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W T V U (11-4-65)

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STATION LOCATION: NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

IMPART SYSTEMS, INC. (BAPCT-370 gr. 8-18-67 EFF: 8-22-67)

Name of licensee X CONNECTICUT RADIO FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED

Baldwin Drive, Top of West Rock Ridge, Woodbridge Town

Transmitter location Near New Haven, Connecticut

Baldwin D[illegible] West Rock Ridge, Woodbridge Town

Main studio location [illegible]w Haven, Connecticut

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
-456	6-24-53	Ch. 59 740-746 Mcs.	V-19.5kw A-10.2kw	U	8-24-53 2-24-54
truction permit for a new commercial television b/c ion.					
T-1769 1-26-54		Same	Same	Same	8-24-53
CP (BPCT-456) to extend completion date					8-24-54
T-2319 8-24-54		Same	Same	Same	8-24-53
of CP(BPCT-456, as mod.) to ext. comp. date.					2-24-55
T-2837 2-8-55		same	same	same	8-24-53
CP(BPCT-456,as mod)to extend completion date					8-24-55
T-3277 7-26-55		same	same	same	8-24-53
P(BPCT-456,as mod.)to extend completion date.					
-3619 2-13-56		same	same	same	
CP(BPCT-456,as mod)to extend completion dt.					
T-3994 7-24-56		same	same	same	
CP(BPCT-456, as mod.) to extend completn dt.					
T-4292 11-22-60		CH #59 740-746	V-19.5 kw A-10.2 kw	U	8-24-53 5-22-61
560'					
ET # 13555. Mod. of CP (BPCT-456,as mod) to extend compl.					
T-5593 5-15-61		same	same	same	8-24-53
Mod of CP(BPCT-456 as mod)to extend compl.dte					11-22-61
3768	6-30-61	Voluntary acquisition of positive con-			
l of licensee corporation by Richard W. Davis thru chase of stock from BOWINIK BROTHERS,INC. & 15 other ckholders. EFF:					
T-5670 10-31-61		same	same	same	8-24-53
CP(BPCT-456,as mod)to extend completion date					5-22-62
T-5744 Application DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDIC E 6-16-65					
KET#15903MEMO OPINION & ORDER ADOPTED:SEE CARD #5					
T-5744 9-8-65		same	same	same	
KET#15903 Appl. Granted EXTENDED until Comm.acts on pend					
ignment application AND IF assignment granted by Comm.					
ended for six months after effectuation of assignment.					

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June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

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PRINCIPAL COMMUNITY
~~-Station-location~~ NEW HAVEN, CONN

Name of licensee IMPART SYSTEMS, INC.

Transmitter location see card #1

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To
BAPCT-370	8-18-67	CH.#59	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to IMPART SYSTEMS, INC.	EFF	8-22-67
EBSA	5-15-72				
BTC-7919	12-30-75	INVOL TC			

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Form 94 CARD #1 **APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING** COMMERCIAL TELEVISION BROADCAST

W T V U (11-4-65)
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Name CONNECTICUT RADIO FOUNDATION, INC.
~~(221 Grange Street, New Haven 10, Conn.)~~

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-456 Rec'd Filed	5-4-48 5-10-48 5-10-48	Construction permit for a new commercial television broadcast station. Frequency: Ch. #12, 204-210 mcs. ERP: Vis. 29.6 kw; Aur. 14.8 kw Hours of Operation: Unlimited S-Location: "To be determined", Waterbury, Conn. T-Location: Near the top of Hopkins Hill on Pond Hill Road, Nr. Waterbury, Conn. (Vis. & Aur. RCA, TT-5-A) Filed by Verne R. Young, Atty.	9993 GRANTED	6-24-53
PETITION to amend Recd.	9-24-51 9-24-51	To change to Ch. No. 59, Change ERP, specify Studio site, change Transmitter location, transmitters, antenna system, etc. (Submitted by John P. Carr, Atty.)	(NO ACTION)	

Lohnes & Culver, Engr.

