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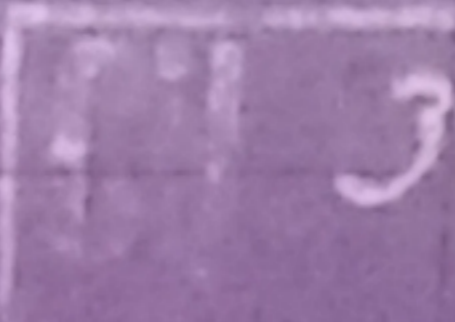
B.S. CARD #1

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

First operation: 4-2-50

COMMERCIAL TV

Date first licensed 12-18-50 (official 1954)



Call letters WTKR-TV (3-4-81)
XWTA-TV
(Sta. Loc. Norfolk, Virginia)

- WTKR-TV, INC. (Ltr. gr. 4-2-81)
- X NORFOLK TELEVISION, INC. (Ltr. 2-6-81-BMLCT-810206KE)
- X WTAR-TV, INC. (Ltr. gr. 9-5-80) (BSCT-800604KF)
- X WTAR RADIO-TV CORPORATION (BMLCT-77 4-28-60)

Name of licensee X W T A R RADIO CORPORATION

On Old Suffolk Rd., 0.2 mi. east of intersection of Knotts Neck Rd.,
2 miles east of Drivers, Va. (BMLCT-1051 Gr. 4-7-53)

Transmitter location Rear of
x 720-724 Boush St., Norfolk, Va. (BECT-909 Gr. 7-21-52)
Site Lot 1, Tullis Hill Plant, Norfolk, Va.

Main studio location 720-724 Boush Street, Norfolk, Va.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
HPCT-433	Letter 10-7-48	Ch #4 66-72 mcs	ERP Vis. 24 kw Aur. 12 kw	U	
(Cond'l grant 8-18-48)					
HPCT-433 BMPCT-386	10-27-48	Same	Vis. 24 kw Aur. 12 kw	Same	12-27-48 6-27-49
Mod. of C.P. (HPCT-433) to decrease ERP, make slight change in transmitter site and make antenna changes.					
BMPCT-527	5-26-49	Same	Same	Same	12-27-48 12-27-49
Mod. of CP (HPCT-433 as mod.) for ext. of completion date.					
BMPCT-645	12-5-49	Same	Same	Same	12-27-48 6-27-50
Mod. of CP (HPCT-433 as mod.) for ext. of completion date.					
3-22-50 STA to operate Station WTAR-TV on a commercial basis for period 4-2-50 to 6-27-50; in exact accordance with current construction permit.					
BMPCT-740	6-12-50	Same	Same	Same	12-27-48 12-27-50
Mod. of CP (HPCT-433 as mod.) for ext. of completion date.					
6-12-50 EXT STA operate on commercial basis period 6-28-50 to 12-27-50; exact accordance with current CP.					
BLCT-78	12-18-50	Ch. #4, 66-72 mcs	V-24 kw A-12 kw	U	12-18-50 2-1-52
License to cover CP (HPCT-433 as mod.)					
BCT-54	1-30-52	EXTENSION LICENSE			2-1-52 5-1-52
BCT-54	3-19-52	Same	Same	Same	3-19-52 10-1-52
Renewal of License					
BPCT-909	7-21-52	Ch. #3, 60-66 mcs	V-100kw A-50 kw	U	9-21-52 3-21-53
Construction permit to change frequency, ERP, S-L, type of transmitters and type of antenna and make other equipment changes.					

