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REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE

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B-L- 2658
Card #1

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed November 7, 1951

Call letters W G S M (9-27-50)
x W H N Y
Location: Huntington, New York

Name of licensee
WGSM RADIO, INC.(AL-2-8-65;EFF: 5-12-65)
x FIFTH MARKET BROADCASTING CO., INC., (AL 4-12-61; EFF: 5-4-61)
x HUNTINGTON-MONTAUK BROADCASTING CO., INC.

Transmister location
Crosby Place, Near Huntington, New York (Lic. 11-7-51)
x Nr. Wilton Road, Huntington, New York (MP 1-3-51)
X On West Neck Road near School Lane, approx. 3 miles N.W. of center of Huntington, New York (CP 6-27-50)

ZIP 11743

Main studio location
900 Walt Whitman Rd., Melville, N.Y. (Release Station EX 2-17-76)
x 900 Walt Whitman Rd., Huntington Station, New (BML 3-15-68)
X 379 New York Avenue, Huntington, New York (Ltr. 3-21-52 Eff. 3-28-52)
x 273 Main Street, Huntington, New York,(Lic. 11-7-51)
x Nr. Wilton Road, Huntington, New York (MP 1-3-51)
X to be determined, Huntington, New York (MP 6-27-50)

FCC-65

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	Period To
BP-6595	6-27-50	740	1kw	Daytime	8-27	2-27-51
CP for new station			DA	Conditional Clause)		
BMP-5347	1-3-51	740	1kw-DA	Daytime	8-27	2-27-51
Mod.CP(6595) to chg. T site, specify studio location, chg. type T & make chgs. in DA (Conds)						
BMP-5471	2-13-51	740	1kw-DA	Daytime	8-27	6-1-51
Mod.CP(6595,as mod.) for ext. completion date (Conds)						
BMP-5578	6-1-51	740	1kw, DA	Day	8-27	10-1-51
Mod. of CP(6595 as mod) for extension of completion date. (COND'L. CLAUSE)						
BL-4530	11-7-51	740	1kw *DA (COND'L CLAUSE)	Day	11-7	6-1-54
Lic. cover CP (6595 as mod., for a new standard broadcast station						
BP-8803	2-17-54	740	1kw (COND'L CLAUSE)	Day	4-17	10-17-54
C.P. chg. from employing DA to Non-DA						
BR-2658	5-19-54	740	1kw-DA	Day	6-1	6-1-57
BL-5428	9-29-54	740	1kw	Day	9-29	6-1-57
Lic. cover CP (BP-8803) change from DA-D to Non-DA(Cond						
BRC-707 (1)	4-22-55	Modification of license to operate trans. by remote control from 379 New York Avenue, Huntington, New York				
					(Cond'l)	
BR-2658	5-1-57	740	1kw	Day	6-1	6-1-60
BR-2658	5-1-57	740	1kw	Day	6-1	6-1-60
Superseding authorization to remove condition						
BS-2658 (1)	2-13-58	Mod. of license to correct sunrise and sunset hours, per letter dated 2-10-58.				
BR-2658	5-18-60	740kc	1kw	Day	6-1	6-1-63
BTC-3694	4-12-61	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee				
EFF:	5-2-61	corporation from Byron T. Summis and 10 other				
stockholders to Fifth Market Broadcasting Co., Inc.						
BAL-4160	4-12-61	Voluntary assignment of license to				
EFF:	5-4-61	Fifth Market Broadcasting Co., Inc.				
BP-14312	12-26-62	740kc	5kw-DA-D 1kw-non-DA(C.R)	Day	2-26	8-26-63
CP to increase power to 5kw,1kw(C.R.), install (DA-D)(non-DA while operating with 1kw C.R.) install new trans. (GATES BC-5P-2), delete remote control operation of transmitter. (Cond'l)						

