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Form BC 126 #1 STA 12-23-69 COMM.TV
June 1954 PTA 6-4-70

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-8-71 (Eff. #723)

Call letters W S M W-TV

Station location WORCESTER, MASSACHUSE

Name of licensee SIBOS, INC. (AL 4-21-77; Eff:
X THE AMERICA GROUP MANAGEMENT CORP. (ML 3-26-73)
X STATE MUTUAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter location STILES HILL, CROSS STREET, 2.6 MILES NORTH OF SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

Main studio location 127 Beverly, Worcester, Mass. (BLCT-1995 4-8-71)
X440 LINCOLN STREET, WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To-
BPCT-4109	12-5-68	CH.27	V-608 kw	U	2-5-69
AH: 1530' MSL:2049'		548-554	A-121.5 kw		8-5-69
CP FOR A NEW COMM.TV B7 C STATION.					
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ISSUED WITHOUT CALL LETTERS					
BPCT-4109	3-4-69	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED			8-5-69
BMPCT-7048	7-29-69	MP (BPCT-4109) extedd date			1-29-70
BTC-6012	9-9-69	VOL. T/C			
BMPCT-7059	11-14-69	CH.27	V-513 kw	U	
AH:1530'MSL:2049'		548-554	A-102 kw		5-14-70
MP (BPCT-4109, as mod) chg. ERP type trans. antenna system.					
WIRE	12-23-69	RETENDERED LIC. APPLI. PENDING			
COMPLETION	ANT. STRUCTURE PAINTING AUTH. GR. OPER. TEMP.				
PER. END.	3-23-70	ACCORD BMPCT-7059 EXCEPT WITH STUDIO			
LOCATED 127 BERKLEY ST, WORCESTER, MASS. THIS AUTHORIZATION					
IS SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT TOWER LIGHTING SHALL BE					
MAINTAINED CONTINUSUSLY ACCORD FAA LETTER DATED 12-5-69.					
ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES UNDER THIS AUTHORITY.					
WIRE	3-24-70	ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO 5-1-70			
WIRE	4-27-70	ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO 6-1-70			
WIRE	6-4-70	RETENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR.			
OPER. ON PTA CP BMPCT-7059 EXCEPT WITH STUDIO LOCATED 127					
BERKELEY ST, WORCESTER, MASS.					
WIRE	9-11-70	AUTH. TO OPERATE REMOTE CONTROL			
BTC-6455	12-24-70	VOL. T/C			
BLCT-1995	4-8-71	Lic. (BPCT-4109 as mod) for a new station			4-1-72
BTC-6658	9-27-71	Vol. T/C			
ESBA	5-15-72				
BRCT-723	5-25-72	Ch-27	V-513kw	Unl.	6-1-72
AH:1530' MSL:2049'		548-554	A-102kw		6-1-75
BMLCT-755	3-27-73	ML to chg. name (1)			
BRCT-723	5-25-72	Ch-27	V-513kW	Unl.	5-25-72
AH:1530' MSL:2049'		548-554	A-102kW		4-1-75
Superseding Renewal to correct dates.					
BRCTV-258	3-17-76	Ch-27	V-513kW	Unl.	3-17-76
& BRCT-723		548-554	A-102kW	RC	4-1-78
AH-1530' MSL:2049'					
Remote control authority and Renewal of License					

CARD #2 COMMERCIAL TV

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed .....

Call Letters WSMW-TV .....

Station Location WORCESTER, MASS.

Name SIBOS, INC. .....

Transmitter Location .....

Main studio location .....

Form BC-126
December 1978

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BALCT-615	4-21-77	Voluntary assignment of license	
BRCT-723	3-13-78	Renewal of License (S)	4-1-81
BSTV-21	2-25-80	Subscription Television Authority	
BRCT-801201LJ	4-17-81	RENEWAL OF LIC. (S)	4-1-84
INCLUDES RENEWAL OF STV OPERATION.			

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV.

Call Letters NEW W S M H-TV

Name STATE MUTUAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
(c/o Paul J. Foley, Vice Pres., 440 Lincoln Street Worcester, Mass. 01605)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BPCT-4109 R & F Press PN Rec'd	4-11-68 4-11-68 APR 19 1968 5-6-68	Construction permit for a new Commercial TV B/C Station: CH.# 27, 548-554 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 608 kw (Horz) Aur. 121.5 kw (Horz) Unlimited Hours TL: Stiles Hill, Cross St., 2.6 miles N. of Shrewsbury, Boylston, Mass. SL: 440 Lincoln Street, Worcester, Mass. (RCA TTU-50C) AH: 1531 feet STATION LOCATION: WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS Marcus Cohn, Atty. George C. Davis, Engr. AMENDED 5-16-68 re programming. AMENDED 5-22-68 re financial. AMENDED 8-22-68 re financial. AMENDED 10-2-68 re financial. AMENDED 10-23-68 re programming.	$419264 $150. GRANTED Commission Action SEE CONDITIONS ON BACK	4-11-68 12-5-68

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

BPCT-4109 - conditions:

1) If, as a result of subsequent Commission action, Bernard E. Waterman reacquires his interest in Station WAAB and Station WAAB-FM, Worcester, Massachusetts, he shall sell his stock and debentures and terminate his relationship as General Manager of the television station.

