

UTOV-TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD Commercial TV

FIRST C.O. 9-16-53 (Started 12-24-53)

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Date first licensed 2-10-56 (Off.No. 354)

(Per Atty.)

WTOV-TV (eff. 79)

Call letters

XWSTV-TV

STATION LOCATION: STEUBENVILLE, OHIO

ZIFF-DAVIS BROADCASTING COMPANY, DIVISION OF ZIFF-
DAVIS PUBLISHING COMPANY CAL. RE. 2-26-81

Waiver 3.652(a) gr. 10-29-58 for Station

Identification as: Steubenville, Ohio-

X ZIFF-DAVIS BROADCASTING COMPANY (ML 10-30-79)

Wheeling, West Virginia

X RUST CRAFT BROADCASTING COMPANY (BMLCT-122) 8-27-62

Name of licensee X WSTV, INC.

Transmitter location Altamont Hill, Near Steubenville, Ohio

Main studio location Altamont Hill, near Steubenville, Ohio (BMPCT-1451, 10-15-53)
X- Exchange Realty Building, Market Street, Steubenville, Ohio

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BPCT-1049	8-12-53	Ch. 9 186-192 Mcs.	V-229kw A-115kw	U	10-12-53 4-12-54
Construction permit for a new commercial television broad- cast station.					
WIRE	9-16-53	STA test equip. & operate comm. basis with facilities in accord. CP BPCT-1049 except using RCA 6-sec. superturndstile ant. mounted on 100' tower, no obstruction marking required. Until further notice, WSTV-TV transmis- sions shall be limited to times when WKEL, Cleveland, is not transmitting programs on Ch. #9. Per. end. April 12, 1954.			
BPCT-1451	10-15-53	same	same	same	10-12-53 4-12-54
Mod. CP (BPCT-1049) to change S-L.					
12-8-53	MOD. STA Opr. Comm. Basis	accordance CP BMPCT-1451 excp. using RCA 12 section ant. mounted on 40 ft. tower & 10 KW Transm., power output 10 KW Visual, 6KW Aural, and without frequency & modulation monitoring equip. & vestigia sideband filter subject to condition that this Auth. is not valid when WKEL is transmitting progrms. on CH 9. Notf. Comm. by wire on date reg. opora. begins, Period Ending Apr. 12, 1954.			
BMPCT-2007	3-31-54	same	same	same	10-12-53
Mod CP(BPCT-1049, as mod) to extend completion date 10-12-54					
5-7-54 Reapplication & conversation Atty. Modification & Extension of STA opr. Comm basis accordance CP BMPCT-2007 except without Visual monitoring equipment, Per End, 10-12-54					

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Card # 2

Date first licensed

Call letters WSTV-TV

(Sta. Loc. Steubenville, Ohio)

Name of licensee WSTV, INC.

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-
BMPCT-2621 DISMISSED LETTER 6-18-55 Request of Atty. BAPCT-128					
BLCT-299	2-10-56	CH #9	V-234 kw	U	2-10-56 10-1-58
AH 950 ft. 186-192 A-117 kw					
License to cover CP(BPCT-1049, as mod)					
BRCT-153	9-17-58	same	same	same	10-1-58
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
10-1-61					
COMM. ACTION 10-29-58 WAIVER OF 3.652(a) OF RULES GRANTED FOR STATION IDENTIFICATION AS :Steubenville, Ohio-Wheeling, West Virginia.					
BPCT-2786	9-16-60	CH #9	V-316 kw	U	11-16-60
AH: 950' 186-192 A-158 kw					
Construction Permit to change ERP, type of transm. equip.					
BMPCT-5556	2-3-61	CH #9	V-316 kw	U	11-16-60
AH: 950' 186-192 A-158 kw MSL: 2044' 5-16-61					
MOD. OF (BPCT-2786- CHGS IN EXIST. STATION) TRANS. & EQUIP. WITH CONDITION RE SEC. 3.640 RULES					
WIRE 4-26-61 PEND COMPLTE CONSTRUCT & FILE LIC APPLIC AUTH GR OPER WSTV-TV ACCORD STEPS 1 & 2/ LTR & CP BMPCT- 5583 TEMP PER END 6-6-61. ADV WHEN NORMAL OPER COMMENCES UNDER EACH PHASE OF OPERATION.					
WIRE 6-5-61 PEND COMPLTE CONSTRUCT & FILE LIC APPLIC AUTH GR OPER WSTV-TV ACCORD LTR 4-25 & CP BMPCT-5583 TEMP PERIOD END 7-6-61. ADV WHEN NORMAL OPER COMMENCES.					
BMPCT-5583	4-27-61	same	same	same	11-16-60
Mod. of (BPCT-2786 as mod) to extend complte dte 8-16-61					
WIRE 7-6-61 RE LIC. APPLI. BLOT-1122 AUTH. GR. OPER. WSTV-TV ON PROG. TEST ACCORD. SEC. 3.629 RULES AND CP BMPCT-5583.					
BRCT-153	9-28-61	same	same	same	10-1-61
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
10-1-64					
BTC-3831	11-8-61	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Jack N. Berkman, et al (All Stockholders) to United Printers and Publishers (Incorporate EFF: 2-8-62			

