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Form BC-126
June 1954
3219

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed January 24, 1956

Call letters W G K A

Station Location: Atlanta, Georgia

Name of licensee
WGKA, INC. (AL gr 1/15/76 EFF: 3/5/76
x GCC COMMUNICATIONS OF ATLANTA, INC.(AL 8-25-71 Eff: 10-1-71)
x STRAUSS BROADCASTING COMPANY AND JAMES W. THOMPSON d/b as
STRAUSS BROADCASTING COMPANY OF ATLANTA (AL 1-28-65 EFF: 9-6-65)
x GLENKAREN ASSOCIATES, INC.

Transmitter location
1140 Peachtree St., Atlanta, Georgia (MP 5-6-55) (lic 1-24-56)
x600 Northside Drive, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia (CP 1-19-55)

Main studio location
100 Colony Square, Suite 421, 1175 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia
x 1910 Peachtree Center, 230 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta, Ga. (BRC 8-4-67)
30309 X 1140 Peachtree St., Atlanta, Georgia (MP 5-6-55)(lic 1-24-56)
x 1428 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia (CP 1-19-55)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	To
BP-9460	1-19-55	1600	1kw	Day	3-19	9-19-55
C.P. for a new Standard Broadcast Station at Atlanta, Ga.						
BMP-6815	5-6-55	1600	1kw	Day	7-6	1-6-56
Mod. of CP (9460) to chg. T&S sites; type T; side mount FM ant. on AM tower; and ext. C&C Dates						
BL-5839	1-24-56	1600kc	1kw	Day	1-24	4-1-58
		Lic to cover CP (BP-9460 mod) new station				
BZ-3811 (1)	10-9-56	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power				
TELEGRAM	3-28-58	No action taken, continued operation authorized until final determination on application for renewal of license.				
BR-3219	7-15-59	1600	1kw	Day	7-15	4-1-61
	3-29-61	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.				
BR-3219	2-14-62	Renewal of license			2-14	4-1-64
BZ-4490	2-21-62	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.				
	3-25-64	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.				
BR-3219	6-22-64	1600kc.	1kw	Day	6-22	4-1-67
BTC-4630 EFF:	10-19-64 10-22-64	Voluntary relinquishment of positive control of lic.corp. by Locke E. Glenn thru sale of stock to William O. Jones and Barton C. Isbell (25% each)				
BZ-5303	12-10-64	1600kc	1kw	Day	12-10	4-1-67
		Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.				
BP-16744	11-16-66	1190kc	1kw	Day	1-16	7-16-67
		CP to change frequency to 1190kc. (Cond'l).				
BR-3219	3-29-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1	4-1-70
BL-11,601 (1)	4-24-67	Lic to cover CP (BP-16,744) chg. freq.				
BRC-3150 (2)	8-4-67	Mod. of license to change studio loc. to 1910 Peachtree Center, 230 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta, Ga. and operate transmitter by remote control from studio location.				

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters .....

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
BC-[illegible] (C)	1-1-[illegible]	Auth. to determine compliance [illegible] Direct meas. of [illegible] power.			
BTC-5580	8-28-68	VOL. TC			
EFF:	9-6-68				
BAL-6330	8-28-68	VOL. AL			
EFF:	9-6-68				
Memo	7-17-69	Delete obstruction marking requirement			

The Citizens Committee to Preserve the Present Programming of the "Voice of the Arts in Atlanta on WGKA-AM and FM" on September 30, 1969 filed a 402(b) appeal in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit from the Commission's Memo, Opinion and Order released 9-4-68, granting the application for the transfer of control of the licenses of Stations WGKA and WGKA-FM in Atlanta, Georgia, and from the Memo, Opinion and Order released 8-25-69, affirming the grant of the application and denying appellant's Petition for reconsideration. Case titled The Citizens Committee to Preserve the Present Programming of the "Voice of the Arts in Atlanta on WGKA-AM and FM" v. Federal Communications Commission. Case No. 23,515.

BTC-6310	7-31-70	VOL. TC	EFF: 8-1-70		

The U.S.Court of Appeals for DC returned to Comm. for hearing, the grant of BAL-6330 & BTC-5580.

