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June 1954

4875

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed January 14, 1972

Call letters W A Y T

Station location Wabash, Indiana

CONAWAY COMMUNICATIONS CORP. (AL gr 9/17/76 EFF: 9/30/76
x PORTER COUNTY BROADCASTING CORPORATION(AL 9-28-73 EFF:

Name of licensee x LEONARD J. ELLIS AND BERNICE A. ELLIS d/b as WABASH RADIO COMPANY

Transmitter location W. side of Indiana Rte. #15, 0.25 mi. S. of Wabash River, Wabash, Ind.
(BP 10-7-70)

Main studio location W. side of Indiana Rte. #.5, 0.25 mi. S. of Wabash River, Wabash, Ind.
(BP 10-7-70)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BP-17,506	10-7-70	1510kc	250w	Day	10-7-71
	CP for a new standard broadcast station.				
BP-17,506	4-5-71	Call letters assigned.			
BMP-13,314(2)	10-20-71	MP(BP-17,506)		ext. time	to 1-7-72
PSA	11-18-71		250w (protected station WLAC)		
BL-13,117 (L)	1-14-72	Lic.(BP-17,506,as mod)for new standard B/C station			8-1-73
EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-4875(S)	9-28-73	Renewal of License			8-1-76
BAL-7953	9-28-73	VOL. AL	EFF: 5/13/74		
BAL-8741	9/17/76	Vol AL	EFF: 9/30/76		
BR-4875(L)	7-12-76		RENEWAL		8-1-79
BR790402I7(s)	7-18-79	Renewal of license			8-1-82

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters new

Name Leonard J. Ellis and Bernice A. Ellis d/b as Wabash Radio Company
Wabash, Indiana (PO %Leonard J. Ellis, Station WAKE PO Box 149, Valparaiso, Ind. 6383

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-17,506 Rec'd Filed	10-26-66 10-28-66 10-28-66	CP for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1510kc Power: 250w BA-D- Hours: Daytime Trans: Gates BC-250GY Trans. loc: ~~N. of Chestnut St., 0.3 mi. W of Route 15, Wabash, Indiana~~ Studio loc: Same as trans. Atty: -none- Engr: E. Harold Munn, Jr. Coldwater, Mich. Preliminary examination indicates this proposal is MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE with BP-17,397.	GRANTED	10-7-70
Amend. R&F	2-28-69	Sec. III & IV.		
Ltr.	3-27-69	Stan. Sidicane, now Atty.		

7-28-69. JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT (BP-17506 & BP-17397) by Sidicane and Joyce.
AMENDMENT filed 9-30-69 Balance sheet submitted.
Amended 11-20-69 re community survey.

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

CONTACT: LEONARD J. ELLIS
PHONE: CODE 219; 462-6111
ADDRESS: c/o WAKE RADIO
SAGER LAKE ROAD
VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Amended 5-15-70 re: Engineering Data
Amended 6-8-70 re site photos submitted.

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September 1959

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Card #2

Call Letters NEW WAYT

Name Leonard J. Ellis and Bernice A. Ellis d/b as Wabash Radio Company
Wabash, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-17,506 AMENDMENT R&F	1-27-70 1-29-70	Amended to change ant-trans. & studio location to West side of Indiana Route #15, 0.25 mi. South of Wabash River, Wabash, Indiana (40° 47'11" 85° 49' 19") and change to Non-directional Day; and decrease heights.	GRANTED	10-7-70
BMP-13,314 R & F #010326 $50 Acc. 067 Press OCT 15 1971	10-5-71 10-7-71 10-7-71	Mod. of CP (BP-17,506) for extension of completion date to 12-1-71.(New)	GRANTED to	10-20-71 1-7-72
BL-13,117 R & F W 018409-$50. Amended PTA PRESS	11-8-71 11-10-71 11-10-71 11-16-71 11-18-71 JAN 5 1972	Lic.(BP-17,506, as mod.) for New Standard B/c Sta. Trans: COLLINS, 300-G. AC-067 Sect. VI	GRANTED	1-14-72

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

#3

1510kc

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

PORTER COUNTY BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Call Letters WAYT

Name x LEONARD J. ELLIS AND BERNICE A. ELLIS d/b as WABASH RADIO COMPANY

WABASH, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-4875 R & F PN PRESS MAY	4-30-73 5-2-73 5-2-73	Renewal of License AMENDED 7-23-73 re: ascert. of comm. needs; employment policy	GRANTED	9-28-73
RAL-7953 R & F FEE PD: $250 #222191 CODE 047 (Form 316) AUG 21 1973	7-20-73 7-26-73	Voluntary assignment of license to PORTER COUNTY BROADCASTING CORPORATION (SEE OVER)	GRANTED EFF:	9-28-73
BR-4875 R & F P.N. Press	3-16-76 3-30-76 3-30-76 MAY 4 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Samuel Miller (Miller & Fields)	GRANTED	7-12-76

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

RE: BAL-7953 - Articles etc on file with WAKE

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WAYT

Name CONAWAY COMMUNICATIONS CORP.
x Porter County Broadcasting Corporation
Wabash, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAL-8741 R & F FEE PD: $200 # 592264 CODE 047 PN filed	7-7-76 7-13-76 30 JUL 1976 7/30/76	Voluntary assignment of license to CONAWAY COMMUNICATIONS CORP. Atty for assignor - Miller & Fields for assignee - Gammon & Tierney AMENDED 8-30-76 - revised agreement; fin data	GRANTED EFF: FEE REQ:	9/17/76 9/30/76 pd 10/7/76 W 622473
BR 790402 I PRESS MAY 16 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE John L. Tierney, Atty.	GRANTED	7-18-79

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 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 one set is known to 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.