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed _____

Call letters WSTV-TV

Station location _____

Name of licensee WSTV, INC.Transmitter location See Card #1Main studio location See Card #1

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BLCT-1122	7-19-62	Ch. 9	A:316kw	U	7-19-62
AH: 950'		186-192	V:158kw	MSL:2044'	10-1-64
License to cover CP (BPCT-2786 as mod.)					
BMLCT-122	8-27-62	same	same	same	8-27-62
MOD of Lic. to chg. name to Rust Craft Broad- casting Company					10-1-64
BRCT-153	9-30-64	CH. #9	A-316kw	U	10-1-64
AH: 950' MSL:2044'		186-192	V-158kw		10-1-67
RENEWAL OF LICENSE (long form issued to chg. name)					
BTC-4706	12-18-64	Voluntary transfer of control of Rust Craft Greeting Cards, Inc. (parent corp. of licensee corp.) from the "Berkman Group" (de facto control) to the "Berkman Group" (de jure control). EFF: 3-15-66			
BMLCT-290	9-1-65	same	same	same	9-1-65
Mod. of Lic. to reduce Aural Br. & modify Aural Trans.					10-1-67
WIRE	12-15-66	PENDING ANT. REPLACEMENT AUTH. GR. OPER. WXTV-TV WITH SINGLE BAY ANTENNA NAD REDUCED POWER FOR TEMP. PER. END. 1-16-67.			
BPCT-3868	1-17-67	CH. #9	V-316 kw	U	3-17-67
AH: 950' MSL:2044'		186-192	A-31.6 kw		9-17-67
Construction Permit to change type of transmitter.					
WIRE	5-24-67	PENDING FIL. LIC. APPLI. EXT. AUTH. GR. OPER. WSTV-TV TEMP. PER. ENDING 6-27-67 ACCORD. BPCT- 3868			
WIRE	6-16-67	RE TENDERED LICENSE APPLICATION AUTH. GR. OPERATE WSTV-TV ON PROG. TEST ACCORD. SEC. 73.629 RULES AND CP BPCT-3868.			
BLCT-1693	8-14-67	CH. 9	V-316 kw	U	8-14-67
AH: 950' MSL:2044'		186-192	A-31.6 kw		10-1-67
LICENSE to cover CP (BPCT-3868) which auth. chgs. in station.					
BRCT-153	11-30-67	same	same	same	10-1-67
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					(S) 10-1-70
BRCT-153	9-30-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			10-1-73
WIRE	1-22-71	RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER. FORMER MAIN TRANS. ON ETA AS AUX. TRANS.			

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Date first licensed

Call letters WSTV-TV

Station location Steubenville, Ohio

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To
BLCT-2058 AUX. TRANS.	2-4-71	Lic. to	utilize	Aux. Trans.	10-1-73
BTC-6617	7-14-71	Vol. TC			
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRCT-153 MAIN TRANS. & ANT.	9-27-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S) AUX. TRANS.			10-1-73 10-1-76
BRCT-153 MAIN TRANS. & ANT.	10-18-76	Renewal of license (S) AUX. TRANS.			10-1-79
BTC-8567	5-10-78	VOL. T/C			
BRCT-790601KZ MAIN TRANS. AND ANT. AND	9-21-79	RENEWAL OF LIC. (S) AUX. TRANS.			10-1-82
BMLCT-790702KE TO ZIFF-DAVIS BROADCASTING COMPANY.	10-30-79	MOD. OF LIC. TO	CHG. NAME		
BALCT-810121KH	2-26-81	VOL. AL			

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters WSTV - TVName WSTV, Inc.
Exchange Realty Building, Steubenville, Ohio

