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Date first licensed .....

W T V U (11-4-65)

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STATION LOCATION: NEW HAVEN, CONNECTI-  
CUT

IMPART SYSTEMS, INC. (BAPCT-370 gr. 8-18-67 EFF: 8-22-67)

Name of licensee ..... X ..... CONNECTICUT RADIO FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED .....

Transmitter location ..... Baldwin Drive, Top of West Rock Ridge, Woodbridge Town  
Near New Haven, Connecticut .....

Main studio location ..... Baldwin Drive, Top of West Rock Ridge, Woodbridge Town  
Near New Haven, Connecticut .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period		
					From	To	
BPCT-456	6-24-53	Ch. 59 740-746 Mcs.	V-19.5kw A-10.2kw	U	8-24-53	2-24-54	
Construction permit for a new commercial television b/c tion.							
BPCT-1769	1-26-54	Same	Same	Same	8-24-53		
CP (BPCT-456) to extend completion date							
BPCT-2319	8-24-54	Same	Same	Same	8-24-53		
of CP (BPCT-456, as mod.) to ext. comp. date.							
BPCT-2887	2-8-55	same	same	same	8-24-53		
CP (BPCT-456, as mod) to extend completion date							
BPCT-3277	7-26-55	same	same	same	8-24-53		
CP (BPCT-456, as mod.) to extend completion date.							
BPCT-3619	2-13-56	same	same	same			
CP (BPCT-456, as mod) to extend completion dt.							
BPCT-3994	7-24-56	same	same	same			
CP (BPCT-456, as mod.) to extend completn dt.							
BPCT-4252	11-22-60	CH #59 740-746	V-19.5 kw A-10.2 kw	U	8-24-53	5-22-61	
560' Mod. of CP (BPCT-456, as mod) to extend compl							
BPCT # 13555							
BPCT-5593	5-15-61	same	same	same	8-24-53		
Mod of CP (BPCT-456 as mod) to extend compl. dt.							
						11-22-61	
BPCT-3768	6-30-61	Voluntary acquisition of positive con- l of licensee corporation by Richard W. Davis thru chase of stock from BOYWINIK BROTHERS, INC. & 15 other ckholders. EFF:					
BPCT-5670	10-31-61	same	same	same	8-24-53		
CP (BPCT-456, as mod) to extend completion date							
BPCT-5744		Application DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDIC E				6-16-65	
MEMO #15903 MEMO OPINION & ORDER ADOPTED: SEE CARD #5							
BPCT-5744	9-8-65	same	same	same			
BPCT #15903		Appl. Granted, EXTENDED until Comm. acts on pend g ment application AND IF assignment granted by Comm. ended for six months after effectuation of assignment.					

Form BC 126

June 1954

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W 3 V U

PRINCIPAL COMMUNITY

--Station-location NEW HAVEN, CONN

Name of licensee IMPART SYSTEMS, INC.

Transmitter location see card #1

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To
BAPCT-370	8-18-67	CH.#59	Voluntary assignment of const-		
			ruction permit to IMPART SYSTEMS, INC.	EFF:	8-22-67
<del>EBSA</del>	<del>5-15-72</del>	<del></del>	<del></del>	<del></del>	<del></del>
BTC-7919	12-30-75	INVOL TC			

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING COMMERCIAL TELEVISION BROADCAST

5743

W T V U (11-4-65)  
Call X W E L I - TV  
Letters W E W

Name CONNECTICUT RADIO FOUNDATION, INC.(221 Orange Street, New Haven 10, Conn.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-456	5-4-48	Construction permit for a new commercial television broadcast station. Frequency: Ch. #12, 204-210 mcs. ERP: Vis. 29.6 kw; Aur. 14.8 kw Hours of Operation: Unlimited S-Location: "To be determined", Waterbury, Conn. T-Location: Near the top of Hopkins Hill on Pond Hill Road, Nr. Waterbury, Conn.  (Vis. & Aur. RCA, TT-5-A) Filed by Verne R. Young, Atty.	9993 GRANTED	6-24-53
Rec'd	5-10-48			
Filed	5-10-48			
PETITION to amend Recd.	9-24-51	To change to Ch. No. 59, Change ERP, specify Studio site, change Transmitter location, transmitters, antenna system, etc.  (Submitted by John P. Carr, Atty.)	(NO ACTION)	
	9-24-51			

Lohnes & Culver, Engr.



APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

Call Letters W E L I - TV  
(U)

Name CONNECTICUT RADIO FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED  
(221 Orange St., New Haven 10, Connecticut)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-456 AMENDED Rec'd Filed	6-27-52 6-30-52 6-30-52	(PURSUANT TO SIXTH REPORT & ORDER-4-11-52) FREQ: Ch. #59, 740-746 mcs. ERP: <u>Vis. 200 kw; Aur. 100 kw.</u> Hours of operations: Unlimited S-L: <del>221 Orange St., New Haven, Connecticut</del> T-L: Baldwin Drive, on West Rock Ridge, in Woodbridge Town, 4.6 mi NW of center of New Haven, Connecticut. (Vis. & Aur. <del>GE TT-25-A</del> ) (5601) Filed by Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Attys.	See card # 1 for action.	
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	6-23-53 6-23-53 6-23-53	Amended to change Officers, Directors, Stockholders, ERP from Vis. 200, kw, Aur. 100 kw to Vis. 19.25 kw, Aur. 10.3 kw; ant. hgt. above average terrain from 560' to 563'; type ant.; type trans. (GE TT-20A); studio loc. from 221 Orange St., New Haven, Conn. to Baldwin Drive, top of West Rock Ridge, Woodbridge, near New Haven, Conn.; and other equipment.		

Craven, Lohnes and Culver, Engrs.

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call  
Letters W E L I-TVName CONNECTICUT RADIO FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED  
New Haven, Conn.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-1769 Recd. Filed	1-19-54 1-21-54 1-21-54	Mod. of CP (BPCT-456, which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 2-24-54 to <u>8-24-54</u> Filed by <u>Thomas H. Wall, Atty.</u>	GRANTED	1-26-54
BPCT-2319 Recd. & Filed	7-15-54 7-20-54	Mod. of CP (BPCT-456, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 8-24-54 to 8-24-55. Filed by <u>Francis X. McDonough, Atty.</u>	GRANTED	8-24-54
BPCT-2837 Recd. & Filed	1-18-55 1-24-55	Mod. of CP (BPCT-456, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 2-24-55 to _____ Filed by <u>Alfred C. Gordon, Jr., Atty.</u>	GRANTED	2-8-55
BPCT-3277 Recd & filed Ext. #4	7-15-55 7-18-55	Mod. of CP (BPCT-456, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 8-24-55 to 2-24-56. Filed by <u>F X McDonough, Atty.</u>	GRANTED	7-26-55

FORM BC-121

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FORM A-170

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Letters WLI-TVName CONNECTICUT RADIO FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED  
New Haven, Conn.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-3619 Recd. & Filed Ext. # 5	12-14-55 12-16-55	Mod. of CP (BPCT-456, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 1-16-56 to 7-16-56. Filed by John B. Jacob, Atty.	GRANTED	2-13-56
BPCT-3994 Recd. & Filed Ext. #6	6-11-56 6-12-56	Mod. of CP (BPCT-456, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 7-16-56 to 1-16-57. Filed by J. B. Jacob, Atty.	GRANTED	7-24-56
BPCT-4252 Recd & Filed Ext. #7	9-15-56 9-17-56	Mod. of CP (BPCT-456, as mod., which authorized a new COMM. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 10-16-56 to 4-16-57. Filed by John B. Jacob, Atty.	GRANTED DOCKET #	11-22-60 13555
AMEND. Rec.	3-21-60 3-29-60	Amendment; request Extension of time Filed by applicant and atty. Tom Wall		
BPCT-5593 Recd. & Filed	4-21-61 4-24-61	Mod. of CP (BPCT-456, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 5-22-61 to 11-22-61 Thomas H. Wall, Atty.	GRANTED	5-15-61

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV. B/C

Call WTVU (11-4-65)  
Letters WELI-TV

Name **CONNECTICUT RADIO FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED**  
**New Haven, Conn.**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-3768 Recd. & Filed	6-1-61 6-6-61	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Richard W. Davis thru purchase of stock from Botwinik Brothers, Inc. and 15 other stockholders. John B. Jacob, Atty.	GRANTED EFP:	6-30-61
BPCT-5670 Recd. & Filed	10-20-61 10-23-61	Mod. of CP (BPCT-456, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 11-22-61 to 5-22-62. Thomas H. Wall, Atty.	GRANTED	10-31-61
BPCT-5744 Recd. & Filed	4-20-62 4-23-62	Mod. of CP (BPCT-456, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 5-22-62 to 11-22-62. Thomas H. Wall, Atty.	<b>DENIED WITHOUT PRE JUDICE 6-16-65 DOCKET # 15903: **</b>	