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June 1954
Card #2

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WGSM

Station location Huntington, New York

Name of licensee FIFTH MARKET BROADCASTING CO., 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
BR-2658	5-31-63	740kc	1 kw	Day	6-1	6-1-66
BMP-10991 (1)	9-30-63	Mod. of CP(BP-14,332) for extension of completion date to 2-26-64.				
BMP-11183 (2)	4-1-64	Mod.of CP(BP-14,332 as Mod.) for extension of completion date to 4-26-64				
BL-10,577	9-28-64	740kc 1kw-5kw DA-d D (CR) Lic to cover CP(BP-14,332 as mod) which auth incr. power, install DA-D 1kw-non DA CR, install new trans and operate trans by RC while usind non-DA system.			9-28	6-1-66
BL-10,578	9-28-64	740kc 1kw Alt-M, Aux Lic to use old main trans (Gates BC-1F) as an Alt. Main trans at 1kw non-DA,Rc, and as an Aux at 5kw with DA-D.			9-28	6-1-66
BAL-5323 EFF:	2-8-65 5-12-65	Voluntary assignment of license to WGSM RADIO, INC.				
BR-2658	6-22-66 (CR)	740kc 1kw-5kw-DA-D Day 740kc 1kw-DA-D Alt-M Aux			6-22 6-22	6-1-69 6-1-69
BRC-3028 (1)	3-23-67	Mod. of license to operate Main trans. by remote control from 379 New York Avenue, Huntington, New York (DA-D).				
BML-2245 (2)	3-15-68	Mod. of license to change main studio and remote control point.				
[illegible]-2658(L)	[illegible]	Renewal of Main & Aux.-Alt. Main [illegible].				6-1-72
ZBSA	5-25-72					
BR-2658(L)	5-31-72	RENEWAL OF MAIN & AUX-ALT. MAIN				6-1-75
BR-2658(L)	5-28-75	RENEWAL (MAIN & ALT. & AUX.)				6-1-78
BS-2658(L)	12-17-75	ML chg antenna monitor (page 2)				
[illegible]	2-17-76	[illegible] Alt-Aux. trans. to Aux. only. [illegible] RC. [illegible] 5kw [illegible] DA [illegible] 1kw Aux. [illegible]				[illegible]-1-76

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W G S M

Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BS-2658(L)	4-13-76	ML waived weekly		MP readings	6-1-78
BR-2658(L)	1-30-79	Renewal 740khz	5kw(1kwCR)	RC DA(non-DA CR)	6-1-81 Day
BP-20490	4-9-79	CP inc. power 740khz	25kw	DA Day	4-9-80
BMP800321AI (1)	5-23-80	MP (BP-20,490) for ext. of time to:			11-20-80
BMP800516AJ (L)	1-14-81	740khz Mod. of CP (BP20490, as mod.) mke chgs in ant. sys add top loading..	25kw DAYTIME		7-14-81
BMP-801113AK (1)	1-27-81	MP (BP-20490, as Mod.) for ext. of time to:			2-28-81
COMTEL	11-26-80	TEMP. AUTH. GR. OPERATE DAYTIME WITH FACILITIES SPECIFIED IN BP-20490, ONLY AS NECESSARY TO TAKE REQUIRED MEASUREMENTS. AUTH. & TERMS COMTEL 9-4-80 CONCURRENTLY EXT. THIS AUTH. EXPIRES 1-31-81.			

Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W G S M / x W H N Y / x New

Name HUNTINGTON-MONTAUK BROADCASTING CO., INC.
(PO 381 New York Avenue, Huntington, New York)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BP-6595 Rec'd Filed	2-16-48 2-16-48 2-16-48	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 740kc Power: 1kw DA Hours of operation: Daytime only Trans. location: On West Neck Road near School Lane approx. 3 miles NW of the center of Huntington, N.Y. Studio location: To be determined- Huntington, New York Bingham, Collins, Porter & Kistler, Attorneys Joseph A. Chambers, Engr.	Docket No. 8846 Granted after hearing Order issued 6-27-50 subj. installation of proper phase monitor, both DA and non-DA proof to be made and field intesity equipment available at all times.	
AMENDED Recd. Filed	3-14-48 3-15-48 3-15-48	AMENDED re stockholders		
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	4-12-48 4-13-48 4-23-48	AMENDED re stockholders		

Transmitter-Gates BC-12

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WLIM

Name [illegible]

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-5347 Rec'd Filed	10-3-50 10-4-50 10-4-50	Modification of construction permit (BP-6595, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change transmitter location from On West Neck Road, near School Lane, Approx. 3 miles N.W. of center of Huntington, New York to Near Wilton Road, Huntington, New York, specify studio location as Near Wilton Road, Huntington, New York, change type of transmitter (Gates BC-1F) and make changes in the directional antenna. Robert M. Booth, Jr., Atty. Millard M. Garrison, Engr.	GRANTED re properly designed phase monitor installed re field meas.equip. available & record kept re non-DA in addition to DA proof; re precautions be taken to prevent second harmonic interferance to WHOM	1-3-51