CARD #2
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Name CONNECTICUT RADIO FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED
(221 Orange St., New Haven 10, Connecticut)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
			See card	# 1 for action.
BPCT-456 AMENDED Rec'd Filed	 6-27-52 6-30-52 6-30-52	(PURSUANT TO SIXTH REPORT & ORDER-4-11-52) FREQ: Ch. #59, 740-746 mcs. ERP: Vis. 200 kw; Aur. 100 kw. Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: ~~221 Orange St., New Haven, Connecticut~~ T-L: Baldwin Drive, on West Rock Ridge, in Woodbridge Town, 4.6 mi NW of center of New Haven, Connecticut. (Vis. & Aur. ~~GE TT-25-A~~) (~~5601~~) Filed by Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Attys.		
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	6-23-53 6-23-53 6-23-53	Amended to change Officers, Directors, Stockholders, ERP from Vis. 200,kw, Aur. 100 kw to Vis. 19.25 kw, Aur. 10.3 kw; ant. hgt. above average terrain from 560' to 563'; type ant.; type trans. (GE TT-20A); studio loc. from 221 Orange St., New Haven, Conn. to Baldwin Drive, top of West Rock Ridge, Woodbridge, near New Haven, Conn.; and other equipment.		

Craven, Lohnes and Culver, Engrs.

Card # 3

COMM. TV B/C

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Call Letters W E L I-TV

Name CONNECTICUT RADIO FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED
New Haven, Conn.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-1769 Recd. Filed	1-19-54 1-21-54 1-21-54	Mod. of CP(BPCT-456, which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 2-24-54 to 8-24-54. Filed by Thomas H. Wall, Atty.	GRANTED	1-26-54
BMPCT-2319 Recd.&Filed	7-15-54 7-20-54	Mod. of CP(BPCT-456, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 8-24-54 to 8-24-55. Filed by Francis X. McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED	8-24-54
BMPCT-2837 Recd.&Filed	1-18-55 1-24-55	Mod. of CP(BPCT-456, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 2-24-55 to _____. Filed by Alfred C. Cordon, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	2-8-55
BMPCT-3277 Recd&filed Ext.#4	7-15-55 7-18-55	Mod. of CP (BPCT-456,as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 8-24-55 to 2-24-56. Filed by F X McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED	7-26-55

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COMM. TV B/C

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Name CONNECTICUT RADIO FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED
New Haven, Conn.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-3619 Recd.&Filed Ext. # 5	12-14-55 12-16-55	Mod. of CP(BPCT-456, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 1-16-56 to 7-16-56. Filed by John B. Jacob, Atty.	GRANTED	2-13-56
BMPCT-3994 Recd.&Filed Ext.#6	6-11-56 6-12-56	Mod. of CP(BPCT-456,as mod.,which authorized a new Comm.TV B/C Sta.)to extend completion date from 7-16-56 to 1-16-57. Filed by J B Jacob,Atty.	GRANTED	7-24-56
BMPCT-4252 Recd & Filed Ext.#7	9-15-56 9-17-56	Mod. of CP(BPCT-456, as mod., which authorized a new COMM. TV B/C Sta.)to extend completion date from 10-16-56 to 4-16-57. Filed by John B. Jacob, Atty.	GRANTED DOCKET #	11-22-60 13555
AMEND. Rec.	3-21-60 3-29-60	Amendment; request Extension of time Filed by applicant and atty. Tom Wall		
BMPCT-5593 Recd.&Filed	4-21-61 4-24-61	Mod. of CP (BPCT-456,as mod.,which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 5-22-61 to 11-22-61 Thomas H. Wall,Atty.	GRANTED	5-15-61

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Name CONNECTICUT RADIO FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED
New Haven, Conn.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-3768 Recd.&Filed	6-1-61 6-6-61	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Richard W. Davis thru purchase of stock from Botwinik Brothers Inc. and 15 other stockholders. John B. Jacob, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	6-30-61
BMPCT-5670 Recd.&Filed	10-20-61 10-23-61	Mod. of CP (BPCT-456, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 11-22-61 to 5-22-62. Thomas H. Wall, Atty.	GRANTED	10-31-61
BMPCT-5744 Recd.&Filed	4-20-62 4-23-62	Mod. of CP (BPCT-456, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 5-22-62 to 11-22-62. Thomas H. Wall. Atty.	DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE 6-16-65 DOCKET # 15903: ** APPLICATION GRANTED by MEMO OPINION & ORDER in Docket on 9-8-65 ***	

