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Form BG 126 PROGRAM TEST AUTHORITY GRANTED 12-16-64

June 1964 ~~RENEWED~~ JANUARY 16, 1965, ~~RE~~ COMPLETED 1-25-65

CHM-TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 10-24-67 (OFF. #641)

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Call letters WZZM-TV

Station location GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

WOMTICO WEST MICHIGAN TV, INC. (ML 3-14-78)

Name of licensee WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC.

Transmitter location ALGER ROAD AND 136th STREETS, NEAR BRIDGETON, MICHIGAN

Main studio location 645 Three Mile Road, N. W., Walker, Michigan (BMPCT-6341 1-9-67)

1125 COLLEGE AVENUE, S.E., GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPCT-2956	4-22-64	CH. 13	V-295 kw	U	6-22-64
BOOK # 14469		210-216	A-148 kw		12-22-64
AH: 1000' MSL: 1783'					
<u>Construction Permit for a New Comm. TV B/C Station:</u>					
MEMO OPINION & ORDER ADOPTED 12-16-64, ACTION ON LICENSE APPL. WITHHELD: RE SECTION 73.629 OF RULES, PROGRAM TEST AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 18, 1965, AND PROG. TEST AUTH. previously granted to Channel 13, Grand Rapids, Inc. IS terminated Effective same date.					
BPCT-3532	4-2-65	CH. 13	V. 295 kw	U	6-2-65
AH: 1000' MSL: 1783'		210-216	A. 58.9 kw		12-2-65
<u>Construction Permit to reduce Aural ERP.</u>					
TELEGRAM REC. 1-21-65: PROGRAM TEST AUTHORITY WZZM-TV, WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC. WILL BEGIN 1-25-65. SAME DATE THAT CHANNEL 13, GRAND RAPIDS, INC. WZZM-TV WILL CEASE.					
WIRE 11-4-65 RE AMENDMENT TO BLCT-1364 DATED 5-24-65, WZZM-TV PROGRAM TEST AUTHORITY IS HEREBY MODIFIED TO INCLUDE REDUCED AURAL ERP FACILITIES AUTH. BY CP BPCT-3532.					
BPCT-6341	1-9-67	Same	Same	Same	6-2-65
Mod. of CP (BPCT-3532)		Same	Same	Same	12-2-65
to change studio location.					
BLCT-1364	10-24-67	CH-13	V-295 kw	U	10-24-67
AH: 1000' MSL: 1783'		210-216	A-58.9 kw		10-1-70
License to cover CP (BPCT-2956 & BPCT-3532)					
BTC-5959	9-17-69	VOL. T/C			
BRCT-641	9-30-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			10-1-73
BTC-7100	3-30-73	Invol. TC			
Wire	10-31-73	Pending filing & action on Applic. for permanent change, auth. gtd. oper. temp. per. end. 1-31-74 with aural power reduce to 10% of lic. visual power.			
BTC-7246	10-12-73	Voluntary transfer of control.			

Form BC 125
June 1954

Class. TV.

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

CARD #2

Date first licensed

Call letters WZZM-TV

Station location

Name of licensee WZZM MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC.

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
Wire	1-30-74	PENDING ACTION ON APPLI FOR PERMANENT CHANGE, EXTEND AUTH. GTD. OPER. TEMP. PER. ENDING 2-28-74 WITH AURAL POWER REDUCED TO 10% of lic. VIS. POWER			
WIRE	3-1-74	Pending action on applications for permanent change, extension authority granted operate WZZM-TV temporarily period ending April 30, 1974 with aural power reduced to 10 percent of licensed visual power.			
BMLCT-773	3-19-74	ML to reduce Aur. ERP. <u>Wire sent; not issued; to be issued with Renewal.</u>			
WIRE	1-24-75	Exp. auth. grtd. oper. WXXM-TV with precise freq. control as specified in your request temp. per. end. 4-24-75 advise when oper. commences under this auth.			
BMLCT-789	10-11-74	ML to incr. Aur. ERP. <u>Wire Sent; not issued; to be issued with Renewal.</u>			
BRCT-64	12-17-75	Ch-13	V-295kW	U	10-1-76
BMLCT-789		210-216	Mhz	A-58.9kW	
BMLCT-773					
<u>RENEWAL OF LICENSE & MODIFICATIONS</u>					
Wire	7-27-76	Auth. grted temp. operation using designed precision freq. control system pend. FCC action on construction permit. This auth. expires 11-2-76			
BRCT-64	9-15-76	Renewal of license (S)			10-1-79
BPCT-4952	3-9-77	Ch. 13	V. 295 kW	U	5-9-77
AH: 1000'	MSL: 1783'	210-216	A. 58.9 kW		9-9-78
CP to install precise frequency control equip.					
WIRE	3-16-77	Re tendered lic. appl., auth. grtd. oper WZZM-TV main trans. and ant., on program test accord. Sec. 73.629 rules and CP BPCT-4952.			
BLCT-2568	11-30-77	CH-13	V.295kW	U	10-1-79
AH: 1000'	MSL:1783'	210-216	A.58.9kW		
Lic. to cover (BPCT-4952) for install. of precise freq. control.					
BTC-8257	12-8-77	VOL. T/C			
BMLCT-847	3-14-78	ML to chg. name			