BAL-7298	8-25-71	VOL. AL	10-1-71		
(BR-3219(L))	9-27-71	RENEWAL			4-1-73
(BZ-7449)	9-27-71	Direct Measurement			
EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-3219(L)	3-30-73	Renewal			4-1-76
BZ-8922(1)	9-15-75	Direct Measurement			—
BTC-7843	9/23/75	Vol TC EFF: 9/30/75			
BAL-8325	1/15/76	Vol AL EFF: 3/5/76			
BR-3219(L)	6-25-76	RENEWAL			4-1-79
	Superseded to change SL and RC				
BP-20341	3-22-78	1190khz 5kw(2.5kwCH) Day		RC	3-22-79
	CP increase power & trans.				

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June 1975

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Call letters W G K A

Station location .....

Name of licensee SEE CARD ONE

Transmitter location SEE CARD ONE

Main studio location SEE CARD ONE

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	Period To
BR-781128VW(L) BL-781005AF	3-22-79	RENEWAL & MODIFICATION			4-1-82	
BR-781128VW(L) BL-781005AF	3-22-79	Superseded to correct Experation Date (RENEWAL & MODIFICATION)				

FORM A-170
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGKA
x New

Name GLENKAREN ASSOCIATES, INC.
PO 825 Citizens & Southern National Bank Bldg., Atlanta 3, Ga. (ST.M.Forbes,Jr.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-9460 Rec'd Filed	9-7-54 9-8-54 9-8-54	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1600kc Power: 1kw Hours of Operation: Daytime trans. Location: 600 Northside Drive, N.W. Atlanta, Ga. Studio Location: 1428 Peachtree St., N.E. Atlanta, Ga.	GRANTED	1-19-55

GATES BC-1F

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FORM A-170
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGKA

Name GLENKAREN ASSOCIATES, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-6815 Rec'd Filed	4-13-55 4-15-55 4-15-55	Modification of construction permit (BP-9460 which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to change antenna-transmitter location from 600 Northside Drive, N.W., Atlanta, Ga. and studio location from 1428 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta, Ga. to 1140 Peachtree St., Atlanta, Ga.; change type transmitter (Raytheon RA-1000) and side mount FM antenna on AM tower. Gambrell, Harlan, Barwick, Russell & Smith, Attys, Atlanta, Ga. C. E. Strain, Engr., Atlanta, Ga.	GRANTED	5-6-55
BL-5839 Rec'd Filed	8-24-55 8-25-55 8-25-55	License to cover construction permit (BP-9460, as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED	1-24-56

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W.G.K.A.

Name GLENKAREN ASSOCIATES, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BZ-3811 Rec'd Filed	9-8-56 9-12-56 9-12-56	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power	GRANTED	10-9-56
BR-3219 Recd Filed Resubmitted Rec'd. Resubmitted Rec'd Filed	12-23-57 1-2-58 2-24-58 3-3-58 3-7-58 3-7-58	Renewal of license.	~~RETURNED~~ ~~Sect. II & Exhs. dated after Sect. I; Proposed Prog. Sch. & type trans.~~ ~~RETURNED 2-26-58; not re-executed~~ GRANTED	~~2-7-58~~ 7-15-59
BR-3219 Rec'd&Filed	12-30-60 1-3-61	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	2-14-62
BZ-4490 Rec'd Filed	4-21-61 4-24-61 4-24-61	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	~~RETURNED 8-16-61~~ ~~[illegible]~~ GRANTED	 2-21-62

