESIGNATED FOR HEARING. DOC. 13461 assigned DECISION in Docket 1461 12-20-61 GRANT AFFIRMED new auth. issued 2-22-61 **

* PROTEST filed 3-18-60 by Ben Cottone for WBOY-TV
 ADDENDUM TO PROTEST filed 3-18-60 by Cottone for WBOY-TV
 OPPOSITION OF WJPB-TV, INC. TO PROTEST OF WSTV, INC. filed 3-28-60 by
 McKenna for J.P. Beacom, George W. Eby, Thomas P. Johnson and WJPB-TV, Inc.

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FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call W D T V EFF: 11-15-64
Letters X WJPB-TVName W J P B-TV, INC.
Weston, West Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
CONTINUED FROM CARD #1 ETC-3360				
		REPLY TO "OPPOSITION OF WJPB-TV, INC. TO PROTEST OF WSTV, INC."	filed 4-4-60 by Fred Weber for WBOY-TV	
		REPLY OF WJPB-TV, INC. TO "OBJECTIONS TO GRANT OF APPLICATION"	filed 4-4-60 by McKenna for WJPB-TV	
		MEMORANDUM OF OPINION & ORDER ADOPTED 4-13-60: EFFECTIVE DATE OF GRANT POSTPONED. APPLICATION DESIGNATED FOR HEARING. DOCKET #13461 ASSIGNED.		
		DECISION ADOPTED 12-20-61 in Docket #13461. Protest of WSTV, Inc. DENIED; Action Postponing effective date of grant (on 4-13-60) is SET ASIDE and Grant of application AFFIRMED.		

Card #3

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

FORM A-170
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94Call W D T V EFF:11-15-64
Letters ~~X~~ WJFB-TVName WJFB-TV, INC.
Weston, W. Va.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BNPCT-5437 R & F	1-29-60	Modification of construction permit (BPCT-2318) which authorized a new comm TV B/C station to change studio location from - To be determined, Weston, West Virginia to 400 Quincy Street, Fairmont, West Virginia and request waiver of Sec. 3.613 of the Commission's Rules. Filed by Robert W. Coll, Atty.	DISMISSED at the request of atty.	JUNE 21, 1962
	2-1-60			JUNE 21, 1962

AUG. 1955

Call W D T V EFF: 11-15-64

Letters WJFB-TVName WJFB-TV, Inc.
Weston, W. Va.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-5480 R & F	5-19-60	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2318 which authorized a new comm TV B/C station) to change Aur. ERP from 60 kw to 65.5 kw; install new transmitters, GE TT-22A and antenna system, GE TY-60-D; change studio location from To be determined, Weston, W. Va. to Fisher Summit, 3 miles NE of Weston, near Weston, West Va.; make changes in equipment and antenna height above average terrain; also request for waiver of Sec. 3.613 of the Comms. Rules. Filed by Joseph M. Kittner, Atty.	GRANTED PLUS WAIVER OF SECTION 3.613(a) OF RULES. CONDITION: Without prejudice to such action as the Commission may deem appropriate as a result of the hearing in Docket #13461.	6-15-60
	5-20-60			
BLCT-1044 R & F	5-31-60	License to cover CP (BPCT-2318, as modified) which authorized a new Commercial TV Broadcast station. Joseph M. Kittner, Atty.	GRANTED	8-15-62
	6-16-60			
BRCT-523	7-3-63	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	10-15-63
Recd. & Filed	7-5-63	Thomas N. Frohock, Atty.		

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WDTVName WJPB-TV, INC.Weston, West VirginiaZip 26452

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-5060 R & F	3-11-66 3-31-66	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from J. P. Beacon, Thomas P. Johnson and George W. Eby TO Medallion Pictures Corporation. Fly, Shuebruk, Blume & Gaguine-attys	GRANTED EFF:	8-24-66 12-1-66
BRCT-523 R & F	6-8-66 6-9-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-1-66
BMLCT-634 Recd. FILED	6-10-66 6-9-66 8-19-66	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 60 kw to 26.3 kw.	GRANTED	10-19-66
BPCT-3993 R & F	6-9-67 6-16-67	Construction Permit to change Visual type of transmitter (GE TT-42-A) to transmitt in Color. Fly, <u>Shuebruk</u> , Blume & Gaguine, Atty	GRANTED	7-14-67

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W D T V

BROADCAST INDUSTRIES OF WEST VIRGINIA, INC. (7-8-68)

