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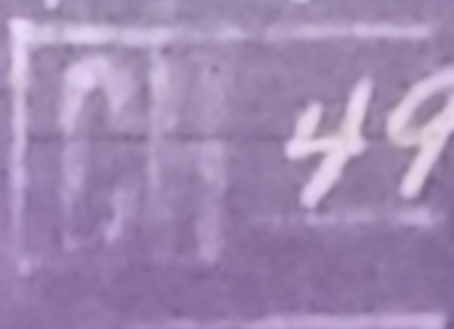
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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

COMM. TV 3/C

First Operation: 4-17-53 (Started 5-18-53)

Date first licensed 10-17-56 (Off. No. 220)



WIPB (10-31-71)

Call letters X Y L D O - TV
(Station Loc: Muncie, Indiana)

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY (BALCT-442 10-8-71)

Name of licensee X TRI-CITY RADIO CORPORATION

829 East 29th Street, Muncie, Indiana (BPCT-3357 7-14-64)

Transmitter location X 0.2 mi. N. of Jct. of State Road 21 and State Roads 3 and 67, ~~east of~~
~~Muncie-City limits, Muncie, Indiana~~ near Muncie, Indiana

246 Minnetrista Blvd., Muncie, Indiana (BSCT-220)

XX Ctr. for Rad. & TV, 2000 University Ave., Muncie, Ind. (per BALCT-442)

X 829 East 29th Street, Muncie, Indiana (BPCT-3357 7-14-64)

Main studio location X 0.2 mi. N. of Jct. of State Road 21 and State Roads 3 and 67, ~~east of~~
~~Muncie-City limits, Muncie, Indiana~~ near Muncie, Indiana

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPCT-789	10-29-52	Ch. 49 680-586 mcs.	V. 1.6Kw. A. 8.1Kw.	U	12-29-52 6-29-53
Construction permit for a new commercial TV b/c station. Wire 4-16-53 STA operate commercial basis exact accordance (BPCT-789.) Period 4-17-53 to 6-29-53. Wire starting began 5-18-53					
BPCT-1190	6-26-53	same	same	same	12-29-52 9-15-53
Mod. C.P. (BPCT-789) to extend completion date.					
Wire	6-29-53	Ext. STA	operate	commercial	basis exact accord. BPCT-789 as mod. by BPCT-1190. Period 6-29-53 to 9-15-53.
BPCT-1309	8-19-53	same	same	same	12-29-52 3-1-54
Mod. (BPCT-789 as mod.) extend completion date.					
WIRE	8-26-53	Ext. STA	operate	comm. basis	accord. CP BPCT-1309. Period ending March 1, 1954.
BPCT-1350	10-21-53	same	V. 14.1 kw A. 7.59 kw	U	12-29-52 3-1-54
Mod. CP (BPCT-789 as mod) to change ERP, change type ant. & make other equip. changes. Change coordinates (not a move)					
BPCT-1795	2-1-54	same	Same	Same	12-29-52 9-1-54
Mod. CP (BPCT-789, as mod) to extend completion dt. 2-19-54 EXT STA Opr. Comm basis accordance CP BPCT-1795 pending completion of performance measurements for license application. Period Ending 9-1-54					
BPCT-2366	8-10-54	same	same	same	12-29-52 3-1-55
Mod. CP (BPCT-789, as mod) to extend completion date					
Wire	8-17-54	EXT STA	Opr. Comm. basis	exact accord	CP BPCT-2366 pending filing of Lic. Appl. Per. Ending 3-1-55.
BPCT-2864	2-23-55	same	same	same	12-29-52 9-1-55
Mod. CP (BPCT-789, as mod) to extend completion dt.					
WIRE	2-25-55	EXT STA	Opr. Comm. basis	accord CP	BPCT-2864 pending filing of License appl. Period Ending 9-1-55.
BPCT-3314	8-10-55	same	same	same	12-29-52 3-1-56
Mod. CP (BPCT-789, as mod) to extend completion dt.					
WIRE	8-25-55	Ext. STA	Opr. Comm. basis	accord. CP	BPCT-3314 pending filing of Lic. appl. Auth. expires 3-1-56.
BLCT-1221	10-17-56	CH 71.5	V-1.1 kw	U	10-17-56 8-1-58
Ant. 500 ft. License to cover CP BPCT-789 letter attached.					