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CARD #2

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

COMMERCIAL TV

Date first licensed See Card #1

Call letters WTAZ-TV

Name of licensee WTAZ RADIO CORPORATION

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-54	9-18-52	Same	Same	Same	10-1-52 10-1-53
Renewal of Licenses					
BPCT-886		Ch. #3, 60-66 mcs	V-100 kw A- 50 kw	U	(Also see entries on white card)
Mod. of CP (BPCT-909 for changes in facilities of existing station) to change antenna hgt. above average terrain and to make antenna changes. (granted 9-22-52 subject to approval of ANTENNA SITE) (Issued with BMPCT-1051, which specified new trans. site.					
BMPCT-886	4-7-53	Ch. # 3, 60-66 mcs	V-100 kw A- 50 kw	U	6-7-53 12-7-53
Mod. of CP (BPCT-909 as mod., etc.) to change T-L and increase ant. hgt.					
BRCT-54	9-16-53	SAME	SAME	SAME	10-1-53 10-1-54
Renewal of License					
BPCT-1573	11-24-53	same	same	same	6-7-53 6-1-54
Mod. CP (BPCT-909 as mod) to extend compl. date.					
BMPCT-886	3-12-54	Same	Same	Same	6-7-53 6-1-54
BMPCT-1051	(Main Trans. & Ant)				
BMPCT-1573	Mod. of construction permits to change obstruction markings.				
4-21-54 STA Opr. Comm basis on CH 3 exact accordance CP BMPCT-1573 pending completion of performance measurements for License appl. Period Ending 8-1-54					
Superseding "Additional Obstruction Specifications" & Letter mailed 6-18-54 See Memo of 6-18-54 from Antenna Survey Branch.					
Wire	7-1-54	STA	granted	WTAR-TV	utilize equipment formerly used as main facilities as auxiliary equipment for emergency purposes only. Transmitter power output 4.72 kw
Vis. 2.36 kw	Aural. (Per. ending 10-1-54)				
BPCT-1873	7-26-54	60-66 mcs.	Auxiliary Antenna		9-26-54 3-26-55
aux. Trans & Antenna CH #3 XXXXXXXXXXXX					
CP to use the currently licensed transmitters & type Ant. incorporated in BMPCT-1051 as Aux. at 720-24 South St., Norfolk, Va.					
BPCT-1873	Letter 9-3-54 accompanying superseding authorization to correct antenna data.				

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Card # 3

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

COMM. TV

Date first licensed See Card # 1

Call letters WTAR-TV

Name of licensee WTAR RADIO CORPORATION

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-
BLCT-206	10-12-54	Ch. # 3	V100kw	U	10-12-54
MAIN TRANS AND ANT 60-66mcs A 50kw					
License to cover CP (BPCT-909, as mod.).					
BLCT-234	10-28-54	CH 3	--	AUX.	10-28-54 10-1-57
AUX. ANT. & TRANS. 60-66mcs.					
License to cover CP (BPCT-1873) for Aux. Trans. & Ant.					
BLCT-205	10-12-54	same	same	same	10-12-54
Superseding license to correct aural transmitter output power - Letter 3-16-55.					
Superseding license to correct geographical co-ordinates. Letter 4-23-55.					
BRCT-54	9-19-57	same	same	same	10-1-57
RENEWAL OF LICENSE MAIN TRANS. & ANT.					
BRCT-54	9-19-57	CH 3	--	Aux.	10-1-57
AUX. TRANS & ANT. 60-66 Mcs. purposes					
BRCT-54	9-19-57	same	same	same	10-1-57 10-1-60
Super. auth. 11-19-57 to correct St. # of T.L. Main Trans.					
BTC-3343	1-18-60	Voluntary transfer of control of The Ledger-Dispatch Corporation, Majority Stockholder of Norfolk-Portsmouth Newspapers, Inc., Parent Corporation of Licensee Corporation from P.S. Huber, Jr. and Charles L. Kaufman, Voting Trustees to P.S. Huber, Jr., Charles L. Kaufman and Frank Batten, Voting Trustees. EFF: 1-28-60			
MLCT-77	4-28-60	same	same	same	10-1-60
Mod. of License to change name to WTAR Radio-TV Corporation					
MAIN TRANS. & ANT. & AUX. TRANS. & ANT. (2 auths)					
BTC-3478	7-12-60	Voluntary transfer of control of The Ledger-Dispatch Corporation, Majority Stockholder of Norfolk-Portsmouth Newspapers, Inc., parent corporation of licensee corporation from P.S. Huber, Jr., Charles L. Kaufman and Frank Batten, Voting Trustees To Frank Batten, et al (614). EFF: 8-4-60			
BPCT-54	9-14-60	CH #3	--	For emergency, test & maintenance purposes only	
RENEWAL OF LICENSE - AUX. TRANS. & ANT.					