2) If, as a result of subsequent Commission action, Waterman Broadcasting Corp. reacquires its interest in Station WAAB and WAAB-FM, Worcester, Massachusetts, State Mutual Life Assurance Company of America shall not exercise its option to purchase the stock of Waterman Broadcasting Corp.

3) During the time that Richard C. Steele and Robert W. Stoddard retain their interest in Station WTAG, Worcester, Massachusetts, they shall not participate in any of the activities of Station Mutual Life Assurance Company of America with respect to the control and operation of the x television station.

4) Grant of the application shall be without prejudice to whatever action the Commission may deem appropriate as a result of the pending proceeding in Docket No. 18110.

5) Operation with effective radiated power in excess of 1000 kw after September 1, 1970, is subject to a further extension of consent by Canada.

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FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM.TV

Call Letters WSMM-TV

Name STATE MUTUAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-7048 R & F $30 #530153 PRESS	7-11-69 7-18-69 "	MP (BPCT-4109) to extend completion date to 2-5-70. Stanley S. Neustadt, Atty. (Cohn & Marks)	GRANTED	7-29-69
BMPCT-7059 R & F $30 #531464 PRESS	7-18-69 7-25-69 " AUG 20 1969	MP (BPCT-4109 as mod) to chg. ERP to Vis. 518.5 kw (Horz), Aur. 102.6 kw (Horz); type of transmitter to RCA TTU-60A; and make changes in antenna system. Stanley S. Neustadt, Atty. (Cohn & Marks)	GRANTED LIC	11-14-69
BTC-6012 Rebeived Filed #535030 $30 PRESS: PN REC'D:	8-1-69 8-4-69 8-12-69 8-12-69 AUG 25 1969	Voluntary transfer of control of permittee corporation from State Mutual Life Assurance Company of America to America Group Corp. Atty.: Stanley S. Newstadt (Cohn and Marks)	GRANTED EFF:	9-9-69 9-30-69

ENGR. DATA FILEAD 6-8--70

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Form BC-121 CARD #3
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WSMW-TV

Name STATE MUTUAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
CH-27 WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLCT-1995 R & F #565368 $30 PRESS:	12-19-69 12-22-69 12-22-69 JUN 1 2 1970	Lic. (BPCT-4109 as mod.) for new station. Atty.: Stanley S. Neustadt (Cohn and Marks)	GRANTED	4-8-71
LTR.	8-21-70	Req. auth. to oper. remote control	GRANTED	9-11-70
BTC-6455 R & F #649594 $250 AC: 055 PRESS:	12-10-70 12-14-70 12-14-70 DEC 2 2 1970	Voluntary transfer of control of America Group Corp. (parent corporation of permittee) from State Mutual Life Assurance Company of America to S. M. A. Management Corp. Atty.: Stanley S. Neustadt (Cohn and Marks) AMENDED 12-18-70 to submit certified Articles and By-Laws.	GRANTED EFF:	12-24-70 12-31-70

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

COMMERCIAL TV

Form BC-121 CARD#4
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WSMW-TV

Name STATE MUTUAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
CH-27 WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-6658 R & F #029345 $250 AC: 055 PRESS	8-27-71 9-7-71 9-7-71 SEP 10 1971	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from America Group Corp. to S.M.A. Management Corp. Atty.: Stanley S. Neustadt (Cohn and Marks)	GRANTED EFF:	9-27-71 9-30-71
BRCT-723 R & F PN REC PRESS	12-29-71 1-3-72 1-3-72 JAN 13 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Martin J. Gaynes (Cohn & Marks)	GRANTED	5-25-72
BRCTV- Received #073493 $50 AC: 069 REFUNDED UNNECESSARY	4-28-72 5-1-72 5-1-72 3-19-75	Request authority to operate trans. by remote control from 127 Beverly Road, Worcester, Massachusetts. REQUEST PARTIAL WAIVER OF SECTION 73.676 OF THE RULES. Atty.: Stanley S. Neustadt (Cohn and Marks)	RETURNED Not in conformity with Section 73.676 OF the Rules.	3-19-75

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

ERCT-723

Informal petition filed 3-28-72 by Executive, Task Force on Women in Church and Society, United Church ofChrist. DENIED 5-24-72, By Direction of the Commission letter.