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
WFOE-1049	5-24-52	Construction permit for a new commercial television broadcast station FREQ: Channel No. 9, 186-192 Mc. ERP: Vis. 200 Kw. Aur. 100 Kw. Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: Exchange Realty Building, Market Street, Steubenville, Ohio T-L: Altamont Hill, Steubenville Township, Ohio (Vis. & Aur. 200 TT-2000) (992') Filed by Kelley M. Griffith, Atty.	GRANTED	8-12-53
Recd.	6-26-52			
Filed	6-26-52			
RECEIVED	11-5-52	To change antenna height above terrain from 992' to 900'; and changes in antenna system.		
Recd	11-7-52			
Filed	11-7-52			

George C. Davis, Esq.
Washington, D. C.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call Letters WSTV - TVName WSTV, INC.
(P.O. Exchange Realty Bldg., Steubenville, Ohio)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-1049 AMENDED Rec'd Filed	8-10-53 8-11-53 8-11-53	Amended to change ERP from Vis. 200 kw, Aur. 100 kw to Vis. 230.5 kw, Aur. 115.3 kw; antenna height above average terrain from 982' to 955'; type trans. (RCA TT-25BH); correct geographical coordinates; antenna and other equipment changes (Filed by R. Russell Egan, Atty.)	SEE CARD # 1 FOR ACTION.	
BPCT-1451 Recd. Filed	9-28-53 10-6-53 10-6-53	Mod. of CP(BPCT-1049, which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to change studio location from Exchange Realty Bldg., Market St., Steubenville, Ohio to Altamont Hill, Steubenville, Township, Ohio, and request waiver of Sec. 3.613 of the Commission's Rules. waiver of Sec. 3.613 of the Commission's Rules. Filed by Edward de Grazia, Atty.	GRANTED	10-15-53

Card # 3

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV B/C

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters

WSTV-TV

Name WSTV, INC.
Steubenville, Ohio

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPC-2007 Recd & filed	3-23-54 3-25-54	Modification of construction permit (BMPC-1049 as modified which authorized a new commercial TV b/c station) to extend completion date from 4-12-54 to 10-12-54 R. Russell Egan, Atty.	GRANTED	3-31-54
BMPC-2580 Recd & filed	9-28-54 9-29-54	Modification of construction permit (BMPC-1049 as modified, which authorized a new commercial TV broadcast station) to extend completion date from 10-12-54 to 12-12-54 Filed by R. Russell Egan, Atty.	GRANTED	10-6-54

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Comm TV 3/0

Call
Letters WSTV-TVName WSTV, INC.
Steubenville, Ohio (Proposed Florence, Penna.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPOT-2621	11-19-54	Mod. of CP (BPOT-1049 as modified, which authorized a new comm. TV b/c station) to change ERP from Vis. 229 kw, Aur. 115 kw to Vis. 302 kw, Aur. 181 kw, change station location from Steubenville, Ohio to Florence, Penna, change transmitter and studio location from Altamont Hill, near Steubenville, Ohio to Troy Hill and County Road, Reserve Township, Allegheny County, Penna, and "To be determined, Florence, Pennsylvania, respectively, install new transmitters and antenna system and make other equipment change. (Vis & Aur. GE-TT-26A) (1022) Filed by Percy H. Russell, Jr. Atty. (Contingent on grant of assignment BAPOT- 123)	DISMISSED LETTER	6-13-55
Recd	11-19-54		Request of Atty.	
Filed	11-19-54			

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters **WSTV-TV**Name **WSTV, Inc.****Steubenville, Ohio**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPOT-128 Recd. & Filed	11-19-54 11-19-54	Assignment of Construction Permit to Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc. Filed by Percy H. Russell, Atty.	DISMISSED LETTER 6-13-55 Request of Atty.	
BPOT-299 Recd. & Filed	4-1-55 4-4-55	License to cover CP(BPOT-1049, as modified) which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station. Filed by Percy H. Russell, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	2-10-56
BPOT-2209 Recd & filed	9-19-56 9-25-56	CP to make changes in facilities of existing commercial TV b/c station to change ERP from Vis. 234 kw, Aur. 117 kw to Vis. 302 kw, Aur. 181 kw, chg. trans. location from Altamont Hill, nr. Steubenville, Ohio to Hr. Intersection of Troy Hill and County Rd., Reserve Twp., Allegheny County, Pa., chg. type of transmitters, make antenna and other minor equipment changes. (RCA-TT-50AH) (1022) Filed by Percy H. Russell, Atty.	DISMISSED Lt. 3-15-57 at the request of attorney	
BPOT-1111 Recd & Filed	1-7-56			

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CARD # 6

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM TV B/C

Call
Letters WSTV-TV

Name

WSTV, INC.

