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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

W K R I (EFF: 6-4-73)

xW S V P (Eff:2-20-69)

Date first licensed 9-11-56

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SEE CARD #2 FOR NAME

Station Location: West Warwick, Rhode Island

xCONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (AL 11-15-72 EFF: 12-4-72)

x RSVP, INC. (AL 2-6-69 EFF. 2-17-69)

xGRELIN BROADCASTING, INC. (AL 9-5-57; EFF: 10-8-57)

Name of licensee x W. PAUL CURY

1501 Main Street, West Warwick, Rhode Island (re-described Lic. 9-11-56)

Transmitter location x Main St., nr. Methodist St., West Warwick, Rhode Island (CP 2-16-55)

1585 Centerville Road, Warwick, Rhode Island (ML800930AS 11-7-80)

02353

x1501 Main Street, West Warwick, Rhode Island (re-described Lic. 9-11-56)

Main studio location x Main St., nr. Methodist St., West Warwick, Rhode Island (CP 2-16-55)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BP-9540	2-16-55	1450	250w	U	4-16 10-16-55
C.P. for a new Standard Broadcast Station at West Warwick, Rhode Island					
BMP-6836	7-13-55	1450	250w	U	9-13 3-13-56
Mod. of CP (BP-9540) move tower, mount FM ant. on top &ext. of C & C dates. (COND'L)					
BMP-6980 (1)	10-24-55	Mod. of CP(9540, as mod.) to eliminate FM construction from AM tower (decrease height of antenna). Delete condition re FM construction.			
BMP-7124 (2)	2-21-56	Mod. of CP(BP-9540, as mod.) for extension of completion date to 9-13-56.			
BMP-7312 (3)	7-31-56	Mod. of CP(BP-9540 as mod) for change of transmitter, and making changes in ground system.			
BL-6262	9-11-56	1450	250w	U	9-11-56 4-1-57
Lic. to cover CP(BP-9540, as mod.) for a new standard broadcast station.					
BR-3314	3-13-57	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1 4-1-60
BAL-2753 EFF:	9-5-57 10-8-57	Voluntary assignment of license to Grelin Broadcasting, Inc.			
BR-3314	3-16-60	1450kc	250w	U	4-1 4-1-63
BP-12512	10-5-60	1450kc	250w,1kw-LS	U	12-5 6-5-61
CP to increase daytime power to 1kw and install new transmitter (GATES BC-1T) (Cond'l).					
BL-8204 (1)	3-13-61	Lic. to cover cp (BP-12,512) which auth. incr. in daytime power and install a new trans.		Condl	
BL-8413	7-25-61	1450kc	250w Alt.-night Aux. -day		7-25 4-1-63
Lic. to use old main trans.(GATES BC-250GY) as an alt. main trans.-night & aux. trans.-day.					
BR-3314 Aux Alt	3-11-63 Main	1450kc	250w, 1kw-LS	U	4-1 4-1-66 4-1-66
Renewal of license to					
BR-3314	3-21-66	Renewal of License (Main and Aux.-Alt. Main)			4-1 4-1-69
BAL-6524 EFF.	2-6-69 2-17-69	Vol. AL			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

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Station location .....

RAINBOW BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL: 9-21-79 EFF:10-5-79
x ALGONQUIN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (AL gr 1/13/77 EFF:3/1/77
EFF: 4/27/76

Name of licensee xCONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC., DEBTOR IN POSSESSION (AL gr 4/27/76

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BR-3314	3-26-69	Renewal of License & NDEA (Main-L & Alt.M-Aux.-L)			4-1-72
BZ-7904(L BZ-7972	2-4-72	1150Kc 250W, 1Kw-LS U Direct Meas. (Main & Aux.)	250W	Aux.	4-1-72
BR-3314	3-30-72	(Short) RENEWAL OF LICENSE MAIN & AUX. & NDEA			4-1-75
EBSA	5-25-72				
BAL-7650	11-15-72	Vol. AL			
BS-3314(1)	6-4-73	ML to chg. call letters to: WKRI			
BAL-8644	4/27/76	Invol AL EFF: 4/27/76			
BR-3314{_}	1-13-76	Renewal {Main & Aux.			4-1-78
BAL-8780	1/13/77	Vol AL EFF: 3/1/77			
BTC-8301	5/26/77	Vol rel of neg con EFF: 6/27/77			
BR-3314	10-18-78	(L) REN. OF LIC. MAIN & AUX.			4-1-81
BAL790723GX	9-21-79	VOL. AL EFF: 10-5-79			
BML800930AS (1)	11-7-80	ML to chg. SL and operate transmitter by RC from proposed Studio loc.			

