

WVVA

B-S Card # 1

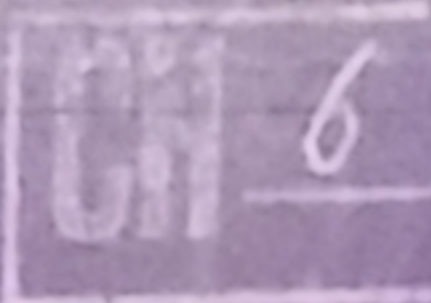
BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

COMM. TV B/O

FIRST OPERATION: 7-27-55 (started 7-21-55)

WVVA (EFF: 5/1/79)

Date first licensed 12-13-56 (O.F. No. 252)



Call letters XWHIS-TV
(Sta. Loc. Bluefield, West Va.)

NDBA

WVVA TELEVISION, INC. (AL 4-9-79; Eff: 5-1-79)

Name of licensee X DAILY TELEGRAPH PRINTING COMPANY

Transmitter location 2.3 miles S.E. of Bluefield, Near Bluefield, West Virginia

Main studio location East Cumberland Road, Near Bluefield, West Va. (BMLCT-631 GR.10-26-66)
X Municipal Bldg., Corner Ramsey & Bland Sts., Bluefield, W. Va. (BMPCT-3005)
5-4-55

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPCT-1515	10-29-54	Ch. # 6 82-88mcs	V 50 kw A 29.8kw	U	12-29-54 6-29-55
CP for a new Comm. TV B/C Station. (1220')					
BMPCT-3003	4-5-55	same	same	same	12-29-54
Mod. of CP (BPCT-1515) to chg. studio location and make equipment change. (Long form)					
BMPCT-3217	7-6-55	same	same	same	12-29-54
Mod. of CP (BPCT-1515, as mod) to extend completion date					
WIRE	6-27-55	STA Opr.	Comm. basis accord.	CP BMPCT-3217	pending filing of Lic. appl. Auth. expires 2-1-56.
BMPCT-3664	1-4-56	same	same	same	12-29-54
Mod. CP (BPCT-1515, as mod) to extend completion date					
WIRE	1-5-56	KT. STA	granted to operate	comm. basis accord.	CP (BMPCT-3664) pending filing of license application. Authorization expires 8-1-56.
BLCT-490	12-13-56	CH #6 82-88	V-50 kw A-29.5 kw	U	12-13-56 10-1-57
License to cover BPCT-1515, as mod					
BRCT-252	9-11-57	same	same	same	10-1-57 10-1-60
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BRCT-252	9-28-60	same	same	same	10-1-57 10-1-63 60
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BRCT-252	4-17-64	same	same	same	4-17-64 10-1-66
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BMLCT-601	4-27-66	Ch. #6	V-50Kw A-8.52Kw	U	4-27-66 10-1-66
Mod of lic to reduce Aural ERP					
BMLCT-601	4-27-66	Ch. 6 82-88 mcs	V-50 kw A-6.03 kw	U	4-27-66 10-1-66
Supersedes Auth. of same date to correct Aural ERP & TOP					
BRCT-252	9-1-66	Same	Same	Same	10-1-66 10-1-69
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BMLCT-631	10-26-66	same	same	same	10-26-66 10-1-69
Mod. of Lic. to chg. studio location					

Form BC 126
June 1954

CARD #2

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters WHIS-TV

Station location BLUEFIELD,
WEST VIRGINIA

Name of licensee DAILY TELEGRAPH PRINTING COMPANY

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To-
BRCT-252 AH:1220' MSL:--- Renewal of license and NDEA.	9-25-69	Ch-6 82-88mcs	V-50kw A-6.0kw	Unl.	10-1-69 10-1-72
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRCT-252	4-28-76	Renewal	of license (S)		10-1-78
BALCT- 790208KG	4-9-79	VOL.	A/L		
BRCT-252	11-30-78	RENEWAL	OF LICENSE(S)		10-1-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV.