Form BC 126
June 1954

CARD # 2

COMMERCIAL TV B/C

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 10-17-56 (Off. No. 220)

Call letters W L B C - TV

Station location Muncie, Indiana

Name of licensee SEE CARD # 1

Transmitter location SEE CARD # 1

Main studio location SEE CARD # 1

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BRCT-220	7-16-58	SAME	SAME	SAME	8-1-58
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					8-1-61
BRCT-220	7-20-61	SAME	SAME	SAME	8-1-61
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					8-1-64
BPCT-3357	7-14-64	CH. #49	V-141kw	U	9-14-64
AH: 500' MSL:1492'			A-28.2		3-14-65
CP to Chg. ERP: Type of Trans; Opr Trans by Remote Control					
BRCT-220	7-23-64	same	same	same	8-1-64
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					8-1-67
WIRE	2-12-65	RE TENDERED LIC. APPL., AUTH. GR. OPER. WLBC-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SECTION 73.629 RULES -AND CP BPCT-3357.			
WIRE 4-29-66 PENDING COMPLETION MAIN TRANSMITTER REPAIRS TEMP. AUTH. GR. PERIOD END. 7-27-66 TO OPER. FORMERLY LIC. RCA, TTU-1B AS AUX. TRANS. AS NECESSARY.					
BLCT-1457	9-22-65	CH. #49	V-141 kw	U	9-22-65
AH: 500' MSL:1492'		680-686	A-28.2 kw		8-1-67
LICENSE to cover CP (BPCT-3357) which auth. changes in sta.					
WIRE	1-30-67	PENDING COMPLETION MAIN TRANS. REPAIRS EXT. AUTH. GR. PER. END 4-27-67 TO OPER. FORMERLY LICENSED RCU TTU-1B AS AUXILIARY TRANS. AS NECESSARY.			
WIRE	10-25-67	SAME AS ABOVE per. end. 1-27-68			
BRCT-220	7-18-67	same	same	same	8-1-67
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					8-1-70
BRCT-220	7-30-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-70
					8-1-73
BALCT-442	10-8-71	Vol. A/C			
STATION NO LONGER OPERATES ON REMOTE CONTROL per ltr. from atty. 5-1-72					
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRCT-220	7-31-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L)			8-1-76
BBCT. 220	2-24-75	To change studio location			
(1)					
BRCT-220	8-27-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L)			8-1-79

BC-126
June 1973

#3

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters WIPBStation location Muncie, IndianaName of licensee BALL STATE UNIVERSITYTransmitter location SEE CARD #1

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
WIRE	9-30-77	Auth. brtd. oper. WIPB at reduced pwr. pend. repair to trans. This auth. expires 10-10-77 and is subject to the filing of a properly executed request in accord. with Sec. 1.542 of Commission Rules.			
WIRE	10-19-77	Above auth. ext. to 11-10-77.			
BRCT-220	8-27-76	SUPERSEDE TO CORRECT TRANS. LOCATION.			8-1-79
BPCT-5181	7-14-78	Ch-49	V-14.1kW	Unl.	9-14-78
AH:500' MSL:1492'		680-686	A-14.1kW		1-14-80
CP to chg. Aur. ERP and type trans.					
BRCTV-399 & BMLCT-852(1)	7-14-78	ML to oper. trans. RC from SL; and ML to chg. Aur. ERP to 14.1kW			
BPCT-790710KE	12-14-79	CP TO CHG. ERP. TRANS., UTILIZE PRESENT TRANS. AS AUX. CHG. TYPE ANT. & HAAT. V-56.2KW Unl.			SL, TYPE TRANS. 6-14-80
AH 510' MSL: 1511.3'		CH-49	A-56.2KW		
		680-686			
BRCT-790402LT	7-18-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-82
BPCT-790710KE	12-14-79	SUPERSEDE PREV. AUTH. TO TO CORRECT NAME AND AURAL CARRIER FREQUENCY.			
BMPET-810612KG (1)	7-16-81	MP(BPCT-790710KE) extend time.			1-16-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters ~~WMA~~ (U) ~~WMA~~-TV