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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x New

Name W. PAUL QURY
PO 557 POTOWOMUT ROAD, EAST GREENWICH, R. I.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-9540 Rec'd Filed	10-29-54 11-1-54 11-1-54	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1450kc Power: 250w Hours of Operation: Unlimited Trans. Location: Main Street nr. Methodist St. West Warwick, Rhode Island Studio Location: Same Dempsey and Koplovitz, Attys. James C. McNary, Engr.	GRANTED	2-16-55

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

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FORM A-170
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name W. PAUL CURY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-5835 Rec'd Filed	5-4-55 5-5-55 5-5-55	Modification of construction permit (BP-9540 which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to move tower approx. 250' NW of the present location and mount FM antenna on top of the AM tower (increase height). Dempsey and Koplovitz, Attys. James C. McNary, Engr.	GRANTED cond'l re grant not to be construed as approval of FM ant. for use by any FM sta. Approval will be determined upon merits of an appli. for an FM sta. if and when filed.	7-13-55
BMP-6980 Rec'd Filed	9-30-55 10-3-55 10-3-55	Modification of construction permit (BP-9540 as mod., which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to eliminate FM construction from AM tower (decrease height of antenna). Dempsey and Koplovitz, Attys.	GRANTED Delete condition re FM construction.	10-24-55

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name W. PAUL OUHY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-7124 Rec'd Filed	2-9-56 2-10-56 2-10-56	Modification of construction permit (BP-9540 as mod., which auth. a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 3-13-56 to 9-13-56. Dempsey and Koplovitz, Attys.	GRANTED	2-21-56
BMP-7312 Rec'd Filed	7-26-56 7-27-56 7-27-56	Modification of construction permit (BP-9540 as mod., which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to change type transmitter (GATES BC250GY) and make changes in the ground system.	GRANTED	7-31-56
BL-6262 Rec'd Filed	7-26-56 7-27-56 7-27-56	License to cover Construction Permit BP-9540 as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station. Atty. Frederick H. Walton, Jr.	GRANTED	9-11-56

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name GRELIN BROADCASTING, INC.

Call Letters WWRI

x W. PAUL OURY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3314 Recd Filed	12-27-56 12-27-56 12-27-56	Renewal of license Frederick H. Walton, Jr. Atty	GRANTED	3-13-57
BAL-2753 Rec'd Filed	8-5-57 8-7-57 8-7-57	Voluntary assignment of license to Grelin Broadcasting, Inc. William C. Koplovitz, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	9-5-57 10-8-57
BP-12,512 Rec'd Filed	9-30-58 10-29-58 10-29-58	Construction permit to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw and install new transmitter (GATES BC 1T) Atty. - Dempsey & Koplovitz Engr. - Russell P. May	GRANTED Cond'l re: permittee shall accept interf. that may result inthe event of a subsequent gr of the applic. of WRET - GRANTED	10-5-60 3-16-60
BR-3314 Rec'd&Filed	12-17-59 1-4-60	Renewal of license. Dempsey and Koplovitz,Attys.		

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name GRELIN BROADCASTING, INC.
West Warwick, Rhode Island

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-8204 Rec'd Filed	11-7-60 11-7-60 11-7-60	License to cover construction permit (BP-12,512) which authorized increase in daytime power and install new transmitter. Harry J. Ockershausen, Atty.	GRANTED Condl re licensee accept. interf. that m may result in event of subse. gr of Class IV sta.inc.to 1kw.	3-13-61
BL-8413 R. & F.	3-20-61 3-20-61	License to use old main trans. (Gates BC-250-GY) at 1501 Main Street, West Warwick, R.Is. (main trans. loc.) as aux. trans. daytime hours and alternate main trans. nighttime hours on 1450kc, with power of 250w. Atty: Harry J. Ockershausen	GRANTED	7-25-61
BR-3314 R & F	12-22-62 12-27-62	Renewal of License (Main & Aux.-Alt. Main)	GRANTED	3-11-63

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1450kc

Call Letters WSVP
XWWRI

Name X GRELIN BROADCASTING, INC.
West Warwick, Rhode Island 02893

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3314 R & F	12-21-65 12-23-65	Renewal of license (Main & Aux.-Alt. Main)	GRANTED	3-21-66
BAL-6524 R & F FEE PD: $75 - #471926	11-12-68 11-13-68	Voluntary assignment of license to RSVP, INC. Atty - Marcus Cohn Pub. notice filed 11-22-68 AMENDED 1-21-69 to show date of contract; bank ltr	GRANTED EFF.	2-6-69 2-17-69
BR-3314 R & F #480441 $105. PRESS JAN	12-27-68 12-30-68 12-30-68 27 1969	Renewal of license---(Main & Aux-Alt. Main) AMENDED 3-14-69 to change name of applicant to "RSVP, Inc." MAR 24 1969	GRANTED	3-26-69
BZ-7904 R & F DM PRESS NOV	10-4-71 10-4-71 10-7-71 26 1971	Direct Measurement - Main & Aux., ~~Alt. Main~~ (Reclassify Aux-Alt. trans. as Aux only) Atty: Allan J. Arlow (Cohn and Marks)	GRANTED Issued with BZ-7972	12-2-71

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1450kc

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WKRI X WSVP

Name CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
X RSVP, INC.