\*\* PER Dockets: Petition for Reconsideration filed 7-9-65 See Docket 15903  
 PETITION for reconsideration granted 9-8-65 MEMO OPINION & ORDER in Docket 15903: CP  
 EXTENDED until Comm. acts on pending assignment application (filed 8-2-65); and if assign. applica-  
 tion is granted, extended six months after effectuation of assignment application. (BAPCT-  
 on card #6

FORM BC-121  
Aug. 1955

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call TVU (11-4-65)  
Letters XWELI-TV

Name CONNECTICUT RADIO FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED  
CH 59 NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAPCT-370 Received *Filed	7-15-65	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to <del>Connecticut Television, Inc.</del> REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.636 OF COMM'S Dow, Lohnes & Albertson-attys for assignor McKenna and Wilkinson-attys for assignee <u>[SEE CARD #7 FOR AMENDMENT]</u>	<del>CON-1-1-65</del>	<del>per-</del>
	8-2-65		<del>Afford.</del>	*Date BMPCT-
	9-8-65		5744 Doc. 15903 was Re-	instated.
-----			<b>GRANTED</b>	<b>8-18-67</b>
BMPCT-6369 R & F	9-19-66	Mod. of CP (BPC-456, as mod., which auth. a new station) to make the following changes: ERP to Vis. 180 kw, Aur. 45.2 kw; transmitter location to Sleeping Giant Park, Hamden, Conn. Studio location to "To be determined", New Haven, Conn.; type of transmitter to RCA-10-A; type of antenna to RCA-TFU-27-DH; make changes in antenna structure and increase antenna hgt. above average terrain to 748 feet.  Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Atty.	<del>8-22-67</del>	
	9-21-66		<b>DISMISSED</b>	<b>9-11-67</b>
			<b>REQUEST OF APPLICANT THRU ATTY. <i>ip</i></b>	

Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine represents Imparts Inc. per ltr. 8-24-67

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM TV B/C

Call Letters WTVU

**IMPART SYSTEMS, INC.**

Name XCONNECTICUT-RADIO-FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED

New Haven, Connecticut

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAPCT-370 cont'd. AMENDED Rec'd. Filed	9-2-66 9-12-66 9-28-66	AMENDED to change assignee to IMPART SYSTEMS, INC. (financial and programming data).	GRANTED EFF:	8-18-67 8-22-67
AMENDED R & F	4-6-67 4-6-67	AMENDED to show Victor Muscat as sole owner of Impart Systems, Inc.; and upon approval of assignment of application, appoint new officers to Imparts Systems, Inc. (additional financial)		
BMPCT-6611 R & F AUG 31 1967	8-23-67 8-25-67	Mod. of CP(BPCT-456, as mod., which auth. a new station) to make the following changes: ERP to Vis. <del>1627</del> kw; Aur. <del>471</del> kw; trans. loc. to <del>Quinnipiac Trail, Rocky Top, Haddam, Conn.</del> ; studio loc. to "To-Be Determined", -New-Haven; Conn.; type trans. <del>RCA-TTU-50C</del> ; type antenna <del>RCA-TTU-42J</del> ; antenna system; antenna struc.; and increase antenna height above average terrain to <del>756</del> feet. Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gamine, Atty. Russell P. May, Engr.	GRANTED No CP issued GRANT SET ASIDE	9-25-67 10-4-67

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR PETITIONS

PETITION TO DEFER ACTION filed 10-6-67 by Theodore Baron for WATR, Inc.

OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DEFER ACTION filed 10-10-67 by Benito Gagaine for  
Impart Systems, Inc.

REPLY TO "OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DEFER ACTION" filed 10-23-67 by Theodore Baron  
for WATR, Inc.