Form BC-121
September 1969 CARD#5

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters WSMW-TV

Name THE AMERICA GROUP MANAGEMENT CORP.
~~ESTATE MUTUAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION~~

CH-27 WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMLCT-755 R & F #166336 $50 AC: 062 PRESS:	3-21-73 3-23-73 3-23-73 MAR 27 1973	Mod. of Lic. to chg. name to The America Group Management Corp. Atty.: Stanley S. Neustadt (Cohn and Marks)	GRANTED	3-27-73
BALCT- Received #151598 $250 AC: 055	2-6-73 2-6-73	Voluntary assignment of license to S.M.A. Management Corp. Atty.: Stanley S. Neustadt (Cohn and Marks)	RETURNED Not dated; and per Sect. 1.568(b) of the Rules.	7-20-73
BRCT-723 R & F PN Rec'd PRESS:	10-29-74 12-2-74 12-2-74 JAN 7 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Annual Report Filed Atty: Martin J. Gaynes (Cohn and Marks) Amended 4-7-75 re programming.	GRANTED Issued with BRCTV-258	3-17-76

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

Notice 10-30-73 extending Canadian consent to 1-1-76.

301-A appl. filed 4-29-75 showing 127 Beverly at SL; called atty. 5-8-75 because we showed 127 Berkley; atty. stated his records since 1st lic. in April 1971 showed Beverly.

Form BC-121
September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call Letters WSMW-TV

Name THE AMERICA GROUP MANAGEMENT CORP.

CH-27 Worcester, Mass.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCTV-258 R & F #419917 $100. AC: 058 PRESS:	4-23-75 4-29-75 4-29-75 19 MAY 1975	Request authority to operate transmitter by remote control from 127 Beverly Road, Worcester Massachusetts. Atty: Allan J. Arlow (Cohn and Marks)	GRANTED Issued with Renewal grtd. 3-17-76.	3-25-75
BSTV-21 R & F #538546 $700 AC: 001 PRESS: PN REC'D:	12-15-75 3-4-76 3-4-76 13 APR 1976 3-26-76	Request authority to install Subscription Television equipment. Atty.: Stanley S. Neustadt (Cohn and Marks) Amended 9-14-78 re additional information Amended 10-10-78 re legal & additional info.	GRANTED Conditions on back.	2-25-80

Canadian consent to 7-1-78

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

BSTV-21 grtd. 2-25-80 - conditions:
Prior to commencing subscription television operations, applicant shall submit the following: (a) a proposal for broadcasting some non-subscription local programming in prime time (7pm -11pm) demonstrating how the problems, needs and interests of Worcester, Massachusetts will be served thereby. See Fourth Report and Order Docket No. 11279, 15 FCC 2d 466, 522 (1968). (b) a statement demonstrating its intention to comply with Section 73.642(f)(1) of the Rules. See Renaissance Broadcasting Corp., ____FCC 2d ____, 46 RR 2d ~~12 1281~~ 1281 (1979).

Form BC-121 CARD #7
May 1976

COMMERCIAL TV

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WSMW-TV

Name SIBOS, INC.
XTHE AMERICA GROUP MANAGEMENT CORP.
CH-27 WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BALCT-615 R&F 638830$200 AC: 047 PN RECD PRESS (Form 314)	11-18-76 11-22-76 11-22-76 12-10-76 26 NOV 1976	Voluntary assignment of license to Sibos, Inc. Attys.: Assignor: Stanley S. Neustadt (Cohn & Marks) Assignee-Seymour M. Chase AMENDED 12-13-76 re programming Amended 2-22-77 re additional information Amended 2-23-77 re qualified to do business statement. Amended 2-23-77 re additional information Amended 4-14-77 re agreement between petitioner & licensee, to Roy Amended 3-18-77 re agreement between Sibos & Concerned Citizens Coali tion for Open Media of Worcester.	GRANTED EFF:	4-21-77 6-1-77
BRCT-723 R&F PN RECD PRESS	10-28-77 12-1-77 12-12-77 DEC 16 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Reed Miller (Arnold & Porter)	GRANTED	3-13-78 3-13-78

PETITION TO DENY (Preliminary Statement) filed 12-27-76 by Stacy Cromidas on behalf of Concerned Citizens Coalition for Open Media of Worcester.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 1-5-77 by Stanley S. Neustadt of behalf of American Group Management Corp. and Sibos, Inc.

MOTION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME filed 1-28-77 by Seymour Chase on behalf of Sibos, Inc.

Ltr. 2-22-77 from American Group Management Corp., stating that they will not file any Opposition to the Petition to Deny-A. G. M. C. claims allegations of the Petition itself do not directly involve the operation of America Group or of Station WSMW-TV.

OPPOSITION filed 2-22-77 by Seymour M. Chase on behalf of Sibos, Inc.

LETTER 3-10-77 by Stacy Cromidas on behalf of Concerned Citizens Coalition for Open Media of Worcester withdrawing its Petition to Deny the license transfer. to Roy Stewart-702

CARD NO. 8

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING
COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call Letters: WSMW-TV

Name: SIBOS, INC.
CH-27

Station Location: WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRCT-801201LJ R & F PN REC'D	11-21-80 12-01-80 12-01-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: REED MILLER {ARNOLD AND PORTER}	GRANTED 4-17-81
BLSTV-800825KE R&F	8-25-80	License to cover STV(BSTV-21)to install subscription television equipment	

Form BC-121
March 1979

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.