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGSM

Name HUNTINGTON-MONTAUK BROADCASTING CO., INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BMP-5471 Rec'd Filed	1-25-51 1-30-51 1-30-51	Modification of construction permit (BP-6595, as modified, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 2-27-51 to 6-1-51. Robert M. Booth, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED (See BMP-5347 for conds)	2-13-51
BMP-5578 Rec'd Filed	5-17-51 5-21-51 5-21-51	Modification of construction permit (BP-6595, as modified, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 6-1-51 to 10-1-51. Robert M. Booth, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED re properly designed phase monitor; re field meas. equip.; re a complete nonDA proof in add. to proof on DA sys.; re that precautions be taken to prevent 2nd harmonic interference to WHOM.	6-1-51

FORM A-170
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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

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Call Letters W G S M

Name HUNTINGTON-MONTAUK BROADCASTING CO., INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-4530 Rec'd Filed	8-23-51 8-24-51 8-24-51	License to cover construction permit (BP-6595 as modified) which author. a new standard broadcast station. Robert M. Booth, Jr., atty.	GRANTED Cond'l re precautions be taken to prevent second harmonic interf. to WHOM	11-7-51
BP-8803 Rec'd Filed	3-11-53 3-13-53 3-13-53	Construction permit to increase power from 1kw to ~~5kw and change type transmitter (Gates BC-5D)~~. Robert M. Booth, Jr. Millard M. Garrison, Engr.	GRANTED Cond'l re acceptance interf. from proposed oper of WTAO and WVCH; precaution prevent harmonic interf. to WHOM; and removal two or three towers of present DA	2-17-54
AMENDED REC'D FILED	10-7-53 10-9-53 10-9-53	AMENDED to change power to 1kw using non-directional antenna, and delete request to change type transmitter.		

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FORM A-170
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGSM

Name HUNTINGTON-MONTAUK BROADCASTING CO., INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2658 Rec'd Filed	3-23-54 3-4-54 3-4-54	Renewal of License Filed by Robert M. Booth, Jr., Atty.	Granted	5-19-54
BP-9436 Rec'd Filed	8-16-54 8-19-54 8-19-54	Construction permit to change transmitter location from Crosby Place, Nr. Huntington, N.Y. and change studio location from 379 New York Ave. Huntington, N. Y. to Mitchell Rd., 1.7 mi. N. of the center of Deer Park, New York and change station location from Huntington, N.Y. to Deer Park, N.Y. Bingham, Collins, Porter & Kistler, Attys. Page, Creutz, Garrison & Waldschmitt, Engrs.	DENIED AFTER HEARING Order - Docket 11722	11-12-58

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

FORM A-170 #6
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGSM

Name HUNTINGTON-MONTAUK BROADCASTING CO., INC.
Huntington, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-5428 Rec'd Filed	8-20-54 8-24-54 8-24-54	License to cover construction permit (BP-8803) which authorized change from employing Directional antenna DA-D to Non- DA-Daytime	GRANTED	9-29-54 (Cond'l)
BRC-707 Rec'd Filed	4-18-55 4-20-55 4-20-55	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 379 New York Avenue, Huntington, New York William A. Porter, Atty.	GRANTED	4-22-55
BR-2658 Recd Filed	3-1-57 3-5-57 3-5-57	Renewal of license Robert M. Booth, Jr. Atty.	GRANTED	(Cond'l) 5-1-57
BR-2658 Rec'd&Filed	3-29-60 3-30-60	Renewal of license R.M.Booth, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	5-18-60

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FORM BC-121 #7 APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING
AUG. 1955