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

COMM. TV

CARD #4

Date first licensed See Card #1

Call letters WTAB-TV

Name of licensee WTAR RADIC CORPORATION

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-54	9-14-60	CH #3 60-66mc	V-100 kw A-50 kw	U	10-1-60 10-1-63
RENEWAL OF LICENSE -- MAIN TRANS. & ANT.					
BRCT-54	10-15-63	same	same	same	10-15-63
MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA: RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BRCT-54	10-15-63	same	same	same	10-15-63
AUX. TRANS. & ANTENNA: RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BMLCT-292	9-1-63	same	same	same	10-1-63
Main Trans. & Antenna Mod. of license to red. Aural ERP					
BRCT-54	9-1-66	CH.#3 60-66	V-100 A-20	U	10-1-66 10-1-69
RENEWAL OF LICENSE Main Transmitter & Ant					
BRCT-54	9-1-66	same	same	same	10-1-66
AUX. TRANS. & ANT.					
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BTC-5541	1-31-68	VOLUNTARY ACQUISITION OF POSITIVE CONTROL OF LANDMARK SECURITIES, INC. (66.4% owner of LANDMARK COMMUNICATIONS, INC. PARENT CORPORATION OF GREENSBORO NEWS COMPANY) BY FRANK BATTEN THRU TRANSFER OF STOCK FROM THE ESTATE OF FAY M. SLOVER TO VIRGINIA NATIONAL BANK & FRANK BATTEN, TRUSTEES. EFF:			
EBSA	5-15-72				
BPCT-4539	9-15-72	Ch-3 60-66	V-100kw A-20kw	Unl.	11-15-72 3-15-74
AH:980' MSL:=- CP to chg. type trans.					
Wire	11-13-72	Re tendered lic. appl., auth. gtd. oper. PTA Main Trans. & Ant. accord. '73.629 & BPCT-4539.			
BRCTV-126	1-30-73	Remote control.			
Wire sent; not issued; to be issued with Renewal					
Wire	8-21-73	pending ant. renovation, auth. gtd. sidemount RCA single Bay superturnstile ant. or existing tower and oper. at reduced power temp. per. ending 9-21-73.			
BTCCT-800305KE	4-15-80	Vol. TC			
BSCT-800604KF	9-5-80	Mod. of lic. to chg. name.			

CARD NO. 5

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed DECEMBER 18, 1950

Call Letters W.T.A.R.-TV

Station Location NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Name WTAR-TV, INC.

Transmitter Location ON OLD SUFFOLK RD. 0.2 Mi. east of intersection of Knotts Neck Rd.

Main studio location 720-724 BOUSH STREET, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BRCT-54	2-26-80	RENEWAL OF LIC-(S)	10-1-81
BLCT-2185	3-12-80	LICENSE TO COVER (PCT-4539)	
AH: 980' MSL: ---		CH-3; 60-66; Un1 V. 100KW; A. 20KW	10-1-81
BTCCT-801023KH	1-16-81	VOL. TC	
BMLCT-810206KE	2-11-81	ML TO CHG. NAME	
EBSA	3-4-81		
BMLCT-810521KG	6-2-81	ML TO CHG. NAME	

Name WEAR RADIO CORPORATION

(P.O. National Bank of Commerce Building, Norfolk, Va.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-433 Rec'd Filed	4-21-48	Construction permit for new commercial television broadcast station. Frequency: Ch. #4, 66-72 mcs. ERP: Vis. 24.248 kw; Aur. 12.124 kw Hours of Operation: Unlimited S & T Location: 723-724 Boush Street, Norfolk, Virginia (Vis. & Aur. RCA, TT-5-A) Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	Granted conditionally Letter	8-18-48
	4-23-48			10-7-48
	4-23-48			
BNPCT-336 Rec'd Filed	8-13-48	Mod. of C.P. (BPCT-433, which authorized new commercial tel. b/c station) to decrease ERP from Vis. 24.2 kw, Aur. 12.1 kw to Vis. 23.98 kw, Aur. 11.99 kw, make slight change in T-site from 720-724 Boush Street, Norfolk, Va. <u>to across Voss St. from proposed building,</u> opposite Lot 1 Tunis Mill Plat, Norfolk, Va., and make antenna changes Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty	GRANTED	10-27-48
	8-16-48			
	10-5-48			

Jensky & Bailey, Engr.
Washington, D. C.