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGKA

Name GLENKAREN ASSOCIATES, INC
Atlanta, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3219 Rec'd Filed	12-30-63 12-31-63 12-31-63	Renewal of license	GRANTED	6-22-64
BTC-4630 Rec'd Filed	7-24-64 7-29-64 8-7-64	Voluntary relinquishment of positive control of licensee corp. by Locke E. Glenn thru sale of stock to William O. Jones and Barton C. Isbell (25% each)	GRANTED EFF:	10-19-64 10-22-64
BZ-5303 Rec'd Filed	5-25-64 5-27-64 6-1-64	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	12-10-64
BP-16,744 R.&F.	5-19-65 5-26-65	Construction permit to change frequency from 1600kc to 1190kc. Atty: Midlen & Harrison Engr: W.J. Holey, Atlanta, Georgia (Waiver of Sect. 1.569(b)(a)(i) granted & appli. accepted for filing per Comm Order 11-24-65) (Preliminary exam indicates MX with BP-16670 Seneca, S.C.)	GRANTED Cond'l re: operation.	11-16-66 Pre-sunrise

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CONTACT: Barton C. Isbell, Jr.
PHONE: Code 404; 873-2848
ADDRESS: GlenKaren Associates, Inc.
1140 Peachtree St., N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

CARD #5

Call Letters WGKA

Name GLENKAREN ASSOCIATES, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3219 R & F	12-22-66 12-28-66	Renewal of License Midlen and Harrison, Attys.(E.B.Reddy)	GRANTED	3-29-67
BL-11,601 R & F	2/6/67 2/9/67	Lic. to cover CP (BP-16,744) which auth. chng. freq. Atty: J. H. Midlen Engr: C. E. Strain, Atlanta, Ga.	GRANTED	4-24-67
BRC-3150 R & F AUG [illegible]	7-26-67 7-28-67	Modification of license to change studio location to 1910 Peach tree Center, 230 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia and operate transmitter by remote control from studio location.	GRANTED	8-4-67
BL-6724 R & F DM-1/3/68	12/15/67 12/18/67 JAN [illegible]	Auth. to determine oprating power by direct meas. of ant. power. Engr: Charles E. Strain, Atlanta, Ga.	GRANTED	1-[illegible]-68

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

FORM BC-121 #6
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

(1190kc)

STRAUSS BROADCASTING COMPANY and JERE W. THOMPSON, db/as
STRAUSS BROADCASTING COMPANY OF ATLANTA (8-28-68)

Call Letters W G K I

Name X GLENKAREN ASSOCIATES, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-5580 R & F MAR 19 1968 AMENDED 4-22-68 - bank ltr re loan; statement re programming Statement re programming filed 5-17-68	3-1-68 3-5-68	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Barton C. Isbell, Jr., Locke E. Glenn, Charles E. Strain et al(all stockholders) to Strauss Broadcasting Company and Jere W. Thompson, dba Strauss Broadcasting Company of Atlanta (SEE OVER FOR ADDENDA) Atty - Arnold & Porter	GRANTED EFF: Grant Affirmed 8-13-69 by Comm Order #34926 and petition denied.	8-28-68 9-6-68
BAL-6330 R & F FEE PD: $30 #117046 (Form 316) APR 2 1968	3-21-68 3-27-68	Voluntary assignment of license to STRAUSS BROADCASTING COMPANY and JERE W. THOMPSON, dba STRAUSS BROADCASTING COMPANY OF ATLANTA Contingent on grant of BTC-5580 Atty - Arnold & Porter	GRANTED EFF:	8-28-68 9-6-68

PETITION OF CITIZENS COMMITTEE filed 9-25-68 FOR RECONSIDERATION OF GRANT; public hrg.
SEE OVER for OPPOSITION
PETITION OF CITIZENS COMMITTEE filed 10-17-68 to preserve present programming; reconsid
REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION - filed 10-21-68
AMENDMENT to Petition for reconsid & pub. hrg - Filed 10-21-68
REQUEST FOR STAY OF EFFECTIVENESS - filed 10-21-68 (SEE OVER)

BTC-5580 - AMENDED 6-3-68 re: Proposed Programming (Transferee)

OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 10-9-68 by Reed Miller on behalf of Strauss Broadcasting Company of Atlanta.

OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR "Req. for stay of Effectiveness" - Filed 10-25-68

MOTION TO STRIKE AMENDMENT TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND FOR A PUBLIC HEARING filed 10-31-68 by Reed Miller on behalf of Strauss Broadcasting Company of Atlanta.

Copy of Letter from Citizens Committee to C & S National Bank of Altanta and newsletter filed by Reed Miller on behalf of Strauss.

