WBAK-TV

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Form BC 126
June 1954

PTA 3-29-73
Started 3-24-73

COMM. TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed September 14, 1973 (#765)

Call letters WBAK-TV (3-29-77) ~~XWIIL-TV~~

Station location TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

Name of licensee KXEL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (AL 2-28-77; Eff: ALPHA BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter location Approx. 16 miles S. of Terre Haute. 0.4 mile West of US HWY. 41, near Farmersburg, Indiana

Main studio location 2nd Ave. & Poplar Sts., Terre Haute, Ind. (Engr. Data 11-29-72) ~~415-17 Ohio St., Terre Haute, Indiana~~

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
D-18322					
BPCT-4117	1--20-72	Ch. 66	V. 912 kw	U	3-20-72
AH: 980'MSL:1549'		782-788A.	182		7-20-73
CP for a new station					
CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED 8-7-72					
ENGR.DATA	11-29-72	Ch-38	V-1000kwDA	Unl.	3-20-72
AH:980' MSL:1549'		614-620	A-191kwDA		7-20-73
Engr. data filed in Accord. with Report & Order in Doc. No. 19536 RM 1919 to show proposed oper. as above; also chg. studio loc., type trans. & ant.					
Wire	3-29-73	Re tendered lic. appl., auth. gtd. oper. PTA accord. 73.629 & Doc. 19536 Engr. Data. Advise when oper. commences under this auth. (3-24-73)			
BLCT-2208	9-14-73	LIC(BPCT-4117) for a new station			8-1-76
BRCTV-169 (1)	10-31-73	REMOTE CONTROL AUTHORITY			
BALCT-619	2-28-77	VOL. A/L			
BRCT-765	9-30-76	Ch. 38	V. 1000 kw DA U		8-1-79
AH: 980' MSL: 1549'		614-620	A. 191 kW DA		
Renewal of license					
BRCT 790330 LL 7-18-79 RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)					8-1-82

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV.

Call Letters ~~NEW~~- WILL-TV

Name ALPHA BROADCASTING CORPORATION
(c/o George A. Foulkes, Pres. P. O. Box 894 Terre Haute, Indiana 47808)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-4117 R & F Press PN Rec'd	4-24-68 ~~MAY 24-68~~ MAY 3 1968 5-16-68	Construction permit for a new Commercial TV B/C Station: CH.# 66, 782-788 Mcs. ERP: Visual ~~900 kw~~ Aural ~~180 kw~~ Unlimited Hours TL: 0.4 mi. W. of U. S. 41-150, about 1.3 mi. SW of Farmersburg SL: 415-17 Ohio Street, Terre Haute, Indiana (RCA TTU-30A) AH: ~~1028 feet~~ STATION LOCATION: TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA Booth & Lovett, Atty. (Joseph F. Hennessey) Edward F. Lorentz, Engr.	#423620 GRANTED Memo. Opinion & Order adopted 12-28-71 Joint Agreement	$150. 4-27-68 D-18322 1-20-72
AMENDED R & F Press	7-2-68 7-3-68 JUL 18 1968	AMENDED to change ERP to Vis. 914 kw, Aur. 183 kw; antenna structure and antenna height above average terrain to 978 feet. (legal, financial and programming)		

c/o George A. Foulkes
641 Ohio Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47801
812 234-3791

FORM BC-121 # 2
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV.

Call Letters -NEW- WIIL-TV

Name ALPHA BROADCASTING CORPORATION
CH-66 Terre Haute, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-4117 AMENDED R & F	Cont'd 8-24-68 8-26-68	AMENDED to change stock (stockholdings and shares subscribed). (financial) AMENDED 9-16-68 re financial. AMENDED 1-3-69 (Order) re financial (submit revised financial statements of stockholders) AMENDED 2-18-69 (ORDER) re financial AMENDED 3-6-69 (ORDER) re financial AMENDED 4-2-69 (ORDER) re financial Amended 12-28--71 (Memo. Op. & Order) to substitue Sec. II and III including amended Articles		

COMMERCIAL TV

Form BC-121 CARD#3
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WIII-TV

Name ALPHA BROADCASTING CORPORATION
CH-~~66~~ 38 TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
PRESS	NOV 27 1972	ENGINNERING DATA filed 9-5-72 in accordance with Report and Order in Docket No. 19536, RM 1919, Adopted 9-27-72, Released 10-2-72 to show proposed operation on Ch-38, 614-620 mcs; chg. ERP to Vis. 2213kw, Aur. 423kw; SL to 2nd Ave. & Poplar St., Terre Haute, Ind.; type trans. to Gates BT-55U; type ant. to Jampro JZZ-4, Custom DA; and HAAT 976 ft. Atty.: Booth & Freret Engr.: Edward F. Lorentz & Associates	GRANTED	11-29-72
BLCT-2208 R & F #168732 $50 AC-069 PRESS:	3-28-73 3-29-73 3-29-73 4-11-73	Lic. to cover (BPCT-4117) for a new station Atty: Robert M. Booth, Jr.(Booth & Freret)	GRANTED	9-14-73

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

Form BC-121
September 1969

CARD #4

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV

Call Letters WTIL-TV

ALPHA BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Name

CH-38 TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCTV-169 R&F #236786$50 AC: 058 PRESS:	9-27-73 9-27-73 9-27-73 OCT 12 1973	Request auth. to oper.trans. by remote control from 2nd and Poplar Streets, Terre Haute, Indiana. Atty: Robert M. Booth, Jr. (Booth & Freret)	GRANTED	10-31-73
BRCT-765 R&F PN RECD PRESS PN RECD	5-13-76 5-20-76 6-1-76 21 JUN 1976 8-24-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Atty.: Booth & Freret) No contours filed - called atty. 6-17-76. Contours filed 7-13-76. Amended 7-26-76 re statement showing when publication was made. Amended 8-6-76 re submitted annual report Amended 9-30-76 re recomputation of the contours.	GRANTED	9-30-76

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

Form BC-121 CARD#5
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters WBAK-TV
X WIIL-TV

Name KXEL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
XALPHA BROADCASTING CORPORATION

CH-38 TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BALCT-619 R&F 644750$200 AC:047 PN RECD PRESS (Form 314)	11-23-76 12-7-76 12-7-76 2-18-77 21 DEC 1976	Voluntary assignment of license to KXEL Broadcasting Company, Inc. Atty.: Cahill & Kaswell Amended 2-18-77 re Assignor & Assignee portion.	granted Eff:	2-28-77 3-29-77
BRCT 790330LL R & F PN REC'D PRESS	3-30-79 3-30-79 3-30-79 APR 20 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: ROBERT A. BERNSTEIN {BROWN & BERNSTEIN}	GRANTED	7-18-79

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.