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Call
Letters

WTAR-TV

Name WTAR Radio Corporation.

Norfolk, Va.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-527 Recd & Filed	5-12-49 5-23-49	Mod. of CP (BPCT-433 as mod. which authorized new Comm. TV b/c station) for extension of completion date from 6-27-49 to 3-1-50. Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	5-26-49
BPCT-645 Recd & Filed	11-4-49 11-9-49	Mod. of CP (BPCT-433 as mod. which authorized new Comm. TV B/c station) for extension of completion date from 12-27-49 to 6-27-50. Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	12-5-49
BPCT-740 Recd & Filed	5-29-50 6-1-50	Mod. of CP (BPCT-433 as mod. which authorized new Comm. TV B/c Station) for extension of completion date from 6-27-50 to 12-27-50 Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	6-12-50
BLCT-78 Recd. Filed	9-20-50 9-22-50 9-22-50	License to cover C.P. (BPCT-433) as mod., which authorized a new Commercial TV B/C Station.	GRANTED	12-18-50

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Letters W T A R-TVName W T A R RADIO CORPORATIONA(Norfolk, Va.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BECT-54 Rec'd & Filed	10-26-51 11-1-51	Renewal of license. Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty. PURSUANT TO SIXTH REPORT & ORDER (4-11-52) Facilities of	GRANTED	3-19-52
BPGT-909 Rec'd. Filed	5-27-52 5-28-52 5-28-52	Construction permit to make changes in/existing Commercial TV Broadcast Station to change Frequency from Ch. #4, 66-72 Mhz., to Ch. #3, 60-66 Mhz., ERP from Vis. 24 kw., Aur. 12 kw., to Vis. 100 kw., Aur. 50 kw., change designation of transmitter location from Opposite Lot 1, Tunis Mill Plat, Norfolk, Va., to 720-724 Boush St., Norfolk, Va., change type of transmitters, type of antenna and make other equipment changes. (376') (VIS. & AUR. RCA TT-25 BL). Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	7-21-52
AMENDED Rec'd & Filed	7-2-52 7-3-52	Amended to change type of antenna (355') (Filed Direct)		

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Letters WTAR-TVName WTAR RADIO CORPORATION
720 Boush Street, Norfolk 10, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-54 Recd & Filed	6-24-53 7-1-53	Renewal of License. Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Attorney	GRANTED	9-16-53
BMPCT-1573 Recd. Filed	11-16-53 11-19-53 11-19-53	Mod. of CP(BPCT-909, as mod., which authorized changes in facilities of existing Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 12-7-53 to 6-1-54. Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	12-24-53
BPCT-205 Recd. Filed (Main)	5-17-54 5-21-54 5-21-54	License to cover: CP(BPCT-909, as mod.) which authorized changes in facilities of existing Comm. TV B/C Station. Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	10-12-54
BPCT-11879 Recd & filed (Aux. Trans. & Ant)	6-11-54 6-15-54	CP to use the currently licensed transmitters and the antenna incorporated in BMPCT-1051 at 720-24 Boush St. as auxiliary transmitters and antenna in connection with Station WTAR-TV to operate on Ch #3, 60-66 Mcs., ERP Vis. 28 kw, Aur. 14 kw (352' 6") (Vis & Aur. RCA-TT-6A) Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	7-26-54