Call

WBIS-TV

Letters

NEW

Name DAILY TELEGRAPH PRINTING COMPANY
 (P.O. 623 Commerce Street, Bluefield, West Virginia)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-1515	12-12-52	Construction permit for new Comm. TV Station	GRANTED (Order)ocket #11043	10-29-54
Rec'd	12-16-52	FREQ: Channel # 6 -82-88 Mcs.		
Filed	12-16-52	ERP Vis. 61.419 kw, Aur. 34.998 kw Unlimited hours of operation S-L- 305 Reservoir Road, Beckley, W. Virginia T-L- Same as studio (Vis. & Aur. ECA TT-10 AL) (458.51) Robert L. Irwin- attorney		
AMENDED	12-3-53	Amended to change Officers, Directors, and		
Rec'd & Filed	12-3-53	Stockholders		
AMENDED	3-9-54	Amended to change ERP from Vis. 61.419 kw,		
Rec'd	3-19-54	Aur. 34.998 kw to Vis. 59.859 kw, Aur. 34.100		
Filed	3-22-54	kw; antenna height above average terrain from 458.5' to 301.25' ; type antenna; trans. and studio locations from 305 Reservoir Road, Beckley, W. Va. to approx. 1.2 miles East of the center of Bluefield, W. Va. , and Talbott St., Bluefield, W. Va., respectively; and other equipment.		

John H. Mullaney- Engr.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call Letters WHIS-TV
WHIS-TVName DAILY TELEGRAPH PRINTING COMPANY
(P.O. 623 Commerce Street, Bluefield, West Virginia)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-1515 AMENDED Rec'd Filed	4-27-54 4-27-54 4-27-54	Amended to change ERP from Vis. 59.859 kw, Aur. 34.100 kw to Vis. 50.122 kw, Aur. 28.146 kw; antenna height above average terrain from 301.25' to 1225'; trans. loc. from Approx. 1.2 mi. E. of the center of Bluefield, W. Va. to Approx. 2.3 mi. S, 71° 30' E. from U.S. Post Office in Bluefield, W. Va.; and equip. chgs.	SEE ACTION CARD #1	
BPCT-3003 Recd & filed	3-28-55 3-28-55	Modification of CP (BPCT-1515, which auth. a new commercial TV b/c station) to change studio location from Talbott St., Bluefield, West Virginia to Municipal Building, Corner Ramsey & Bland Streets, Bluefield, West Va., and make other equipment change. Filed by John B. Jacob, Atty.	GRANTED	4-3-55

FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters WHIS-TVName DAILY TELEGRAPH PRINTING COMPANY
Bluefield, West.VA.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-3217 Rec'd & filed Ext.#3	6-28-55 6-28-55	Mod. of CP(BPCT-1515, as mod., which auth. a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 8-1-55 to 4-1-56. Filed by <u>Thomas H. Wall, Atty.</u>	GRANTED	7-6-55
BMPCT-3664 Rec'd. & filed Ext.#4	12-21-55 12-28-55	Mod. of CP(BPCT-1515, as mod., which auth. a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 2-1-56 to April, 1956. Filed by <u>Thomas H. Dougherty, Atty.</u>	GRANTED	1-4-56
BLCT-490 Rec'd. & filed	6-19-56 6-19-56	License to cover BPCT-1515, which auth. a new Comm. TV B/C Station. Filed by <u>Thomas J. Dougherty, Atty.</u>	GRANTED	12-13-56
BTC- Rec'd	3-12-57 3-13-57	Involuntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Jim H. Shott and Hugh I. Shott, Jr., individually and as Executors of the Estate of Hugh I. Shott, Sr., to Hugh I. Shott, Jr., Individually and as Executor of the Estate of Hugh I. Shott, Sr.,	RETURNED request of Attys.	3-27-57

Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Attys.

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

FORM BC-121

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FORM A-170

Call
Letters WHIS-TVName DAILY TELEGRAPH PRINTING COMPANY
Bluefield, West, Va.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-252 Recd & filed	6-21-57 7-1-57	Renewal of license Filed by Thomas J. Daugherty, Atty.	GRANTED	9-11-57
BRCT-252 Recd. & Filed	6-13-60 6-28-60	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Filed by Al. C. Gordon, Jr.	GRANTED	9-28-60
BRCT-252 Recd. & Filed	6-8-63 7-3-63	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Alfred C. Gordon, Jr. Atty.	GRANTED	4-17-64
BMLCT-601 R & F	3-2-66 3-8-66	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 29.5 kw to 8.5 kw John B. Jacob, Atty.	GRANTED	4-27-66
BRCT-252 R & F	6-28-66 7-5-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Attys.	GRANTED	9-1-66
BMLCT-631 R & F	8-15-66 8-26-66	Mod. of license to change studio location to East Cumberland Road, Near Bluefield, West Virginia. Request Waiver of Commission's Rules, Section 73.613 Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Atty.	GRANTED	10-26-66

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FORM BC-121

AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV

Call
Letters WHIS-TVNAME DAILY TELEGRAPH PRINTING COMPANYCH. 6 BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-252 R & F \$150 #526916 PN Recd. PRESS	6-23-69 7-2-69 " " AUG 5 1969	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Alan C. Campbell, Atty. (Dow, Lohnes, Albertson)	GRANTED	9-25-69
ENGR. DATA FILED 3-25-71 Annual filing fee	7-7-70	\$200.00 paid 11-9-70. #642189.		
BRCT-252 R & F PN REC PRESS	6-27-72 7-3-72 7-3-72 JUL 10 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Alan C. Campbell (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) AMENDED 9-29-72 re programming.	GRANTED COMMISSION ACTION See back of Card #6	4-28-76

BRCT-252

MOTION TO ACCEPT ONE COPY OF PETITION TO DENY AND TO INTERVENE filed 9-1-72 by
Citizens for Better Broadcasting in Southern West Virginia.