** PER Dockets: Petition for Reconsideration filed 7-9-65 See Docket 15903: CP
*** PETITION for reconsideration granted 9-8-65 MEMO OPINION & ORDER in Docket 15903: CP EXTENDED until Comm. acts on pending assignment application (filed 8-2-65); and if assign. application is granted, extended six months after effectuation of assignment application. (BAPCT-

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Name CONNECTICUT RADIO FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED
CH 59 NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAPCT-370 Received *Filed	7-15-65 8-2-65 9-8-65	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to ~~Connecticut Television, Inc.~~ REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.636 OF COMM'S RULES Dow, Lohnes & Albertson-attys for assignor McKenna and Wilkinson-attys for assignee (SEE CARD #7 FOR AMENDMENT)	~~DON'T ACCEPT YET per Alford.~~ 5744 Doc. 15903 was Reinstated. GRANTED EFF	*Date BMPCT- 8-18-67 8-22-67
BMPCT-6369 R & F	9-19-66 9-21-66	Mod. of CP(BPCT-456, as mod., which auth. a new station) to make the following changes: ERP to Vis. 180 kw, Aur. 45.2 kw; transmitter location to Sleeping Giant Park, Hamden, Conn. studio location to " To be determined", New Haven, Conn.; type of transmitter to RCA-10-A; type of antenna to RCA-TFU-27-DH; make changes in antenna structure and increase antenna hgt. above average terrain to 748 feet. Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Atty.	DISMISSED REQUEST OF APPLICANT THRU ATTY.	9-11-67

Fly, Shuebrukk Blume and Gaguine represents Imparts Inc. per ltr. 8-24-67

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IMPART SYSTEMS, INC.

Name ~~CONNECTICUT RADIO FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED~~

New Haven, Connecticut

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAPCT-370 cont'd.		AMENDED to change assignee to IMPART SYSTEMS, INC. (financial and programming data).	GRANTED	8-18-67
AMENDED	9-2-66		EFF:	8-22-67
Rec'd.	9-12-66			
Filed	9-28-66			
AMENDED	4-6-67	AMENDED to show Victor Muscat as sole owner of Impart Systems, Inc.; and upon approval of assignment of application, appoint new officers to Imparts Systems, Inc. (additional financial)		
R & F	4-6-67			
BMPCT-6611	8-23-68	Mod. of CP(BPCT-456, as mod., which auth. a new station) to make the following changes: ERP to Vis. ~~1627 kw~~; Aur. ~~471 kw~~; trans. loc. ~~to Quinnipiac Trail, Rocky Top, Hamden, Conn.~~; studio loc. to "To-Be Determined", New Haven, Conn.; type trans. ~~RCA TTU-50C~~; type antenna ~~RCA TFU-42J~~; antenna system; antenna struc.; and increase antenna height above average terrain to ~~756~~ feet.	GRANTED	9-25-67
R & F	8-25-67		No CP issued	
AUG 3 1 1967			GRANT SET ASIDE	10-4-67

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR PETITIONS

Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine, Atty.
Russell P. May, Engr.

BMPCT-6611 #7

PETITION TO DEFER ACTION filed 10-6-67 by Theodore Baron for WATR, Inc.

OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DEFER ACTION filed 10-10-67 by Benito Gaguine for Impart Systems, Inc.

REPLY TO "OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DEFER ACTION" filed 10-23-67 by Theodore Baron for WATR, Inc.

REQUEST FOR CONDIATIONAL GRANT filed 1-29-68 by Benito Gaguine for WTVU

Copy of Complaint and Answer filed in US District Court for the Southen District of N. Y. in Civil Action No. 4182 entitled Securities and Exchange Commission v. Fifth Avenue Coach Lines, Inc., et al.