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BRCT-790601LK	9-21-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)	10-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV

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Name WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC.

c/o Lewis V. Chamberlin, Jr. Pres. 320 East Fulton St., Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

1370 Buttrick Ave. S.E., Ada, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-2956 Recd. & Filed	10-24-61	CONSTRUCTION PERMIT for a NEW Comm. TV B/C Stations: FREQ: Channel #13, 210-216 mcs. ERP: Visual 316 kw Aural 158 kw HOURS OF OPERATION: Unlimited Trans. Location: 3 miles South-Southeast of Bridgeton, Bridgeton, Michigan Studio Location: 125 College Avenue, S. E. Grand Rapids — Michigan STATION LOCATION: GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN (GE TT-51B, Vis. & Aural) (AH: 959 feet) Reed Miller, Atty. A. Earl Cullum, Jr. Eng. of Dallas, Texas	GRANTED	4-22-64
	10-27-61			DECISION IN DOCKET 144/0
Amended Recd Filed	1-13-62 1-17-62 2-8-62	Amended to furnish additional financial data	REQUEST FOR INTERIM OPERATION DISMISSED	3-21-62. ORDER ADOPTED
Amended Rec. Filed	10-18-62 10-23-62 10-31-62	Amended Subscription Agreements and financial data.		

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Name WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC.
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-1364 Recd. & Filed *AMENDMENT BELOW MEMO OPINION & ORDER ADOPTED 12-16-64, ACTION ON BLCT-1364 WITHHELD: PROGRAM TEST AUTH. GRANTED WMT, INC. EFFECTIVE 1-18-65 and ordered Channel 13 Grand Rapids, Inc. to Terminate program test authority EFFECTIVE 3:00AM, 1-18-65 SEE OTHER SIDE FOR PETITIONS	5-4-64 5-6-64	LICENSE to cover CP (BPCT-2956, Docket #14469) which authorized a new Comm. TV Broadcast station. Reed Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	10-24-67
BPCT-3532 Rec. & filed	2-26-65 3-12-65	Construction PERmit to reduce Aural ERP from 148 kw to 63.1kw (Max.) Reed Miller, Atty.	RETURNED Request of attorney (for applicant)	3-31-65
BPCT-3532 Rec. & filed	2-26-65 3-12-65	Construction permit to reduce Aural ERP from 148 kw to 63 kw - (Max.) Reed Miller-atty	GRANTED	4-2-65
BLCT-1364 AMENDED R & F	5-24-65 5-28-65	Amended to also cover facilities authorized in BPCT-3532. Arnold, Fortas & Porter-atty	GRANTED	10-24-67

BLCT-1364

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND TO DESIGNATE FOR HEARING filed 11-24-67 By Molnar
for BCU-TV - DENIED 2-14-68 by Memo Opinion & Order #11234

OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND TO DESIGNATE FOR HEARING filed 12-7-67
by Reed Miller for West Michigan Telecasters, Inc.

Ltr. from Arnold & Porter written on behalf of West Michigan in reponse to letter dated
1-16-68 to the Comm. from Molnar & Gammon. - *Stuart 2-1-68*

Ltr. from Molnar & Gammon filed on behalf of WWU-TV dated 2-1-68. - *Stuart 2-1-68*

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV.