OPPOSITION to Motion to strike amendment to Petition for reconsideration and for a Public Hrg - filed 11-14-68 by Citizens Committee

REPLY to Opposition to Motion to Strike Amendment - filed 11-25-68 by Arnold & Porter

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REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO AMEND filed 11-22-68 by Henry Angel on behalf of The Citizens Committee To Preserve The Present Programming Of The "Voice Of The Arts In Atlanta".

OPPOSITION TO REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO FILE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE'S PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND FOR A PUBLIC HEARING filed 12-10-68 by Miller on behalf of Strauss.

MOTION TO STRIKE "SECOND AMENDMENT TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND FOR A PUBLIC HEARING" filed 12-10-68 by Reed Miller on behalf of Strauss.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO AMEND filed 12-9-68 by Henry Angel on behalf of The Citizens Committee.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION OF STRAUSS BROADCASTING COMPANY OF ATLANTA TO PETITIONER's REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO FILE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE'S PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND FOR A PUBLIC HEARING filed 12-16-68 by Angel on behalf of Strauss.

Survey re Community needs (programming) filed 4-30-69

5-29-69. Letter dated 5-22-69 from Henry Angel,Esq. reply Comlet 3-4-69 to Strauss.

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September 1969

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Call Letters W C K A

Name STRAUSS BROADCASTING COMPANY AND JERE W. THOMPSON d/b as STRAUSS BROADCASTING COMPANY OF ATL ANTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3219 R & F #566008 $75. P.N.	12-10-69 12-24-69 12-24-69 12-24-69	Renewal of License Atty.: Reed Miller AMENDED 4-13-70 re: progressions business interests AMENDED 3-1[illegible]-70 re: commercial matter	GRANTED	9-27-71 Issued with BZ-7449
BZ-7449 Rec. & F. DM Amended PRESS	12-12-69 12-15-69 12-23-69 12-29-69 APR 2 7 1970	Direct Measurement. Mod. ground system.	GRANTED	9-27-71 Issued with BR-3219
BTC-6310 Rec'd SEE: FM and KCEE ETC) Filed JUL (Form 316) JUL 2 8 1970	7-7-70 7-10-70 for fee pd; 7-21-70	Voluntary transfer of control of Strauss Broadcasting Company (2/3 owner of Licensee partnership) from Robert S. Strauss and Theodore H. Strauss (50% each) to Robert S. Strauss (42 1/2%) and Theodore H. Strauss (47 1/2%), as a Family Group Atty - Arnold & Porter	GRANTED EFF:	7-31-70 8-24-70

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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WGKA, INC.

Call Letters W G K A

Name xxGCC COMMUNICATIONS OF ATLANTA, INC.
x STRAUSS BROADCASTING COMPANY AND JERE W. THOMPSON
dba STRAUSS BROADCASTING COMPANY OF ATLANTA
Atlanta, Ga.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAL-7298 R & F FEE PD: $1000 #501160 (ALSO SEE FM) MAY 17 1971 Pub. notice filed 5-25-71	4-22-71 4-27-71	Voluntary assignment of license to GCC COMMUNICATIONS OF ATLANTA, INC. REQUEST WAIVER SECTION 1.597 (SEE OVER FOR AMENDMENTS) Atty - Cohn & Marks	GRANTED Req. grant grant fee WKGA-FM also EFF: 10-1-71 Grant Fee Paid. ~~063, 10-7-71, W-512394~~	8-25-71 fee$13,500.00 includes
BR-3219 R & F P.N. PRESS JAN 31 1973	12-14-72 1-2-73 1-2-73	Renewal of License Atty.: Ronald A. Siegel	Granted	3-30-73
BAL-8325 R & F FEE PD: $1000 # 371573 CODE 047 Pub. Filed: 1-13-75	12-5-74 12-6-74	Voluntary assignment of license to WGKA, INC. Atty - Cohn & Marks INFORMAL OBJECTIONS OF BROADCAST GOOD MUSIC COMMITTEE filed 2-12-75 to Atty Angel (Atlanta, Ga.) RESPONSE TO INFORMAL OBJECTIONS filed 3-10-75 by Cohn & Marks on behalf of applicant REPLY TO RESPONSE filed 3-24-75 (SEE OVER)	GRANTED EFF: FEE REQ	1/15/76 3/5/76 Pd 3/16/76 W 541705