Steubenville, Ohio

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-153 Recd & Filed	6-24-58 6-27-58	RENEWAL OF LICENSE, filed direct by Percy H. Russell, Attorney.	GRANTED	9-17-58
LETTER(1)	10-2-58	Request Waiver of Section 3.652 of Rules for Station Identification as Steubenville-Wheeling. Filed by Fred Weber, Vice President	GRANTED	10-29-58
BPOT-2786 R & F	6-13-60 6-13-60	CP to change ERP from Vis. 234 kw, Aur. 117 kw to Vis. 316 kw, Aur. 158 kw, change type of transmitters from RCA TT-25EH to RCA TT-50AH, and make other equipment changes. Filed by Percy H. Russell, Atty.	GRANTED	9-16-60
BPOT-5556 R & F	1-13-61 1-13-61	Modification of CP (BPOT-2786 which auth. changes in existing station) to change type of transmitters from RCA TT-12AH to RCA TT-10AH Transmitter and GE TF 14A amplifier and make changes in other equipment. Filed by Aloysius B. McCabe, Atty.	GRANTED CONDITIONAL RE SECTION 3.640(type trans.accept.)	2-3-61

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Call
Letters **WSTV-TV**Name **WSTV, INC.****Steubenville, Ohio**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-5583 Recd. & Filed	4-4-61 4-5-61	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2786, as mod., which authorized changes in an existing station) to extend completion date from 5-16-61 to 6-1-61. Percy H. Russell, Atty.	GRANTED extended	4-27-61 to 8-16-61
BLCT-1122 R & F	6-29-61 6-29-61	License to cover CP (BPCT-2786 as mod.) which authorized changes in existing station Filed by Percy H. Russell, Atty.	GRANTED	7-19-62
BRCT-153 R & F	6-29-61 6-29-61	Renewal of license Filed by Percy H. Russell, Atty.	GRANTED	9-28-61

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING COMM. TV

Call
Letters WSTV-TV

RUST CRAFT BROADCASTING COMPANY (8-27-62)

Name X WSTV, INC.
Steubenville, Ohio

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-3831 Recd. & Filed	8-17-61 8-18-61	Voluntary transfer of control of ^{permittee &} licenses corporation from Jack N. Berkman, et al (All Stockholders) to United Printers and Publishers (Incorporated). (Contingent on Grant of BTC-3830, WPIT, Inc.)	GRANTED EFF: 2-8-62	11-8-61
EMCT-122 R & F	8-2-62 8-3-62	Modification of license to change name to Rust Craft Broadcasting Company Percy H. Russell-atty	GRANTED	8-27-62
EMCT-153 Recd. & Filed	7-1-64 7-6-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Percy H. Russell, Atty.	GRANTED	9-30-64
BTC-4706 R & F	11-28-64 11-30-64	Voluntary transfer of control of Rust Craft Greeting Cards, Inc. (parent corp. of licensee corp.) from the "Berkman Group" (de facto control) to the "Berkman Group" (de jure control) R. Russell Eagan-atty	GRANTED EFF: 3-15-66	12-18-64

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV

Call
Letters WSTV-TV

Name BEST CRAFT BROADCASTING COMPANY
CH. 9 STEUBENVILLE, OHIO

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
WLCT-290 Recd. & Filed	7-1-65 7-2-65	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 158 kw to 31.6 kw and modify the Aural transmitter. Kirkland, Ellis, Hedson, Chaffets, Masters, Atty.	GRANTED	9-1-65
BPCT-3868 R & F	10-18-66 10-20-66	Construction Permit to make the following changes: type of transmitter to Vis. GE-TT-51-B; Aur. GE TT-50-B1 Percy H. Russell, Atty. (Kirkland, Ellis, Masters)	GRANTED	1-17-67
WLCT-1693 R & F	6-8-67 6-12-67	LICENSE to cover CP (BPCT-3868) which authorized changes in an existing station. Percy H. Russell, Atty.	GRANTED	8-14-67
WLCT-153 R & F AUG 1 1967	6-22-67 7-3-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-30-67

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Call
Letters WSTV-TVName RUST CRAFT BROADCASTING COMPANY
CH. 9 STEUBENVILLE, OHIO

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-153 R & F #610910 \$150 PRESS P N recd	6-19-70 6-23-70 6-23-70 JUL 17 1970 6-23-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Erwin G. Krasnow (Kirkland, Ellis)	GRANTED	9-30-70
BLGT-2058 R & F #555625 \$50 AG: 069 PRESS: AUXILIARY TRANS.	1-7-71 1-11-71 1-11-71 JAN 27 1971	Lic. to utilize formerly licensed Main trans. (PCA TT-10AH) as an Auxiliary trans. at Main trans. loc. Atty.: E. G. Krasnow (Kirkland, Ellis)	GRANTED	2-4-71