Card #4

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COMM TV B/C

Call
Letters W T A R-TVName W T A R RADIO CORPORATION
Norfolk, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-54 Rec'd & Filed	6-27-52 6-30-52	Renewal of License. Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Attorney	GRANTED	9-18-52
BPCT-886 Rec'd Filed	8-18-52 8-22-52 8-22-52	Mod. of CP (BPCT-909 for changes in facilities of existing station) to change antenna height above average terrain from 350' to 769' and to make antenna changes. Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED 9-22-52 Subject to	Conditionally subject to site approval antenna (Issued with BPCT-1051)
BPCT-1051 Rec'd Filed	3-20-53 3-23-53 3-23-53	Mod. of CP (BPCT-909 as mod. which authorized changes in facilities of existing commercial TV b/c station) to change transmitter location from Rear of 720-724 Eoush Street, Norfolk, Virginia to Old Suffolk Road, 0.2 mile East of Intersection of Knotts Neck Road, 2 miles East of Drivers, Virginia. (982') Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED (Issued with BPCT-886)	4-7-53

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Letters WTAR-TVName WTAR RADIO CORPORATION
Norfolk, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
NRCT-54 Recd. Resubmitted Recd. & filed AUX. ANT & TRANSMITTER	8-11-54 8-17-54 9-7-54 9-8-54	License to cover CP(NRCT-1873) which authorized Auxiliary Antenna and Transmitters. Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	Applic. ret'd. to Atty for NRCT-54 re: Sec. 11C dated subsequent to 8-11-54 GRANTED	 10-28-54
NRCT-54 Recd & filed Main trans & ant.	6-27-57 7-3-57	Renewal of license Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	9-19-57
NRCT-54 Recd & filed Aux. Trans & Ant.	6-27-57 7-3-57	Renewal of license Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	9-19-57

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WTAR RADIO-TV CORPORATION (4-28-60)

Call
Letters WTAR-TVName **X** WTAR RADIO CORPORATION
Norfolk, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-3343	12-28-59	Voluntary transfer of control of The Ledger-Dispatch Corporation, Majority Stockholder of Norfolk-Portsmouth Newspapers, Inc., Parent Corporation of Licensee Corporation from P. S. Huber, Jr. and Charles L. Kaufman, Voting Trustees to P. S. Huber, Jr., Charles L. Kaufman and Frank Batten, Voting Trustees. Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	1-18-60
Rec'd	1-4-60		EFF:	1-28-60
Filed	1-4-60			
BMLCT-77	2-18-60	Modification of license to change name TO	GRANTED	4-28-60
Recd.&Filed	2-23-60	WTAR RADIO-TV CORPORATION. Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.		
BTC-3478	6-24-60	Voluntary transfer of control of The Ledger-Dispatch Corporation, Majority Stockholder of Norfolk-Portsmouth Newspapers, Inc., parent corporation of licensee corporation from P. S. Huber, Jr., Charles L. Kaufman and Frank Batten, Voting Trustees TO Frank Batten, et al (63%) Eliot C. Lovett, atty	GRANTED	7-12-60
rec.& filed	6-28-60		EFF:	8-4-60

AUG. 1955

Call
Letters WTAR-TVName WTAR RADIO-TV CORPORATION
Norfolk, Va.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-54 Recd. & Filed MAIN TRANS. & ANT.	6-27-60 7-15-60	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	9-14-60
BRCT-54 Recd. & Filed AUX. TRANS. & ANT.	6-27-60 7-15-60	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Filed by Eliot C. Lovett, Atty.	GRANTED	9-14-60
BRCT-54 Recd. & Filed MAIN TRANS. & ANT.	6-27-63 7-3-63	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Eliot C. Lovetty, Atty.	GRANTED	10-15-63
BRCT-54 Recd. & Filed AUX. TRANS. & ANT.	6-27-63 7-3-63	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Eliot C. Lovetty, Atty.	GRANTED	10-15-63
LETTER	6-1-64	STATION WTAR-TV EMPLOYED HOGAN & HARTSON, AS THEIR ATTYS. (Lester Cohen, Atty.)		
BRCT-292 R & P MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA	6-14-65 6-29-65	Mod. of license to reduce aural ERP from 50 kw to 20 kw and modify the aural transmitter. HOGAN & HARTSON, Atty.	Granted	9-1-65