SUPPLEMENT TO "PETITION FORconditional GRANT" filed 2-15-68 by Benito Gaguine for Impart Systemss, Inc.

PETITION TO DENY filed 3-21-68 filed by Michael Finkelstein for WATR

OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 4-4-68 Benito Gaguine for Impart Systems, Inc.

SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION TO DENY AND PETITION FOR REVOCATION OF CONSTUCTION PERMIT filed 4-15-6 by Michael Finkelstein for WATR, Inc.

OPPOSITION TO "SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION TO DENY AND PETITION FOR REVOCATION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT" filed 5-14-69 by Donald W. Ward for Impart Systems, Inc.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO "SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION TO DENY AND PETITION FOR REVOCATION OF CP" filed 5-23-69 by Michael Finkelstein for WATR, INC.

Impart Systems, Inc.
439 Whitney St.
Hamden, Conn. 06514

8-22-67

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Name IMPART SYSTEMS, INC.
CH.59 NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-7097 Recd. &Filed PRESS	2-18-68 2-14-68	MP (BPCT-456, as mod.) to extend completion date to _____. Donald E. Ward, Atty. (Fly, Shuebruk, Blume)	330.#406994	2-14-68
BMPCT-6611 AMENDED E & P PRESS	Cont'd -20-69 3-21-69 APR 15 1969	AMENDED to change ERP to Vis. 297.9 kw (Horz), Aur. 59.58 kw (Horz); trans. loc. to On Sea Hill Road, approx. 1.2 mi. N. of Beach St. Intersection, New Haven, Conn. (41 22 12 - 72 45 12); type trans. RCA TTU-30A, type antenna RCA TFU-4BK, antenna structure; and antenna height above average terrain to 1291.3 feet. Request Waiver of Section 73.685 of Comm's Rules. AMENDED 5-14-69 re financial data and applicant's legal qualifications. FAA Determination of No Hazard filed 5-27-69		

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Name IMPART SYSTEMS, INC.

Ch. 59 New Haven, Connecticut

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-6611 Cont'd				
AMENDED	1-29--70	AMENDED to chg. ERP to Vis. 116.1 kw, Aur. 23.2 kw; type of transmitter to RCA TTU-60A1; type of antenna to RCA TZP-507; and HAAT to 1289.6 ft. AMENDED 6-23--70 re engr. data.		
Rec. & filed	2-12-70 FEB 18 1970			
Engr. data filed 6-15-70				
[illegible] filed 6-30-71		Amended to change to studio location to "On Sea Hill Road approx. 1.2 miles North of its intersection with Beach Street, North Branford, Conn. Req. waiver of Sec. 73.613 of Comm's Rules.		
Rec. & filed	8-6-71 AUG 13 1971			
		Licensee no longer represent by Mallyck and Bernton (ltd 4-10-73		

Ltr. 3-27-73 from Lynn L. Barnard objecting to Victor Muscat's Petition before the Commission of March 8, 1973 (?). #9

Ltr. 4-9-73 from Donald E. Ward re above - to Roy Stewart 4-12-73.

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name IMPART SYSTEMS, INC.
CH-59 NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-7545 R & F #322562 $2500.00 AC: 003 PRESS: JUL 30 1974 PN REC'D: 8-8-74 GRANT FEE: $22,500.00 GRANT FEE PAID: AC: 004	7-1-74 7-3-74 7-3-74	MP(BPCT-456 as mod.) to chg. ERP to Vis. 138kW(H)RMS, Aur. 19.6kW(H)RMS; TL to Off Burwell Rd. near water tank, West Haven, Conn. (41-17-43 72-58-25); SL to Same as TL; type trans. to RCA TTU-30; type ant. to RCA TFU-15JDAS; and HAAT 508 ft. Atty.: Donald E. Ward (Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine) Engr.: Steel, Andrus & Adair Ltr. 2-19-75 from Thomas N. Fronock on behalf of Connecticut Television, Inc. (BAPCT-509) submitting copy of Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation - to Bill Martin 2-21-75.	cut off date	10-1-75 FCC release #3895