MOTION TO ACCEPT CORRECTED COPIES OF PETITION TO DENY AND TO INTERVENE filed 9-5-72 by
Citizens for Better B/C.

MOTION FOR EXT. OF TIME TO FILE OPPOSITION filed 9-13-72 by Alan Campbell for WHIS-TV.

OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY AND TO INTERVENE filed 10-16-72 by Alan Campbell for WHIS-TV.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY filed 10-26-72 on behalf of Robert Jay Stein for
WHIS-TV.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY filed 11-21-72 by Robert Jay Stein on behalf of
Citizens for Better Broadcasting.

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WHIS-TVName DAILY TELEGRAPH PRINTING COMPANY
CH-6 Bluefield, West Va.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-252 R & F PN Rec'd PRESS:	5-29-75 6-2-75 6-2-75 16 JUL 1975	SUPPLEMENTAL RENEWAL OF LICENSE Annual Report Filed Atty: Alan C. Campbell (Dow, Lohnes & Albers-son)	GRANTED COMMISSION ACTION (See other side)	4-28-76
BRCT-252 R&F EN RECD PRESS	5-24-78 6-1-78 6-1-78 JUN 13 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE No Contours filed:	GRANTED CONDITIONAL	11-30-78
		Contours filed 12-2-75.		

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 4-28-76, released 5-7-76 FCC 76-390 40317: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the petition to deny filed September 1, 1972 by Citizens for Better Broadcasting in Southern West Virginia IS DENIED, and the applications, as supplemented, for renewal of licenses for WHIS-AM, FM and TV, Bluefield, West Virginia, ARE GRANTED for the remainder of the license term for West Virginia stations (i.e., to October 1, 1978).

MOTION FOR PARTIAL RECONSIDERATION, TO INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH COMMISSION DIVESTITURE ORDERS filed by Charles M. Firestone & Frank W. Lloyd on behalf of Citizens Communications Center. WHIS (AM-FM-TV) license folders to Carol Foelak 6-11-76.

OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR PARTIAL RECONSIDERATION filed by ⁶⁻²⁵⁻⁷⁶ Thomas H. Wall & Alan Campbell on behalf of Daily Telegraph Printing Company.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR PARTIAL RECONSIDERATION filed 6-30-76 by Charles M. Firestone & Frank W. Lloyd on behalf of Citizens for Better Broadcasting in Southern West Virginia.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 10-21-76, released 11-8-76 FCC 76-972 & 42611: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the petition for reconsideration filed by CBB IS DENIED.

402(b) appeal filed 12-3-76 by Citizens For Better Broadcasting In Southern West Virginia.

Renewal grtd. 11-30-78 9-condition:

This grant is conditioned upon our Second Report and Order in Docket No. 18110, 50 FCC 2d 1046 (1975) ordering divestiture of this station by January 1, 1980, and the appeal of that decision currently pending before the United States Supreme Court (Case No. 76-1471).

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters **WVVA**
X WHIS-TV

WVVA TELEVISION, INC.

Name **X DAILY TELEGRAPH PRINTING COMPANY**
CH-6 BLUEFIELD, WV

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BALCT-790208KG R & F PRESS: PH REC'D: (Form 314)	2-5-79	Voluntary assignment of license to WVVA Television, Inc. Atty.: Alan C. Campbell (Dow, Lohnes and Albertson)	GRANTED	4-9-79
	2-8-79			EFF: 5-1-79
	79 0301			
	2-8-79	Request issuance of a Tax Certificate pursuant to Section 1071 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 1071, in connection with BALCT-790208KG.	GRANTED	4-9-79
R & F PRESS:	2-8-79			
	79 0301			

CARD NO. 8

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING
COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call Letters: WVVA-TV

Name: WVVA TELEVISION, INC.

CH-6

Station Location: BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRCT-810529KI R&F PN REC'D	5-28-81 5-29-81 5-29-81	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: EARL R. STANLEY {DOW, LOHNS AND ALBERTSON}	

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.