Call Letters WGSM

Name HUNTINGTON-MONTAUK BROADCASTING CO., INC.
Huntington, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-14,332 Rec'd Filed	8-26-60 8-31-60 8-31-60	Construction permit to increase power from 1kw to 5kw,1kwC.R., install directional antenna (DA-D)(NON-DA while operating with 1kw C.R.) install new transmitter (GATES BC 5P-2); delete remote control operation of transmitter. Request waiver of Section 3.24(g) of Rules. Atty. - Robert M. Booth, Jr. Engr. - Page, Creutz, Steel & Waldschmitt	GRANTED Cond'l re: Phase Mon., Field meas equip., DA & complete non-DA proof. Permittee shall assume responsibility for the installation of suitable filter circuits. Pre-sunrise operation.	12-26-62
AMENDMENT R & F	11-13-61 11-16-61	AMENDED to change applicant name to "Fifth Market Broadcasting Co., Inc".(BTC-3694 and BAL-4160 gr 4-12-61)		
BTC-3694 Rec'd Filed	2-7-61 2-21-61 2-21-61	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Byron T. Sammis and 10 other stockholders to Fifth Market Broadcasting Co., Inc. Robert M. Booth, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	4-12-61 5-2-61

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

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name FIFTH MARKET BROADCASTING CO., INC.
X HUNTINGTON-MONTAUK BROADCASTING CO., INC.
HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK

Call Letters W G S M

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAL-4160 Rec'd Filed	2-2-61 2-21-61 2-21-61	Voluntary assignment of license to Fifth Market Broadcasting Co., Inc. (CONTINGENT ON GRANT OF BTC-3694) Robert M. Booth, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	4-12-61 5-4-61
BR-2658 R. & F.	3-11-63 3-13-63	Renewal of license. Atty. John L. Tierney	GRANTED	5-31-63
BZ- Rec'd	6-14-63 7-3-63	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power	Returned- Req. of Atty.	7-30-63
BMP-10,991 R. & F.	8-7-63 8-8-63	Mod. of CP (BP-14,332 which auth. incr. power, install DA-D (1kw non-DA C.R.), install new trans., delete remote control) for extension of completion date from 8-26-63 to 2-26-64. Atty: Robert M. Booth, Jr.	GRANTED to	9-30-63 2-26-64

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGSM

Name FIFTH MARKET BROADCASTING CO. INC.
HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-11,193 R & F	2-26-64 2-26-64	Mod. of CP (BP-14,332 as mod which auth incr power, install DA-D, install new trans and delete RC) for ext. of completion date from 2-26-64 to 3-26-64. (1kw-non-DA C.R.) Atty: McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED to	4-1-64 4-26-64
BL-10,577 R. & F. PROG. TEST 4-20-64	4-2-64 4-10-64	Lic to cover CP(BP-14,332 as mod) which auth incr power, install DA-D, install new trans, and operate transmitter by RC while using non-DA Antenna. (1kw-non-DA CR) Atty- McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED	9-28-64
BL-10,578 R. & F.	4-2-64 4-10-64	Lic to use old main trans(Gates BC-1F) as an Alt. Main trans at 1kw non-DA, RC, and as an Auxiliary at 5kw with DA-D. Atty- McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED	9-28-64
BAL-5323 R & F	12-18-64 12-18-64	Voluntary assignment of license to WGSM RADIO, INC. Atty for assignor - McKenna & Wilkinson Washington, D.C. for assignee - Krieger & Jorgensen	GRANTED EFF:	2-8-65 5-12-65

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

740kc

Call Letters WGSM

Name WGSM RADIO, INC.
Huntington, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2658 R & F	2-18-66 2-25-66	Renewal of license (Main & Alt.Main-Aux.) Atty- Krieger & Jorgensen	GRANTED	6-22-66
BRC-3028 R & F	12-22-66 1-4-67	Modification of license to operate Main transmitter by remote control from 379 New York Avenue, Huntington, New York (DA-D). Engr. Ralph T. Winquist, Bridgeport, Conn.	GRANTED	3-23-67
BMI-2245 R. & F. MAR 7 1968	12-27-67 1-15-68	Mod. of license to change main studio and remote control point to 900 Walt Whitman Road, Huntington Station, New York. atty-Krieger & Jorgensen (Louis Schwartz) Requests waiver of Sec. 73.30(a)	GRANTED (WAIVER Sect. 73.30)	3-15-68