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WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC.
Grand Rapids, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-6341 R & F	7-22-66 7-28-66	Mod. of CP(BPCT-3532, which authorized a new station) to change studio location to 645 Three Mile Road, N. W., Walker, Michigan. Request Waiver of Rules Section 73.613(b). Arnold & Porter, Atty.	GRANTED	1-9-67

SFR CARD No. 2 for BLCT-1364 BTC- 5838 Rec. & Filed Prior	12-30-68 12-30-68 JAN 1 1969	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from William C. Dempsey, Philip W. Buchen, et al (All Stockholders) to Basic Communications Corporation. Atty: Arnold & Porter (Assignor) Dow Lohnes & Albertson (Assignee)	DISMISSED	3-24-69 PURSUANT TO REQUEST OF ATTY.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WZZM-TVName WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC.
Ch. 13 Grand Rapids, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-5959 Rec: Filed #516235 \$30 PRESS: PN REC'D:	5-2-69 5-20-69 5-20-69 5-20-69 MAY 29 1969	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from William C. Dempsey, Philip W. Buchen, et al (All Stockholders) to Synergistic Communications Corporation. Reed Miller, Arnold & Porter AMENDED 8-13-69 re legal.	GRANTED EFF:	9-17-69 10-29-69
BPCT- 4240 Rec. & filed \$150 #517911 PRESS PN Recd.	5-23-69 5-27-69 5-27-69 JUN 12 1969	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 228 kw (Horz) (RMS); Aur. 45.6 kw (Horz) (RMS); transmitter location to 4.55 mi. West of Hudsonville, 2.75 mi. North of State Rt. 21, Hudsonville, Mich. (42 52 23 85 57 28); type of transmitter to GE TT530-F; type of antenna to GE TY-98A; and install precision frequency control. Req. waiver of Sec. 73.610(b)(1) of Rules. Reed Miller (Arnold & Porter) Atty. AMENDED 7-7-69 re engr. data. AMENDED 11-26-69 re legal.	DISMISSED Memo. Opinion & Order #46460 adopted. Waiver of Sec. 73.610(b)(1) denied. Letter of Appeal filed 1-11-71 No. 71-1007 COURT OF APPEAL affirmed Memo. Op. & Order	APR 20 1970

BTC-5959

Informal objections filed 7-2-69 by Ch. 41, Inc. (Welch & Morgan)

BPCT-4240

PETITION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1.580(1) filed 7-14-69 by Warren Zwicky for Stordr B/C Co.

OBJECTIONS OF ASSOCIATION OF MAXIMUM SERVICE TELECASTERS, INC. filed 7-14-69 by Covington

& Burling.

Engineering Statement filed 7-15-69; to be associated with Petition filed 7-14 by Zwicky.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO OPPOSE PETITION AND OBJECTIONS filed 7-17-69 by Reed Miller
for West Michigan Telecasters, Inc.

OPPOSITION TO OBJECTIONS AND STATEMENT WITH RESPECT TO PETITION filed 8-11-69 by
Reed Miller for W.M.T.

OPPOSITION TO APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT filed 8-8-69 by Forbes W. Blair for
Channel 41, Inc.

RESPONSE TO OPPOSITION TO APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT filed 8-21-69 by Reed Miller
for West Michigan.

ERRATA IN "RESPONSE TO OPPOSITION TO APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT" filed 8-26-68 by
Reed Miller for West Michigan.

REPLY TO "RESPONSE TO OPPOSITION TO APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT" filed 9-12-69
by Forbes W. Blair for Channel 41, Inc.

REPLY OF AMST filed 9-26-69

SEE CARD #55

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WZZM-TVName WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC.
Ch. 13, Grand Rapids, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-4240 - Cont'd		Amended 12-15-69 to submit affidavit of Carmind F. Patti and other legal data.		
ENGR. DAT A FILED 6-22-70				
ENGR. DATA FILED 7-2-70				
BRCT-641	6-26-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-30-70
R & F	7-1-70	Atty: Anne W. Branscomb (Arnold & Porter)		
#612791 \$150	7-1-70			
PRESS	JUL 5 1970			
P N. recd	7-1-70			

BPCT-4240

SUPPLEMENT TO OPPOSITION TO APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT filed 1-13-70 by Forbes W. Blair for Channel 41, Inc.

RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENT TO OPPOSITION TO APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT filed 1-28-70 by Reed Miller for West Michigan.

MEMO, OPINION & ORDER ADOPTED 4-29-70 denying waiver of Sec. 73.610 (b)(1) and dismissed

BPCT-4240

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION BY WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC. filed 6-3-70 by Reed Miller
MOTION TO EXTEND TIME FOR FILING OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 6-15-70
by Forbes Blair for Channel 41, Inc.

OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 6-23-70 by Forbes Blair for Ch. 3, Inc.

OPPOSITION OF AMST TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION BY WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC.
filed 6-23-70 by Edgar Czarra, Jr.

REPLY OF WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC. TO OPPOSITIONS TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed
7-6-70 by Reed Miller for West Michigan.