Name TRI CITY RADIO CORPORATION

~~(10 420 Alden Road, Muncie, Indiana)~~

PO #

Highway 35, South of Muncie (lets 4-27-61)

Donald A. Burt
File No:

Dated

Application for

Action

Nature

Date

BFCT-789

10-27-51

Construction permit for new Comm. TV B/c Station.

Recd & Filed

10-31-51

FREQ: Ch. # 49, 680-686 Mcs.

GRANTED

10-29-52

ERP: Vis. 17.4 KW. Aur. 8.7 KW.

Hours operation: Unlimited.

S-L: 0.2 mile east of Junction of State Road
No. 21 and State Roads No. 3 and 67, south
of Muncie, Indiana.T-L: 0.2 mile east of Junction of State Road
No. 21 and State Roads No. 3 and 67, south
of Muncie, Indiana. (524 feet)

(Vis. & Aur. RCA TTU-1B)

Filed by John H. Midlen, Atty.

George C. Davis, Engr.

FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters ~~NEW~~ WLBO-TV

Name TRI CITY RADIO CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
AMENDED BPCT-789 Recd Filed	6-7-52 6-10-52 6-10-52	Pursuant to Sixth Report and Order 4-11-52 Freq: Ch. # 49, 680-686 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 17.4 kw, Aur. 8.7 kw Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: 0.2 mile East of Junction of State Road No. 21 and State Roads No. 3 and 67, South of Muncie, Indiana. T-L: 0.2 mile East of Junction of State Road No. 21 and State Roads No. 3 and 67, South of Muncie, Indiana. (Vis & Aur. RCA, TTU-1B) (524') Filed by John H. Midlen, Atty.	SEE ACTION CARD #1	
AMENDED Recd Filed	9-10-52 9-11-52 9-11-52	To change ERP from Vis. 17.4 kw, Aur. 8.7 kw to Vis. 18.05 kw, Aur. 9.1 kw ; antenna height above terrain from 524' to 526'; changes in antenna system, and weekly scheduled hours of operation.		

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV 370

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters ~~WLV~~ WLVG-TVName TRI CITY RADIO CORPORATION
(P.O. 420 Alden Road, Muncie, Indiana)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-789 AMENDED Recd. Filed	10-11-52 10-14-52 10-14-52	To change ERP from Vis. 18.05 Kw. Aur. 9.1 Kw., to Vis. 16.3 Kw. Aur. 8.15 Kw., antenna height above average terrain from 526' to 497', type of antenna, and to make other equipment changes. Filed by John H. Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED SEE ACTION CARD #1	
BPCT-1190 Recd Filed	6-17-53 6-22-53 6-22-53	Modification of construction permit (BPCT- 789 which authorized a new commercial TV broadcast station) for extension of comple- tion date from June 29, 1953 to September 15, 1953. Filed by John H. Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED	6-26-53
BPCT-1309 Recd & filed	8-2-53 8-7-53	Modification of construction permit (BPCT-789 as modified which authorized a new Commercial TV Broadcast Station) for extension of comple- tion date from Sept. 15, 1953 to March 1, 1954. Filed by John H. Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED	8-19-53