RE: BAL-7298 - Sec.VI filed 5-14-71; legal data re stock holdings

Sec.VI(assignor) filed 5-20-71

AMENDED 6-15-71 - re B/C interests; correction re relationship of Stoneman; programming proposals(assignee)

AMENDED 7-9-71 - supplemental programming (assignee)

AMENDED 8-2-71 - legal data re B/C int re First Nat'l bank & General Cinema Corp (assignee)

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RE: BAL-8325 - AMENDED 3-31-75 - legal data; financial data Comm survey; & re prog.

RE: BAL-8325 - Amended 7/28/75 - financial data and Sale and Purchase Statement

AMENDED 8-13-75 - re bus. interests

BAL-8325 9/24/75 AMENDED to reflect BTC-7843 gr 9/23/75

Amendment to Sales Agreement filed 3-10-76

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Name xGCC COMMUNICATIONS OF ATLANTA, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BZ-8922 R & F DM PRESS AUG 1 9 1975	7-7-75 7-11-75 7-31-75	Direct Measurement Atty: Ronald A. Siegel (Cohn & Marks)	GRANTED	9-15-75
BTC-7843 R & F FEE ID: $400 #472800 CODE 047(INCLUDES FM STATIONS WZEC,WOCL,KRBE FORM 316 SEP 1 9 1975	8-28-75 9-5-75	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Alexander M. Tanger and General Cinema Corporation to GCC Communications of Philadelphia, Inc. Atty - Cohn & Marks (R. Siegel)	GRANTED no fee req	9/23/75 EFF: 9/30/75
BR-3219 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-28-75 12-1-75 " FEB 3 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE L.N.Cohn,Atty. AMENDED 3-10-76 to change name of applicant to "WGKA, INC." AMENDED 6-21-76 re: programming	GRANTED	6-25-76 APR 1 1976

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Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W G K A

Name W G K A, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-20,341	5-11-76	Construction permit to increase power to 5kw ~~10kw~~, install (2.5kw CH), chg. Studio loc & RC to 100 Colony Square, 1175 Peachtree St., N.E. Atlanta, Georgia. Trans. Gates BC-10H	GRANTED	3-22-78
Rec'd	5-12-76			
Filed 566246-$600- AC-001	5-12-76			
Pn rec'd	6-1-76			
JUN 5 1977				
Amend R & F	1-11-78	re: decrease power to 5kw, chg. type transmitter to Harris MW-5A, Sec. III, Sec. V-A Eng. report		
Amend R & F	3-7-78	re: Sec. II, Paragraphs 11(e),(f) Tables I, II, and paragraph 19, Sec. IV-A Exh 4		
Amend R & F	3-9-78	re: Sec. IV A Exh 4.		

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Form BC-121
May 1976

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters WGKA

Name WGKA, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-781005AF R & F PTA PRESS	10-5-78 10-18-78 NOV 1 1979	Lic. to cover BP-20341 for changes		
BR 781128 VW PRESS	FEB 2 6 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		

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

DUPLICATE CARD #11

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W G K A

Name: WGKA, INC.

Station Location: ATLANTA, GEORGIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BL-781005AF		Lic to cover BP-20341 for changes	GRANTED 2-6-79 issued with BR781128VW
BR-781128VW		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED 3-22-79

Form BC-121
March 1979

RECORD OF APPLICATIONS REQUESTING FACILITIES OF BROADCASTING STATION...W.G.K.A..

Licensee: Glenkaren Associates, Inc.

File No.	Date	Call Letters	Name and Location of Applicant	Remarks	Disposition
BP-16,670	3-30-65	W S N W	Blue Ridge Broadcasting Company, Inc. Seneca, South Carolina		

FORM 103-M

Renewal Requested	Date Received	Designated for Hearing	Reason	Remarks

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.