WGCB-TV

BC-126
June 1975

COMMERCIAL TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

CH 49

Date first licensed _____

Call letters WGCB-TV (Eff:1-10-79) WEQA

Station location RED LION, PENNSYLVANIA

Name of licensee RED LION TELEVISION, INC. (AP 4-10-79; Eff: RED LION BROADCASTING CO., INC.

Transmitter location State Rd. 66141, 0.65 mi. NE of Red Lion, Pa.

Main studio location Same as TL

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To-
BPCT-3678	3-9-77	Ch-49	V-4.57kW	Unl.	5-9-77
AH:470' MSL:1093 ft.		680-686	A-0.912kW		9-9-78
CP for new TV Station.					
BPCT-3678	9-12-77	Call Letters assigned.			
EBSA	9-12-77				
		p-0			
BMPCT-7726	10-27-78	CH-49	V.575kW	Unl.	12-27-78
AH: 580'MSL:1234.3'		680-686	A.107kw		4-27-
MP(BPCT-3678)ad mod. to chg. ERP, TYPE TRANS. TL & SL,HAAT					

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FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters ~~NEW~~ W E Q A

Name RED LION BROADCASTING CO., INC.

CH.53 c/o John H. Norris, Vice President, Box 88, Red Lion, Pennsylvania 17356

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-3678 Recd.&Filed	11-29-65 12-1-65	Construction Permit for a new Commercial TV Broadcast Station: CH. ~~53, 704-710 Mcs~~ ERP: Vis. ~~4.48 kw~~ Aur. ~~2.42 kw~~ Hours of Operation: Unlimited T-L: On State Route 66141, Red Lion, Pennsylvania S-L: Same as transmitter ~~(RCA TTU-1B)~~ AH: ~~454.5~~ feet STATION LOCATION: RED LION, PENNSYLVANIA Cottone and Fanelli, Atty. Fred W. Wise, Engr., R.D.1, Windsor, Pa.	GRANTED	D-18136 EFF. 3-9-77
AMENDED R & F	4-15-66 4-20-66	AMENDED to change frequency from CH.53, 704-710 mcs to CH.49, 680-686 mcs.(Pursuant to Fifth Report and Order in Docket 14229).		
AMENDED R & F	7-21-66 7-27-66	AMENDED to REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.613(a) OF COMMISSION RULES.(Financial data.)		

R Engr. data filed 7-6--70

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER issued 2-4-77, released 2-7-77 FCC 77M-220 77834: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the applicant's Substitute Motion for Leave to Amend and Motion for Substitution of Exhibit ARE GRANTED and the amendment and substitute exhibit ARE ACCEPTED; that the Broadcast Bureau's Motion to Enlarge Issues, Supplement to Motion to Enlarge Issues and Further Supplement to Motion to Enlarge Issued ARE DISMISSED as moot; that the conference now scheduled for February 7, 1977 IS CANCELLED; that the subject application of Red Lion Broadcasting Co., Inc. IS GRANTED; and that this proceeding IS TERMINATED.

Memo from Dockets 7-7-77 giving effective date as 3-9-77.

BPCT-3678 - condition: Subject to the condition that prior to the commencement of construction, authority shall be obtained to determine the operating power of Station W G C B (AM) by the indirect method and upon completion the antenna resistance shall be remeasured and the results submitted with Forms 302 as a request to determine the operating power by the direct method. Data submitted shall include a sketch of the completed installation.

Form BC-121 CARD #2
September 1969

COMMERCIAL TV

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters ~~(Mess)~~ WEQA

Name RED LION BROADCASTING CO., INC.

CH-~~55~~ 49 RED LION, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-3678 CONTINUED				
AMENDMENT	2-2-70	Re chg. ERP to Vis. ~~4.47kW~~, Aur. ~~0.891kW~~ &		
Received	2-9-70	HAAT ~~450 ft.~~		
Filed(Order)	11-1-73			
PRESS:	JAN 21 1974	AMENDED (ORDER) 10-6-76 to revise all portions of its application.		
AMENDMENT	9-17-76	Re chg. ERP to Vis. 200kW, Aur. 40kW; chg.		
Received	9-17-76	TL (same site desc.)(39-54-17 76-34-51); chg.		
Filed (Order)	10-6-76	type trans. to GE TT-25-A; type ant. to RCA		
PRESS:	19 NOV 1976	TFU-24DM (BT); and HAAT 580 ft.		
		AMENDED (ORDER) 2-4-77 re Enlarge issues		

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Form BC-121
May 1976

CARD#3

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGCB-TV
XWEQA

Name RED LION BROADCASTING CO., INC.
CH-49 RED LION, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-7726 R&F PN RECD PRESS	11-22-77 11-23-77 JAN 13 1978	MP(BPCT-3678) to chg. ERP to Vis. 572kW, Aur. 114kW; TL & SL to On State Rt. #66141, 1.75 mi. E. of Red Lion, Pa. (39-54-18 76-35-00); type trans. to RCA TTU-30; type ant. to RCA TFU-24J (BT); and HAAT 580 ft. MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION Atty.: Benedict P. Cottone Engr.: Fred W. Wise (Windsor, Pa.)	GRANTED	10-27-78
AMENDMENT (BMPCT-7726) PRESS 781017XE	10-17-78 OCT 21 1978	AMENDED to chg. type of transmitter to Composite WT-30U.		

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGCB-TV

Name RED LION TELEVISION, INC.
XRED LION BROADCASTING CO., INC.
CH-49 RED LION, PA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAPCT-790226KE R & F PRESS: (Form 316)	2-23-79 2-26-79 3-26-79	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Red Lion Television, Inc. Atty.: Benedict P. Cottone	GRANTED EFF:	4-10-79
BLCT-790419KG R&F PRESS RKA	4-19-79	Lic. to cover CP(BPCT-3678)as mod. FOR NEW STATION BENEDICT P. COTTONE, ATTY.		
BMLCT-810414KE		Request for authority to identify station as Red Lion, Lancaster, York, Pennsylvania Atty.: none		6-29-81

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

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.