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION DENIED and Comms Decision of April 29, 1970 affirmed by
Memo Op. & Order adopted 12-2-70 released 12-7-70 FCC 70-1258

COURT OF APPEALS AFFIRMED Comms Memo, Opinion & Order released 12-7-70.

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COMMERCIAL TV

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Name WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC.
CH-13 GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-6769 R & F #028797 \$1000 AC: 051 PRESS PN REC'D GRANT FEE: GRANT FEE PAID:	12-28-71	Voluntary transfer of control of Synercom Communications Corporation (parent corporation of licensee) from William C. Dempsey, et al (original stockholders) to Henry M. Hogan, Jr., Elinor Bunin, et al (present stockholders). Atty.: David H. Lloyd (Arnold & Porter)	DISMISSED	3-23-73
	12-30-71			
	12-30-71			
	JAN 20 1972			
	1--26-72			
BTC-7100 R & F #161095 \$250 AC-055 PRESS: PN REC'D	3-5-73	Involuntary transfer of control of Synercom Communications Corporation (parent corp. of lic) from William C. Dempsey, et al (original stock- holders of licensee) to Nancy S. Dempsey, Executrix of the Estate of William C. Dempsey, Deceased; et al Atty: Arnold & Porter	GRANTED	3-30-73
	3-9-73			
	3-9-73			
				Eff:

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WZZM-TV

Name WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC.
CH 13, Grand Rapids, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-641 R & F PN recd Press: JSL	6-27-73 7-3-73 7-3-73 8-1-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Arnold & Porter, G.G. Gerlach, atty. Amended 10-1-73 re legal Amended 11-27-73 re litigation	GRANTED COMM. ACTION	12-17-75
BTC-7246 R & F #231490/250 AC: 051 PRESS: Form 316	9-5-73 9-11-73 9-11-73 27 SEP 1973	Voluntary transfer of control licensee corporation from Synecom Communications Corporation to Nancy S. Dempsey, Executrix of the Estate of William C. Dempsey, Deceased, et al. Amended 10-10-73 reflect chgs. in stockholdings	GRANTED	10-12-73 Eff: 12-31-73
EMICT-773 Referred Filed #270700 \$50 AG: 058 PRESS:	1-8-74 1-14-74 1-22-74 1-22-74 JAN 28 1974	Mod. of Lic. to reduce Aur. ERP to 29.35kW(H) Atty.: Reed Miller (Arnold & Porter)	GRANTED	3-19-74 Wire sent; not issued; to be issued with Renewal.

PETITION TO DENY filed 9-4-73 by Mary Jane Morris - - - - -

OPPOSITION OF WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC. TO AND REQUEST FOR DISMISSAL OF PETITION TO DENY filed 9-12-73 by Reed Miller on behalf of WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC.

Supplement to Petition to Deny filed 9-17-73 by Mary Jane Morris

REPLY TO OPPOSITION OF WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC filed 9-24-73 on behalf of West Michigan Telecasters, Inc.

MOTION TO STRIKE SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION TO DENY filed 9-27-73 by Reed Miller on behalf of West Michigan Telecasters, Inc.

COMMENTS OF WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC. RE ALLEGATIONS OF SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION TO DENY filed 9-27-73 by Reed Miller on behalf of West Michigan Telecasters, Inc.

Ltr. 11-9-73 from Reed Miller on behalf of West Michigan Telecasters, Inc. re ltr. of 10-31-73 from James R. Searer - copies to RR & Shiben 11-13-73.

PETITION FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION filed 11-30-73 by Reed Miller on behalf of West Michigan Telecasters, Inc.

Ltr. filed 12-19-73 by James R. Searer replying to Arnold & Porter ltr. of 11-9-73.

Ltr. 12-28-73 from Arnold & Porter replying to 12-19-73 letter of James Searer.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 12-17-75 released 12-24-75 FCC #75-1385, 38472

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the series of five letters filed with the Commission by James R. Searer and West Michigan Telecasters, Inc. from November 5, 1973, to February 21, 1974, ARE DISMISSED as unauthorized pleadings; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the motion to strike petitioner's "Supplement to Petition to Deny: filed by West Michigan Telecasters, Inc. IS DENIED for the reasons set forth in paragraph 4, supra; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the Petition to Deny filed by Mary Jane Morris IS DENIED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the above-captioned application for renewal of license of WZZM-TV, Grand Rapids, Michigan, IS GRANTED subject to the following qualifications and conditions: SEE CARD 7A

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WZZM-TV

Name WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC.
CH 13 GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BHCT-641	cont'd.	(1) without prejudice to whatever action the Commission may deem appropriate as a result of the anti-trust proceeding brought by James R. Searer now pending before the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and (2) that the licensee shall promptly notify the Commission of the final disposition of such proceeding.		
		MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO FILE PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 1-22-76 by Mary Jane Morris (to Rudolph Ennis in Renewals 1-27-76) with appl.		
		OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO FILE PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 1-27-76 by Reed Miller on behalf of WZZM-TV.		
		MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 2-3-76, released 2-17-76 FCC 76-89 39105: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, that the "Motion for Extension of Time in which to File Petition for Reconsideration IS DENIED.		
		Ltr. filed 2-25-77 from Reed Miller (Atty.) advising of dismissal of pending suits & copy of court order-license file		

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September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WZZM-TV

Name WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC.