WEST WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3314 R & F PN PRESS JAN 14 1972	12-30-71 1-3-72 1-3-72	Renewal of License (Main & Aux ~~Alt. Main~~) Atty-Robert B. Jacobi	GRANTEDD	3-30-72
BZ-7972 R & F DM PRESS	12-21-71 12-28-71 1-7-72 FEB 2 1972	Direct Meas. - Main & Aux., ~~Day & Alternate Main, Night.~~ Atty: Allan J. Arlow (Cohn and Marks)	GRANTED	2-4-72
BAL-7650 Rec'd FEE PD: $1000 #091337 CODE 047 Pub. notice filed 7-26-72 FILED (Cert. Art. of Inc. filed) AUG 9 1972	7-14-72 7-14-72 8-7-72	Voluntary assignment of license to CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Atty - Cohn & Marks AMENDED 11-6-72 - Amended re Purchase Agreement statements re Sec. II, III & IV-a; add'l stockholder; chges in stock issued. AMENDED 11-8-72 re purchase agreement; re Table II; financial & programming data (assignee)	GRANTED Req. Grant Fee $ 5,900.00 Eff: 12-21-72 Fee Paid: 12-12-72)048, W 135328	11-15-72

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RE: BAL ATTY WAS CALLED 8-2-72 - Cert. Art. 61 Inc.
nec., & re Par 7,Sec.II -(Naturalization #)

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WKRI

ALGONQUIN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Name x Consolidated Communications, Inc., Debtor in Possession

West Warwick, Rhode Island

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3314 R & F P. N. Rec'd Press	11-30-74 12-2-74 12-2-74 JAN 28 1975	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary). Atty: Robert B. Jacobi(Cohn and Marks) AMENDED 3-19-75 re: EEO (over)	GRANTED	4-13-76
BAL-8644 R & F Fee pd $100 Code 047 (FORM 316) APR 28 1976	4/16/76 4/19/76 W 558510	Involuntary assignment of license to CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC., DEBTOR IN POSSESSION Atty - Cohn & Marks(Robert Jacobi)	Granted Eff; No fee:	4/27/76 4/27/76
BAL-8780 R & F FEE PD:$200 #604568 CODE 047 SEP 10 1976 Pub.notice filed 9-9-76	8-11-76 8-13-76	Voluntary assignment of license to ALGONQUIN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (SEE OVER) Atty for assignor - Cohn & Marks(Jacobi) for assignee - Arnold & Porter(Reed Miller) AMENDED 12-14-76 - financial data AMENDED 1-7-77 - correction re bank ltr(deletion); financial data	GRANTED EFF:	1/13/77 3/1/77

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(BR-3314) AMENDED 7-20-76 to change name of applicant to "Consolidated Communications, Inc., Debtor in Possession"

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AMENDED 8-13-76 re: assignment of license on file

RE: BAL-8780 - Assignee is licensee of AM WMLO, Beverly,Mas
(Mass. corp - No cert of auth for R.I. filed)

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1450khz

Call Letters WKRI

RAINBOW BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Name xALGONQUIN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
WEST WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-8301 R & F Also see WMLO(AM) FORM 316	3/30/77 4/5/77 APR 13 1977	Voluntary relinquishment of negative control of lic corp by Each, Jamie Realty Trust and Robert A. Belmonte thru issuance of new stock by the licensee corp to John E. Weld Atty - Arnold & Porter(Reed Miller)	GRANTED EFF:	5/26/77 6/27/77
BR-3314 R & F P.N. PRESS	11-21-77 11-30-77 11-30-77 DEC 21 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY)	GRANTED	10-18-78
BAL 790723GX FORM 314 (also see KM WMLO PRESS AUG 10 1979 PN FILED 8-8-79		Vol AL to RAINBOW BROADCASTING CORPORATION (over) Atty for assignor - Reed Miller(Arnold & Porter) for assignee - M. Finkelstein	GRANTED EFF:	9-21-79 10-5-79

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BAL790723GX Amended 8-22-79 re: Request for Exception to or, in the alternative, Waiver of Rule 1.597(a)
AMENDED 9-19-79 re: programming data

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

→ 1450KHz.

Call Letters: W K R I

Name: RAINBOW BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Station Location: WEST WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BML800930AS PRESS (0)	OCT 24 1980	Modification of License to change SL to: 1585 Centerville Rd., Warwick, Rhode Island & Operate Trans. by Remote Control from Proposed Studio Location.(OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS). Atty. Michael Finkelstein (Nixon,Hargrave,Devans & Doyle)	GRANTED 11-7-80
BR 801121 UB PRESS	DEC 18 1980	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) Nancy L. Gruenberg,Atty. AMENDED 2-25-81 re: commercial matter	GRANTED 3-30-81

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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 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. 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 – 3" by 5" filing cards – 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). 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. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

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 radio station history.