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call
Letters WSTV-TV

Name RUST CRAFT BROADCASTING COMPANY
CH-9 STEUBENVILLE, OHIO

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-6617 R & F #015770 \$250 AC: 055 PRESS:	7-11-71 7-12-71 7-12-71 JUL 14 1971	Voluntary transfer of control of Rust Craft Greeting Cards, Inc. (parent corporation) from the Berkman Group (de jure control) to the Berkman Group (de facto control). Atty.: Percy H. Russell (Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz, Masters & Rowe)	GRANTED I	7-14-71
BTC-6946 R & F #102508 \$250 AC: 055 PRESS:	8-18-72 8-22-72 8-22-72 AUG 30 1972	Voluntary transfer of control of Rust Craft Greeting Cards, Inc. (parent corporation of licensee) from the Berkman Group (de jure control) to the Berkman Group (de facto control). Atty.: Percy H. Russell (Kirkland, Ellis & Rowe)	GRANTED I	8-31-72 Eff: 10-30-72
BRCT-153 R & F PN recd. Press: JUL 27 1973	6-15-73 7-3-73 7-3-73 JUL 27 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Kirkland, Ellis & Rowe, E.G. Krasnow, atty. MAIN TRANS. & ANT. - AUX. TRANS. AMENDED 8-15-73 re community needs data	GRANTED	9-27-73

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Call **WTOV-TV**
Letters **X WSTV-TV**Name **RUST CRAFT BROADCASTING COMPANY**
CH-9 **STEUBENVILLE, OHIO**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-153 R&F PN RECD PRESS	5-19-76 5-27-76 5-27-76 14 JUL 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN TRANS. & ANT.)(AUX. TRANS.) Atty.: (KIRKLAND, ELLIS & ROWE)	GRANTED	10-18-76
BTC-8567 R&F PN RECD PRESS (Form 315)	1-12-78 1-17-78 JAN 30 1978	Voluntary transfer of control of Rust Craft Greeting Cards, Inc. (parent corporation of licensee) from the Berkman Group (de facto control) to Ziff Corporation. Atty.: R. Russell Eagan & John C. Quale (Kirkland & Ellis) Amended 2-13-78 re programming Amended 4-6-78 re legal	GRANTED EFF:	5-10-78 5-22-79
BRCT- 790601KZ R & F PN REC'D PRESS	5-25-79 6-1-79 6-1-79 79 07 25	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: STEVEN A. LERMAN (MCKENNA, WILKINSON & KITTNER)	GRANTED	9-21-79

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 6-12-78 by Geoff Bentley on behalf of Jack N. and Myles P. Berkman.

OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 6-22-78 by James McKenna on behalf of Ziff Corporation.

OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 6-22-78 by Russell Eagan on behalf of Rust Craft Greeting Cards, Inc.

REPLY filed 6-29-78 by Geoff Bentley on behalf of Jack N. and Myles P. Berkman.

Ltr. 4-9-79 from Roy Stewart to Kirkland & Ellis dismissing petition for reconsideration.

MOTION TO DISMISS 3-21-79 by R. Russell Eagan for Rust Craft Greeting Cards, Inc.

**COMMERCIAL TELEVISION
APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING**

ZIFF-DAVIS BROADCASTING COMPANY, DIVISION OF ZIFF-DAVIS PUBLISHING COMPANY

Call Letters: **WTOV-TV**

Name: **KRIST CRAFT BROADCASTING COMPANY**

CH-9

Station Location: **STUBENVILLE, OH**

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMLCT-790702KE R & F PRESS:	6-26-79 7-2-79 9-26-79	Mod. of Lic. to chg. name to Ziff-Davis Broadcasting Company. Atty.: Steven A. Lerman (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner)	GRANTED 10-30- 79
LETTER REC'D. PRESS: 79	12-11-79 12-17-79 1218	Request Waiver of Section 73.1201(b)(2) of the Rules to identify Station as Steubenville, OH- Wheeling, WV. Atty.: Steven A. Lerman (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner)	DISMISSED 2-11-80 (Req. of appl.)
BALCT-810121KH (Form 316)		Vol. AL to Ziff-Davis Broadcasting Company, Division of Ziff-Davis Publishing Company. Atty.: Steven Lerman (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner)	GR. 2-26-81 Eff.:

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.