Name X. WJPB-TV, INC.CH. 5 WESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMLCT-658 R & F AUG 4 1967	7-21-67 7-24-67	Mod. of License to increase Aural ERP from 10 kw to 20 kw. Herbert M. Schulkind, Atty. (Fly, Shuebruk, Blume)	GRANTED	10-30-67
BLCT-1745 R & F DEC 18 1967	12-5-67 12-8-67	License to cover CP(BPGT-3993) which auth. changes in an existing station. Fly, Shuebruk, et al atty. (Herbert M. Schulkind)	GRANTED	8-13-69
BMLCT-672 R & F PRESS	6-24-68 6-26-68	ML to change name to BROADCAST INDUSTRIES OF WEST VIRGINIA, INC. Jerome Lipper, Atty. (Fly, Shuebruk, Blume & Gaguine)	\$30. #438994 GRANTED	6-26-68 7-8-68
BRCT-523 R & F \$150 #527070 PN Recd. PRESS Engr. Data filed 6-15-70	6-12-69 7-3-69 " " JUL 16 1969	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Herbert M. Schulkind, atty. (Fly, Blume)	GRANTED	10-9-69

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

W. Russell Withers, Jr. and William P. Bernton
d/b as Withers Broadcasting Company of West VirginiaCall
Letters WDTVName BROADCAST INDUSTRIES OF WEST VIRGINIA, INC.
 WESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-6604 R & F #012275 \$250 AC: 055 PRESS:	6-8-71 6-21-71 6-21-71 JUN 28 1971	Involuntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Broadcast Industries Corporation to William A. Meehan, Receiver. Atty.: Fly, Shuebruk, <u>Blume</u> and Gaguine	GRANTED	6--30-71
BRCT-523 R & F PN REC PRESS:	6-6-72 7-3-72 7-3-72 JUL 18 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Peter Shuebruk (Fly, Shuebruk & Blume)	GRANTED condition	4-5-73 on reverse
BALCI-500 REC'D FILED \$1000 AC-051 #144557 PRESS:	1-11-73 1-16-73 1-17-73 1-17-73 FEB 1 1973	Voluntary assignment of license to Withers Broadcasting of West Virginia, Inc. Attys.: Mallyck & <u>Bernton</u>	GRANTED	4-5-73 Eff:5-10-73
GRANT FEE: \$12,000.00 GRANT FEE PAID: 5-29-73 AC: 052		Amended 3-12-73 re legal and financial; & chg. Assignee to W. Russell Withers, Jr. and William P. Bernton d/b as Withers Broadcasting Company of West Virginia. Assignee's amendment 4-3-73 & 4-4-73 re financial.		

BRCT-523 - condition

This grant is subject to the condition that the assignment of license covered by BALCT-500 be consummated within forty-five (45) days of the date of the grant and that the Commission be notified of such consummation within one day thereafter. Failure to meet this condition will render the grant null and void, and will cause the renewal application to revert to pending status.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

W. RUSSELL WITHERS, JR.
 XW. RUSSELL WITHERS, JR. AND WILLIAM P. BERNTON
 d/b/as WITHERS BROADCASTING COMPANY OF WEST VIRGINIA

Call
 LettersW.D.T.V.....

Name X BROADCAST INDUSTRIES OF WEST VIRGINIA, INC.
 CH-5 WESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
LETTER REC'D: PRESS:	2-26-73 MAR 6 1973	Request authority to identify Station as Weston-Clarksburg, West Virginia. Atty.: James K. Edmundson (Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine)	GRANTED	Ltr. 3-23-73
BRCT-523 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	5-30-75 6-2-75 6-2-75 15 JUL 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Annual Report Filed Atty: William P. Bernton (Mallyck & Bernton) <i>Atty. called 7-22-75 re Annual Report.</i> Amended 8-14-75 re programming.	GRANTED	9-12-75
BALCT-654 R&F PRESS (Form 316)	6-14-77 7-22-77 AUG 9 1977	Voluntary assignment of license to W. Russell Withers, Jr. Atty.: William P. Bernton (Mallyck & Bernton) Amended 8-24-77 re legal & financial	GRANTED Eff:	8-29-77 9-28-77

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W D T V

W. RUSSELL WITHERS, JR.

Name
Ch-5 WESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMLCT-843 R&F PRESS	12-9-77 12-12-77 JAN 20 1978	Mod. of License to change SL to Lowndes Hill, Clarksburg, West Virginia. Atty.: William P. Bernton, (Mallyck & Bernton) Amended 6-29-78 re additional information	GRANTED Issued with Renewal granted	7-19-78 5-11-79
BRCT-523 R&F PN RECD PRESS	5-31-78 6-1-78 JUN 18 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: William P. Bernton (Glaser, Fletcher & Johnson, P.C.) No Contours filed:	GRANTED Includes BMLCT-843 grtd. 7-19-78 but never issued.	5-11-79
BMLCT-800626KE PRESS		Mod. of License to chg. SL to Harrison County, approx. one mile outside of Clarksburg, on Bridgeport Hill, just off the intersection of I-79 and Highway U.S. 50. (Outside of city of license) AMENDED 7-31-80 re engineering	GRANTED	7-31-80

CARD NO. 10

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING
COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call Letters: WDTV-TV

Name: W. RUSSELL WITHERS, JR.

CH-5

Station Location: WESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRCT-810604KF	5-29-81	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	
R&F	6-04-81	ATTY: WILLIAM D. BERNTON	
PN REC'D	6-04-81	{GARDNER, CARTON AND DOUGLAS}	

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.