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name IMPART SYSTEMS, INC.
CH-59 NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
[redacted]	7-1-74	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to ~~Connecticut Television, Inc.~~		
R & F	7-3-74			
#322567 $1000	7-3-74			
AC: 051	AUG 27 1974	Attys.: Donald E. Ward (Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine)(Assignor)		
PRESS:		Thomas N. Frohock (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner)(Assignee)		
PN REC'D:	8-8-74			
GRANT FEE:				
GRANT FEE PAID:		Amended 2-24-75 re financial.		
AC: 052		Ameneded 5-21-75 re financial.		
Form 314		Amende 6-27-75 re financial.		
BTC-7917	12-4-75	Involuntary transfer of control of permittee corporation from Victor Muscat, deceased to Albert F. Campbell, Charles Tackman & Robert Tiberlis, Executors.	GRANTED	12-30-75
R & F	12-16-75		EFF:	
#509923 $100.				
AC 047 12-16-75				
Form 316				
PRESS:	23 DEC 1975	Atty: Donald E. Ward		

BAPCT-509

PETITION TO DENY AND FOR OTHER RELIEF filed 8-29-74 by M. Finkelstein on behalf of Thomas Television, Inc.

OPPOSITION OF CONNECTICUT TELEVISION, INC. TO PETITION TO DENY AND FOR OTHER RELIEF filed 9-25-74 by Steven A Lermin on behalf of Connecticut Television, Inc.

OPPOSITION TO "PETITION TO DENY AND FOR OTHER RELIEF" filed 9-25-74 by Donald Ward on behalf of Impart Systems, Inc.

REPLY TO OPPOSITIONS filed 10-11-74 by M. Finkelstein on behalf of Thomas Television, Inc

INFORMAL OBJECTION TO APPLICATION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT filed 12-9-75 by James J. Freeman on behalf of Connecticut Shoreline Associates

OPPOSITION TO "INFORMAL OBJECTION TO APPLICATION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT" filed 12-24-75 by Impart Systems, Inc. by Donald Ward

OPPOSITION TO INFORMAL OBJECTION filed 12-24--75 by Thomas Frohock on behalf of Connecticut Television, Inc.

REPLY TO OPPOSITIONS TO INFORMAL OBJECTION filed 1-14-76 by Connecticut Shoreline Associates

Copy of 301 appl. filed 3-2-76 on behalf of Connecticut Shoreline Communications, Inc. (2

SUPPLEMENT TO INFORMAL OBJECTION AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED ACTION filed 3-1-78 by James Freeman on behalf of Connecticut Shoreline Corporation.

COMMENT OF PLAINS-NEW HAVEN, INC. UPON "SUPPLEMENT TO INFORMAL OBJECTION AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED ACTION" filed 3-16-78 by Thomas Frohock on behalf of Plains-New Haven.

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WTVU

Name IMPART SYSTEMS, INC.
CH-59 NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAPCT-509 CONTINUED				
AMENDMENT	7-25-77	Re chg. Assignee to Plains-New Haven, Inc.		
R & F	7-29-77	Amended 7-17-78 re additonal information		
PRESS:	SEP 7 1977	Amended 6-30-80 re legal		
PN REC'D:				

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COMMENTS UPON "SUPPLEMENT TO INFORMAL OBJECTION AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED ACTION" filed 3-16-78 by Donald Ward on behalf of Impart Systems, Inc.

REPLY TO COMMENTS filed 3-28-78 by James Freeman on behalf of Connecticut Shoreline Corporation.

COMMENTS ON PLAINS-NEW HAVEN, INC.'S AMENDMENT AND RENEWED INFORMAL OBJECTION filed 10-11-78 by James Freeman for Connecticut Shoreline.

MOTION TO DISMISS "COMMENTS" OF CONNECTICUT SHORELINE CORPORATION filed 10-25-78 by Don Ward for Impart.

MOTION TO DISMISS filed 11-6-78 by James McKenna for Plains New Haven, Inc.

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.