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters W.L.B.C.-TVName TRI-CITY RADIO CORPORATION
420 Alden Road, Muncie, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action		
			Nature	Date	
EMPCT-1350 Recd & Filed	8-19-53	Mod. of CP (EPCT - 789 as modified which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to chg. ERP from V. 16 kw A. 8.1 kw to V. 14.3 kw A. 7.54 kw. Chg. type of antenna and make other equipment chgs. (497') Filed by John H. Midlen, Counsel for Tri-City Radio Corporation.	GRANTED	10-21-53	
	8-24-53				Amended to change co-ordinates, not a move. Filed by John H. Midlen, Atty.
Amended Recd & filed	9-16-53	Mod. of CP (EPCT-789, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. Tv B/C Station) to extend completion date from 3-1-54 to 10-1-54. Filed by John H. Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED	2-1-54	
	9-23-53				
EMPCT-1795 Recd. Filed	1-22-54	Mod. of CP (EPCT-789 as mod., which auth. a new Comm. TV b/c sta.) to extend completion date from 9-1-54 to 2-1-55 Filed by John H. Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED	8-10-54	
	1-25-54				
	1-25-54				
EMPCT-2386 Recd & filed	7-29-54				
	8-3-54				

Name TRI-CITY RADIO CORPORATIONMuncie, Indiana P.O. c/o Mr. Donald A. Burton, 3301 University Ave. Muncie, Ind.(Lt. 5-25-60)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-2864 Recd & Filed	2-9-55 2-14-55	Mod. of CP (BPCT-789, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 3-1-55 to 6-1-55. Filed by John H. Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED	2-23-55
BPCT-3314 Recd & filed Ext. #6	7-29-55 7-27-55	Mod. of CP (BPCT-789, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 9-1-55 to 3-1-56 Filed by John H. Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED	8-10-55
BLCT-422 Recd & filed	12-12-55 12-30-55	License to cover Construction permit (BPCT-789 as modified) which authorized a new commercial TV broadcast station Filed by John H. Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED	10-17-56
BRCT-220 Recd. & filed	4-30-58 5-2-58	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Filed by J. H. Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED	7-16-58
BRCT- 220 R & F	4-29-61 5-1-61	Renewal of license Filed by John H. Midlen, Atty	GRANTED	7-20-61

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WLBC-TVName TRI-CITY RADIO CORPORATION
MUNCIE, INDIANA

CH. 49

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-220 Recd. & Filed	4-27-64 5-1-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-23-64
BPCT-3357 Recd. & filed	5-27-64 5-28-64	Construction permit to change ^{from} ERP / Visual 14.1 kW, Aural 7.08 kW to Vis. 142 kW, Aural 28.4 kW; change type of transmitter to RCA, TTU-10A; operate transmitter by remote control; and make changes in transmission line. MIDLEN AND HARRISON, ATTY.	GRANTED	7-14-64
BLCT-1457 Recd. & Filed	2-6-65 2-11-65	License to cover CP (BPCT-3357) which authorized changes in existing station. Byron E. Harrison, Atty. (MIDLEN & HARRISON)	GRANTED	9-22-65
BRCT-220 R & F	4-7-67 4-17-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-10-67

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WLBG-TV WLPB-TVName TRI-CITY RADIO CORPORATION
CH. 49 MUNCIE, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-220 Recd. FILED \$150 #595930 PN Recd. PRESS ENGR. DATA FILED 5-15-70	4-23-70 4-24-70 4-24-70 4-24-70 4-24-70 MAY 21 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Edward B. Reddy (Midlen & Reddy)	GRANTED	7-30-70
BAICT-442 R & F #017954 \$1000 AC: 051 PRESS: PN REC'D: GRANT FEE: GRANT FEE PAID: 11-3-71 AC 052 W 016412	7-16-71 7-19-71 7-19-71 JUL 29 1971 8-5-71 \$2500.00	Voluntary assignment of license to Ball State University. Atty.: <u>Schwartz & Woods</u> Amended 8-27-71 to submit ltr. from Corp. for Public Broadcasting respecting funding & Tables I & II. Amended 9-3-71 re legal data. Ltr. from Atty. 10-1-71 stating that Ball State is not seeking a waiver either of grant or filing fee of Sec. 1.1111.	GRANTED EFF:	10-8-71

PHASE 1 REFUND ACTION

017954

TRANS.
CODE

500

DATE

800929

AMT.

