WDAI

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

CH 56

First licensed .....

Call Letters WDAI

Station Location GARY, INDIANA

Name GREAT LAKES BROADCASTING, INC.

Transmitter Location .....

Main studio location .....

Form BC-126
December 1978

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPCT-800702KG	6-18-81	CP FOR NEW STATION	12-18-82
AH: 730' MSL: ---; V.1050KW; A. 126KW; CH-56; UNL; 722-728			

COMMERCIAL TV

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters NEW TV

GREAT LAKES BROADCASTING, INC.

Name X GWWX-TV., INC.

CH-56 GARY, IN (PO 461 Hayes St., Gary, IN 46406)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-790130LJ	1-26-79	CP for New TV Station on:		
R & F	1-30-79	Freq.: Ch-56, 722-728MHz		
PRESS:	3-29-79	ERP: Vis. ~~5516kW(M) 1919kW(H),~~ Aur. ~~192kW(H)~~		
PN REC'D:	2-22-79	HAAT: ~~1594~~ ft.		
PN REC'D:	8-20-79	TL: ~~Sears Bldg, S. Walker Dr. & Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL (41-52-44-87-38-10)~~		
'79 0708		SL: To be determined, Gary, IN		
PN REC'D:	8-7-80	Trans.: RCA TTU-110C Ant.: RCA TFU-35G (BT) REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.610(d) OF THE RULES.		
		Atty.: B. Dwight Perry (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)		
		Engr.: Cohen and Dippell		

CUT OFF DATE

AUG 15 1979

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

STATEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MAXIMUM SERVICE TELECASTERS, INC. 8-15-79 by Ernest W. Jennes for the Assoc.

PETITION TO DISMISS 8-15-79 by Benito Gaguine for Aurora-Chicago Telecasters Inc.

PETITION TO DISMISS/OR DENY 8-15-79 by James. A. McKenna, Jr. for Weigel Broadcasting Co.

STATEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MAXIMUM SERVICE TELECASTERS, INC. 8-20-79 by Jennes for Maximum.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 8-30-79 by Chris Smallwood for GWWX.
REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME 9-28-79 by Smallwood for GWWX.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE 10-24-79 by Christopher C. Smallwood for GWWX-TV, INC.
COMMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONS TO DENY 10-24-79 by Smallwood for GWWX-TV, INC.

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF ASSOCIATION OF MAXIMUM SERVICE TELECASTERS, INC. 11-25-80 by Michael S. Bernstein for Association of Maximum Service Telecasters, Inc.

CARD#2

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION
APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

W D A I(TV)
Call Letters X NEW TV

GREAT LAKES BROADCASTING, INC.
Name: X GWWX-TV, INC.
CH-56

Station Location: GARY, IN

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BSTV-790522KG R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	5-15-79 5-22-79 11-13-79	Request authority to install Subscription Television equipment. Atty.: B. Dwight Perry (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED-- DISMISSED 7-9-80

Form BC-121
March 1979

CARD#3

COMMERCIAL TV
APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: XNEW TV
WDAI(TV)

GREAT LAKES BROADCASTING, INC.

Name: XGWWX-TV, INC.

CH-56

Station Location: GARY, IN

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BPCT-790130LJ CONTINUED AMENDMENT R & F PRESS:	10-29-79 10-30-79 1-11-80	AMENDED to chg. ERP to Vis. 3214kW(M) 2404kW(H) Aur. 240kW(H); chg. TL to Intersection I-80 & State Rte. #43 (Harlem Ave.), Park Forest, IL (41-33-10 87-47-09); and HAAT 767 ft. MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION Amended 6-30-80 re legal	GRANTED 6-18-81
AMENDMENT NEW FILE NO. ASSIGNED BPCT-800702KG R & F	6-30-80 7-2-80	Re chg. Applicant to Great Lakes Broadcasting, Inc. AMENDED 11-12-80 re legal programming, financial, EEO Amended 12-9-80 re legal OCT 24 '80 DEC 8 '80 AMENDED 12-30-80 re legal. Amended 4-16-81 re engineering chgs.	

ACCEPTED
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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 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.