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Call
Letters WEAR-TVName WEAR RADIO-TV CORPORATION
Norfolk, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-54 R & F MAIN TRANSMITTER AND ANTENNA	6-20-66 7-1-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Hogan & Hartson, Attys.	GRANTED	9-1-66
BRCT-54 R & F AUXILIARY TRANSMITTER AND ANTENNA	6-20-66 7-1-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Hogan & Hartson, Attys.	GRANTED	9-1-66
BTC-5541 R & F Form 316	1-12-68 1-13-68 JAN 25 1968	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of Landmark Securities, Inc. (66.4% owner of Landmark Communications, Inc. Parent corporation of Greensboro News Company) by Frank Batten thru transfer of stock from the Estate of Fay M. Slover to Virginia National Bank & Frank Batten, Trustees. (Hogan & Hartson, atty.)	GRANTED EFF:	2-31-68

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COMM. TV

Call
Letters WTAR-TV

Name WTAR RADIO-TV CORPORATION
CH. 3 NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-54	6-30-69	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	DESIGNATED FOR HEARING	
R & F	"	Howard L. Roycroft, atty. (Hogan & Hartson)		
\$180 #526105	"	Amended (ORDER) 6-9-71 re programming.	JAN 21 1970	
PH Recd.	"	AMENDED (Redesignation Order) 2-24-72 re	#12791	
MAIN TRANS. & ANTENNA		programming.	GRANTED	
AUX. TRANS. & ANTENNA		AMENDED (ORDER) re chg. in corp. officers	Feb. 26 FEB 1980	
PRESS	JUL 23 1969		CONDITIONAL	
ENGR. DATA FILE	5-22-70			

BRCT-54 - INITIAL DECISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DAVID I. KRAUSHAAR issued 3-15-73, released 3-21-73 FCC 73D-12 99023: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That, unless an appeal from this Initial Decision is taken by a party or the Commission reviews the Initial Decision on its own motion in accordance with the provisions of Section 1.276 of the rules, the application of WTAR Radio-TV Corporation for renewal of the broadcast license of Station WEAR-TV, Norfolk, Virginia is hereby GRANTED, and the application of Hampton Roads Television Corporation for a permit to construct and operate a new television broadcast station on Channel 3 in Norfolk, Virginia IS DENIED.

SUPPLEMENTARY INITIAL DECISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DAVID I. KRAUSHAAR issued 1-13-75, released 1-22-75 FCC 73D-2 45159: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That unless an appeal from this Supplementary Initial Decision is taken by a party or the Commission reviews the Supplementary Initial Decision on its own motion in accordance with the provisions of Section 1.276 of its Rules, the Initial Decision herein, released 3-21-73 (FCC 73D-12), with the modifications specified in this Supplementary Initial Decision, is hereby REAFFIRMED.

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INITIAL DECISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DAVID I. KRAUSHAAR issued 2-18-77, released 2-28-77 FCC 77D-8 78436: IT IS ORDERED, therefore, That, unless an appeal from this Second Supplemental Initial Decision is taken by a party or the Commission reviews it on its own motion in accordance with the provisions of Section 1.276 of its Rules, the Initial Decision herein, released March 21, 1973 (FCC 73D-12) and the Supplementary Initial Decision released January 22, 1975 (FCC 75D-2) be and the same hereby are REAFFIRMED.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER ADOPTED 2-26-80, released 2-28-80 FCC 80-82 15715: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the aforementioned "Joint Petition" for Approval of Agreement and Dismissal of Construction Permit Application", filed March 30, 1979, as amended by the "Supplemental Joint Petition for

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Call
Letters WTAR-TVName WTAR RADIO-TV CORPORATION
CH-3 NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-4539 R & F #087467 \$50 AC: 062 PRESS:	6-29-72 6-30-72 6-30-72 JUL 10 1972	CP to chg. type trans. to RCA TT-30FL. Atty.: Hogan & Hartson	GRANTED	9-15-72 <i>Lic</i>
BICT-2185 R & F #125024 \$50 AC: 069 PRESS:	11-3-72 11-6-72 11-6-72 DEC 27 1972	Lic. to cover (BPCT-4539) for chgs. Atty.: William S. Reyner, Jr. (Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED	3-12-80
BRCTV-126 R & F #135414 \$50 AC: 069 PRESS:	12-7-72 12-11-72 12-11-72 DEC 27 1972	Request authority to operate trans. by remote control from 720 Boush Street, Norfolk, Virginia. Atty.: Richard S. Rodin (Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED	1-30-73 Wire sent; not issued; to be issued with Renewal

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

NORFOLK TELEVISION, INC.