\$ 553.00

INITIALS

D.A.V.

PHASE 1 REFUND ACTION

AC 052 2016412

TRANS.
CODE

522

DATE

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AMT.

\$ 2,500.00

INITIALS

D.A.V.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WIPB

Name BALL STATE UNIVERSITY
CH 49 MUNCIE, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-220 R & F PN Recd.: PRESS:	4-24-73 4-26-73 4-26-73 APR 4 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods) Amended 5-18-73 re equal empl.	GRANTED	7-31-73
BRCT-220 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	3-15-76 3-22-76 3-22-76 8 APR 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Contours filed 3-22-76 Atty: Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods) Amended 8-20-76 re contours	GRANTED	8-27-76
BRCTV-399 R&F PRESS	3-2-78 306078	Request for auth. to oper. by remote control from 246 Minnetrista Blvd., Muncie, Indiana. Atty.: Lawrence M. Miller (Schwartz & woods) Amended 6-19-78 re additional information	GRANTED	7-14-78 Issued with BMLCT-852

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call
Letters W I P BName BALL STATE UNIVERSITY
Ch-49 MUNCIE, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-5181 R&F PRESS	3-2-78 3-6-78	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 142.2kW; Aur. 14.2kW, & replace the aural exciter & visual exciter/ modulator of existing transmitter(Townsend, TTU-10A-TX). Atty.: Lawrence Miller (Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED	7-14-78 <i>Cancelled by request of applicant 5-18-79</i>
BMLCT-852 R&F PRESS	2-28-78 APR 2 6 1978	ML to decrease aural ERP to 14.2kW. Atty.: Lawrence Miller	GRANTED	7-14-78 Issued with BRCTV-399
BRCT 790402LT R & F PN REC'D PRESS	3-21-79 4-02-79 4-02-79 04 MAY 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE atty. Lawrence M. Miller {Schwartz, Woods, & Miller}	GRANTED	7-18-79 ✓

Name: BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

CH-49

Station Location: MUNCIE, IN

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BPCT-790710KE R & F PRESS:	5-31-79 7-10-79 7-16-79	CP to chg. ERP to to Vis. 671.5kW(M) 559.8kW(H), Aur. 55.98kW(H); chg. SL to 820 E. 29th St., Muncie, IN (Same as TL); type trans. to RCA TTU-30D; utilize present trans. (RCA TTU-10A) as an Auxiliary Trans. at present site; chg. type ant. to RCA TFU-30J (BT); and HAAT 497.65 ft. Atty.: Schwartz, Woods & Miller	GRANTED 12-14-79
BRCCT-800826KH R&F PRESS	8-18-80 8-26-80	REQUEST AUTHORITY TO OPERATE MAIN AND AUXILIARY TRANS. BY REMOTE CONTROL FROM 246 Minnetrista Blvd., Muncie, Indiana Lawrence M. Miller, Atty.	GR 10-22-80
BPCT-810415KF		CP to install an aux. antenna at 820 E. 29th. St., Muncie, In. (40-09-38 85-22-42). Amended 6-22-81 re engineering	P 8-11-81 Form BC-121 March 1979

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W I P B

Name: BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

CH-49

Station Location: MUNCIE, INDIANA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMP CT -810612KG		MP (BPCT-790710KE) to extend completion date. AMENDED 8-20-81 legal	GR. 7-16-81 (not issued-302 on file)
		BEGINNING NOW, ALL APPLICATIONS FOR WIPB WILL RECEIVE THE PREFIX "ET".	
BLET-810717KI		Lic. to cover BPCT-790710KE, as mod. for chgs.	

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.