REQUEST FOR CONDITIONAL GRANT filed 1-29-68 by Benito Gagaine for WTVU

Copy of Complaint and Answer filed in US District Court for the Southern District  
of N. Y. in Civil Action No. 4182 entitled Securities and Exchange Commission v.  
Fifth Avenue Coach Lines, Inc., et al.

SUPPLEMENT TO "PETITION FOR conditional GRANT" filed 2-15-68 by Benito Gagaine  
for Impart Systems, Inc.

PETITION TO DENY filed 3-21-68 filed by Michael Finkelstein for WATR

OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 4-4-68 Benito Gagaine for Impart Systems, Inc.

SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION TO DENY AND PETITION FOR REVOCATION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT filed 4-15-68  
by Michael Finkelstein for WATR, Inc.

OPPOSITION TO "SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION TO DENY AND PETITION FOR REVOCATION OF CONSTRUCTION  
PERMIT" filed 5-14-69 by Donald W. Ward for Impart Systems, Inc.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO "SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION TO DENY AND PETITION FOR REVOCATION OF CP"  
filed 5-23-69 by Michael Finkelstein for WATR, INC.

Impart Systems, Inc.  
439 Waite St.  
Hartford, Conn. 06514

8-22-67



APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV

Call  
Letters W T V U

Name IMPART SYSTEMS, INC.  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

CH. 59

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-7097 Recd. & Filed PRESS	2-18-68 2-14-68	MP (BPCT-456, as mod.) to extend completion date to _____ Donald E. Ward, Atty. (Fly, Shuebruk, Blume)	\$30,440.6994	2-14-68
<del>BMPCT-6611</del> <del>AMENDED</del> <del>FAA</del> Press	Cont'd 9-20-69 3-21-69 APR 15 1968	AMENDED to change ERP to Vis. 297.9 kw (Hors), Agr. 59.58 kw (Hors); trans. loc. to On Sea Hill Road, approx. 1.2 mi. N. of Beach St. Intersection, New Haven, Conn. (41 22 12 - 72 45 12); type trans. RCA TTB-30As-type antenna RCA TTB-48K; antenna structure; and antenna height above average terrain to 1291.3 feet. Request Waiver of Section 73.685 of Comm's Rules.  AMENDED 5-14-69 re financial data and applicant's legal qualifications.  FAA Determination of No Hazard filed 5-27-69		

*Smith 5-28-69*

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W T V U

Name IMPART SYSTEMS, INC.  
Ch. 59 New Haven, Connecticut

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
IMPACT-6611 Cont'd AMENDED Rec. & filed	1-29--70 2-12-70 FEB 18 1970	AMENDED to chg. ERP to Vis. 116.1 kw, Aur. 23.2 kw; type of transmitter to RCA TTU-60A1; type of antenna to RCA TZP-507; and HAAT to 1289.6 ft. AMENDED 6-23--70 re engr. data.		
Engr. data filed <del>Engr. data filed</del> Rec. & filed	6-15-70 7-30-71 8-6-71 AUG 13 1971	Amended to change to studio location to "On Sea Hill Road approx. 1.2 miles North of its intersection with Beach Street, North Branford, Conn. Req. waiver of Sec. 73.613 of Comm's Rules.		
	Licensee no longer represent by Mallyck and Bernton (ltd			4-10-73

Ltr. 3-27-73 from Lynn L. Barnard objecting to Victor Muscat's Petition before the Commission of March 8, 1973 (?).

Ltr. 4-9-73 from Donald B. Ward re above - to Roy Stewart 4-12-73.

**APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING**

COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters W T V U

CH-59 **Name** IMPART SYSTEMS, INC.  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAPCT-7545 R & F #322562 \$2500.00 AC: 003 PRESS: PH REC'D: GRANT FEE: \$22,500.00 GRANT FEE PAID: AC: 004	7-1-74 7-3-74 7-3-74 JUL 30 1974 8-8-74	MP(BPCT-456 as mod.) to chg. ERP to Vis. 138kW(H)RMS, Aur. 19.6kW(H)RMS; TL to Off Burwell Rd. near water tank, West Haven, Conn. (41-17-43 72-58-25); SL to Same as TL; type trans. to RCA TTU-30; type ant. to RCA TFU-15J DAS; and HAAT 508 ft.  Atty.: Donald E. Ward (Fly, Shuebruk, Blime and Gaguine) Engr.: <u>Steel, Andrus &amp; Adair</u>  Ltr. 2-19-75 from Thomas N. Fronock on behalf of Connecticut Television, Inc. (BAPCT-509) submitting copy of Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation - to Bill Martin 2-21-75.	cut off date 10-1-75 FCC release 5-3895	