X WTAR-TV, INC.

X WTAR RADIO-TV CORPORATION

Call
Letters WTAR-TVName
Ch-3 NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-8237 R&F PRESS (Form 316)	1-7-77 1-10-77 19 JAN 1977	Voluntary transfer of control of Landmark Communications, Inc. (parent corp. of licensee) from Landmark Securities, Inc. to Frank Batten (51.3%) et al. Atty.: William S. Reyner, Jr. (Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED Eff: (See over)	1-27-77 3-30-77 for condition)
BTCCT-800305ME R&F PN REC'D (FORM 316) PRESS	2-27-80 3-5-80 3/28/80	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee from Landmark Broadcasting, Inc., to Landmark Television, Inc. Richard S. Rodin, Atty. (Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED EFF:	4-15-80 5/1/80
BTCCT-800305KF		Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Landmark Communications, Inc., to Landmark Broadcasting, Inc.	GRANTED	4-15-80
BSCT-800604KF		Ltr. 6-4-80 to chg. licensee name to: WTAR-TV, INC.	GRANTED	9-5-80

BTC-8237 grtd. 1-21-77 - condition: Grant of this application is made subject to and without prejudice to whatever action the Commission may deem appropriate as a result of the final determination in Docket No. 18791, involving the license renewal of station WTAR-TV.

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Call Letters: WTAR-TV

WTKR-TV

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 XNORFOLK TELEVISION, INC.
 Name: WTAR-TV, INC.

Station Location: NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BTCCT-801023KH (Form 315) FN REC'D:	11-21-80	Vol. Transfer of Control of licensee corp. from Landmark Television, Inc. to Knight- Ridder Broadcasting, Inc. Amended 2-25-81 re legal	GR. 1-16-81
BMLCT-810206KE		Ltr. Received 2-6-81 to change licensee name from WTAR-TV, INC. to NORFOLK TELEVISION, INC.	GR. 2-11-81
BMLCT-810521KG		Ltr. Received 5-21-81 to chg. licensee name from Norfolk Television, Inc. to WTKR-TV, INC.	GR. 6-2-81

CARD NO. 14

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COMMERCIAL TELEVISIONWTKR-TV
Call Letters: XUTAR-TVNORFOLK TELEVISION, INC.
Name: XUTAR-TV, INC.

CH-3

Station Location: NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRCT-810521KE	5-20-81	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	
R&F	5-21-81	ATTY: NEAL H GOLDBERG	
PN REC'D	5-21-81	{HANEL, PARK, MC CABE AND SAUNDERS}	

Approval of Agreement and Dismissal of Construction Permit Application," filed July 19, 1979, by the applicants IS GRANTED, except that reimbursement of Hampton Roads IS LIMITED to \$749,192.03; the application of Hampton Roads Television Corporation (File No. BPCT-4281) IS DISMISSED; and the application of WTAR Radio-TV Corporation (BRCT-54) IS GRANTED, subject to the condition that the licensee divest itself of station WTAR-TV within one year of the release date of this Memorandum Opinion and Order to a fully qualified buyer. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the "Motion to File Supplemental Information to Joint Petition for Approval of Agreement" filed May 18, 1979, and the "Motion to File Supplemental Information to Joint Petition for Approval of Agreement" filed February 5, 1980, by Hampton Roads Television Corporation ARE GRANTED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this proceeding IS TERMINATED.

RECORD OF APPLICATIONS REQUESTING FACILITIES OF BROADCASTING STATION WTAR-TV

Licensee WTAR RADIO-TV CORPORATION, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA; CH.#3

File No.	Date	Call Letters	Name and Location of Applicant	Remarks	Disposition
BPCT-4281	8-28-69	(New)	Hampton Roads TV Corp. Norfolk	DESIGNATED	Pending FOR HEARING
				MAY	JAN 21 1970
					#18792

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.