CH-13 GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMLCT-789 Received Filed #349126 \$50 AC: 058 PRESS: BRCT-641 cont.	9-4-74 9-13-74 9-25-74 9-25-74 OCT 8 1974	ML to incr. Aur. ERP to 58.7kW(H). Amended 9-27-74 re legal. Amended 4-1-75 re legal. Amended 4-18-75 re legal.	GRANTED Wire sent; not issued; To be issued with Renewal.	10-11-74
BRCT-641 R&P PN RECD PRESS	5-21-76 5-28-76 5-28-76 10 JUL 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Atty.: Arnold & Porter)	GRANTED	9-15-76 9-15-76
BPCT-4952 RECD. FILED #567349 \$50 #602506 \$50 PRESS	5-10-76 5-14-76 8-10-76 5-14-76 8-10-76 8 SEP 1976	CP to install precise frequency control equip.	GRANTED	3-9-77 L 11-1-76

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Letters WZZM-TV

WOMETCO WEST MICHIGAN TV, INC.

Name WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC.CH-13 GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-8257 R&F PRESS EN RECD (Form 315)	2-7-77 2-7-77 14 FEB 1977 3-3-77	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Elinor Amin, Charles J. Gibson, Jr., et al (All Stockholders) to Wometco Enterprises, Inc. Attys.: Transferor-Reed Miller (Arnold & Porter) Transferee-Paul Dobin (Cohn & Marks) Amended 3-4-77 re loan agreement Amended 3-14-77 re supplemental information Amended 3-14-77 re additional information Amended 3-28-77 re additional information Amended 3-29-77 re additional information Amended 4-5-77 re additional information Amended 5-24-77 re ownership Amended 5-24-77 re legal & ownership Amended 7-13-77 re Ownership Amended 10-5-77 re legal Amended 10-17-77 re legal	GRANTED EFF:	12-8-77 1-24-78
BMLCT-847 R&F PRESS	2-6-78 2-9-78	ML to change name to WOMETCO WEST MICHIGAN TV, INC. Atty.: Robert B. Jacobi (Cohn & Marks)	GRANTED	3-14-78

BTC-8257

OPPOSITION OF WOMETCO ENTERPRISES, INC. TO THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF BTC-8257 (WZZM-TV)
filed 3-28-77 on behalf of WOMETCO ENTERPRISES, INC. by Paul Dobin.

OPPOSITION OF WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC. TO OBJECTIONS AND/OR PETITION OF CITIZENS FOR
REVITALIZATION OF GREATER MUSKEGON AREA TELEVISION filed 3-29-77 by Reed Miller on behalf
of West Michigzn Telecasters, Inc., WZZM-TV

Ltr. filed 5-26-77 from James R. Searer on behalf of Citizens for Revitalization of Greater
Muskegon Area Television re further information with regard to BTC-8257. -

Ltr. filed 5-26-77 from James R. Seater on behalf of Citizens for Revitalization of Greater
Muskegon Area Television responding to oppositions and provide further info. concerning

OPPOSITION OF WOMETOC ENTERPRISES, INC. filed 6-3-77 by Frances M. Grescher on behalf of
Wometco Enterprises, Inc.

Response TO INFORMAL OBJECTIONS filed 6-6-77 by Reed Miller on behalf of West Michigan
Telecasters, Inc.

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COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WZZM-TVName WEST MICHIGAN TELECASTERS, INC.
CH-13 Grand Rapids, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT- 2568 R & F	11-2-76 11-1-76	License to cover (BPCT-4952) to install precise frequency control equipment. Atty: Reed Miller (Arnold & Porter)	GRANTED ✓	11-30-77
PRESS:	SEP 7 1977			
BRCT 790601LK R & F PN REC'D PRESS	5-30-79 6-1-79 6-1-79 79 07 27	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: ROBERT B. JACOBI {COHN AND MARKS}	GRANTED	9-21-79

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.