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September 1969

CARD #11

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters W T V UName IMPART SYSTEMS, INC.  
CH-59 NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
<del>CH-59</del> R & F #322567 \$1000 AC: 051 PRESS: PH REC'D: GRANT FEE: GRANT FEE PAID: AC: 052 Form 314	7-1-74 7-3-74 7-3-74 AUG 27 1974 8-8-74	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to <del>Connecticut Television, Inc.</del>  Attys.: Donald E. Ward (Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine)(Assignor) Thomas N. Frohock (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner)(Assignee)  Amended 2-24-75 re financial. Amended 5-21-75 re financial. Amende 6-27-75 re financial.		
HTC-7917 R & F #509923 \$100. AC 047 12-16-75 Form 316 PRESS:	12-4-75 12-16-75 23 DEC 1975	Involuntary transfer of control of permittee corporation from Victor Muscat, deceased to Albert F. Campbell, Charles Tackman & Robert Tiberlis, Executors.  Atty: Donald E. Ward	GRANTED EFF:	12-30-75

BAPCT-509

PETITION TO DENY AND FOR OTHER RELIEF filed 8-29-74 by M. Finkelstein on behalf of Thomas Television, Inc.

OPPOSITION OF CONNECTICUT TELEVISION, INC. TO PETITION TO DENY AND FOR OTHER RELIEF filed 9-25-74 by Steven A Lerman on behalf of Connecticut Television, Inc.

OPPOSITION TO "PETITION TO DENY AND FOR OTHER RELIEF" filed 9-25-74 by Donald Ward on behalf of Impart Systems, Inc.

REPLY TO OPPOSITIONS filed 10-11-74 by M. Finkelstein on behalf of Thomas Television, Inc

INFORMAL OBJECTION AND APPLICATION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT filed 12-9-75 by James J. Freeman on behalf of Connecticut Shoreline Associates

OPPOSITION TO "INFORMAL OBJECTION TO APPLICATION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT" filed 12-24-75 by Impart Systems, Inc. by Donald Ward

OPPOSITION TO INFORMAL OBJECTION filed 12-24-75 by Thomas Frohock on behalf of Connecticut Television, Inc.

REPLY TO OPPOSITIONS TO INFORMAL OBJECTION filed 1-14-76 by Connecticut Shoreline Associates

Copy of 301 appl. filed 3-2-76 on behalf of Connecticut Shoreline Communications, Inc. (2)

SUPPLEMENT TO INFORMAL OBJECTION AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED ACTION filed 3-1-78 by James Freeman on behalf of Connecticut Shoreline Corporation.

COMMENT OF PLAINS-NEW HAVEN, INC. UPON "SUPPLEMENT TO INFORMAL OBJECTION AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED ACTION" filed 3-16-78 by Thomas Frohock on behalf of Plains-New Haven.

**APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING**

**COMMERCIAL TV**

Call  
Letters W T V U

Name IMPART SYSTEMS, INC.  
CH-59 NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BARCT-509 CONTINUED AMENDMENT R & F PRESS: PW REC'D:	7-25-77	Re chg. Assignee to Plains-New Haven, Inc.		
	SEP 7 1977 7-29-77	Amended 7-17-78 re additional information		
		Amended 6-30-80 re legal		

COMMENTS UPON "SUPPLEMENT TO INFORMAL OBJECTION AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED ACTION" filed 3-16-78 by Donald Ward on behalf of Impart Systems, Inc.

REPLY TO COMMENTS filed 3-28-78 by James Freeman on behalf of Connecticut Shoreline Corporation

COMMENTS ON PLAINS-NEW HAVEN, INC.'S AMENDMENT AND RENEWED INFORMAL OBJECTION filed 10-11-78 by James Freeman for Connecticut Shoreline.

MOTION TO DISMISS "COMMENTS" OF CONNECTICUT SHORELINE CORPORATION filed 10-25-78 by Don Ward for

Impart.

MOTION TO DISMISS filed 11-6-78 by James McKenna for Plains New Haven, Inc.



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