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

FORM BC-121 #11

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W G S M

Name WGSM RADIO, INC.
Huntington, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2658 R & F #495258 $105. PRESS APR 4 1969	2-28-69 3-3-69 3-3-69	Renewal of license---(Main & Aux-Alt. Main) AMENDED 4-15-69 re: Engineering (Proof of perf) AMENDED 5-28-69 re: Programming	GRANTED	6-16-69
LETTER 9-17-70 TO CHANGE COUNSEL TO: LOUIS SCHWARTZ (SCHWARTZ & WOODS)				
BR-2658 R & F P.N. PRESS MAR 1 2 1972	2-22-72 3-1-72 3-1-72	Renewal of License (Main & Alt. Main-Aux.) AMENDED 3-22-72 re: skeleton proof	GRANTED	5-31-72
BR-2658 R & F PN REcd. PRESS	1-31-75 2-3-75 " MAR 18 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTER. MAIN & AUX. TRANSM.) Louis Schwartz, Atty.	GRANTED	5-28-75

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W G S M

Name W G S M RADIO, INC.
Huntington, N.Y.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP- 20,490	6-28-76	CP to inc. power to 25kw,		
Rec'd	6-30-76	& chg. type trans. Harris MW-50.	GRANTED	4-9-79
Filed	6-30-76	Req. Waiver of Sec. 73.24(g) of the rules.		
$800-586400	6-30-76	MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECT.1.1305		
AC-001		Atty: Louis Schwartz		
		Eng. Alvin H. Andrus		
PN REC'D	7-23-76			
AMENDED	8-30-76	chg SL: 900 Walt Whitman Road, Melville, NewYork		
		corrected V-A and chg. modulation monitor		
AMENDED	11-5-76	Engineering statement		
AMENDED	2-15-77	supplement to engineering statement filed 11-5-76		
MAY 1 1976				
BR-2658	1-31-78	Renewal of license(Main and Auxiliary)		
R&F	2-1-78		GRANTED	1-30-79
PRESS:	3-13-78	Louis Schwartz, Atty		

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

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APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

740KHz.

Call Letters: W G S M

Name: WGSM RADIO, INC.

Station Location: HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMP800321AI PRESS (0)	JUN 12 1980	MP (BP-20490) For Extension of Time to: _____ (FOR CHANGES) Atty. Louis Schwartz (Schwartz,Woods & Miller)	Granted 5-23-80 to 11-20-80
BMP800516AT PRESS (0)	JUN 12 1980	Mod. of CP (BP-20,490, as Mod.) To make chgs. in Ant. Sys. (Add Top-Loading to the Directional Transmitting Towers). Atty. Louis Schwartz (Schwarts,Woods & Miller)	GRANTED 1-14-81 Con'd
AMENDED	7-30-80	Request for remote control:900 Walt Whitman Rd., Melville, New York(at main studio location)	

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

740KHz.

Call Letters: W G S M

Name: WGSM RADIO, INC.

Station Location: HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMP801113AK PRESS (0)	DEC 10 1980	MP (BP-20,490, as Mod.) For Extension of Time to: 2-18-81 (FOR CHGS.) Atty. Louis Schwartz (Schwartz,Woods & Miller)	GRANTED: 1-27-81 TO: 2-28-81
BR810202XW PRESS MAR 2 3 1981 PN filed		RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY TRANSMITTERS) Atty. Louis Schwartz (Shwartz, Woods & Miller)	GRANTED 5-29-81 (OVER)
BMP810211AJ PRESS (0)	APR 7 1981	MP (BP-20,490, as Mod.) For Extension of Time to: 4-28-81 (FOR CHGS.) Atty. Louis Schwartz (Schwartz,Woods & Miller)	DISMISSED 4-24-81 APPLICATION UNNECESSARY
AMENDED	3-27-81		
AMENDED	4-20-81	Reanalysis of the three degree radial, antenna base current for non-directional measurements & coverage map	

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(BR810202XW) AMENDED 4-17-81 re: litigation

APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

740 kHz
Call Letters: W G S M

Name: WGSM RADIO, INC.

Station Location: HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BL-810313AJ		Lic. to cover (BP- 20,490 as mod.) for chgs.	
R & F	3-13-81	Atty: Louis Schwartz(Schwartz, Woods & Miller	
Amended	3-27-81	Re: Exhibil P"	
Amended	4-20-81	Re: Engineering Data	
PTA	4-30-81		
PRESS JUL 07 1981			

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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 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.