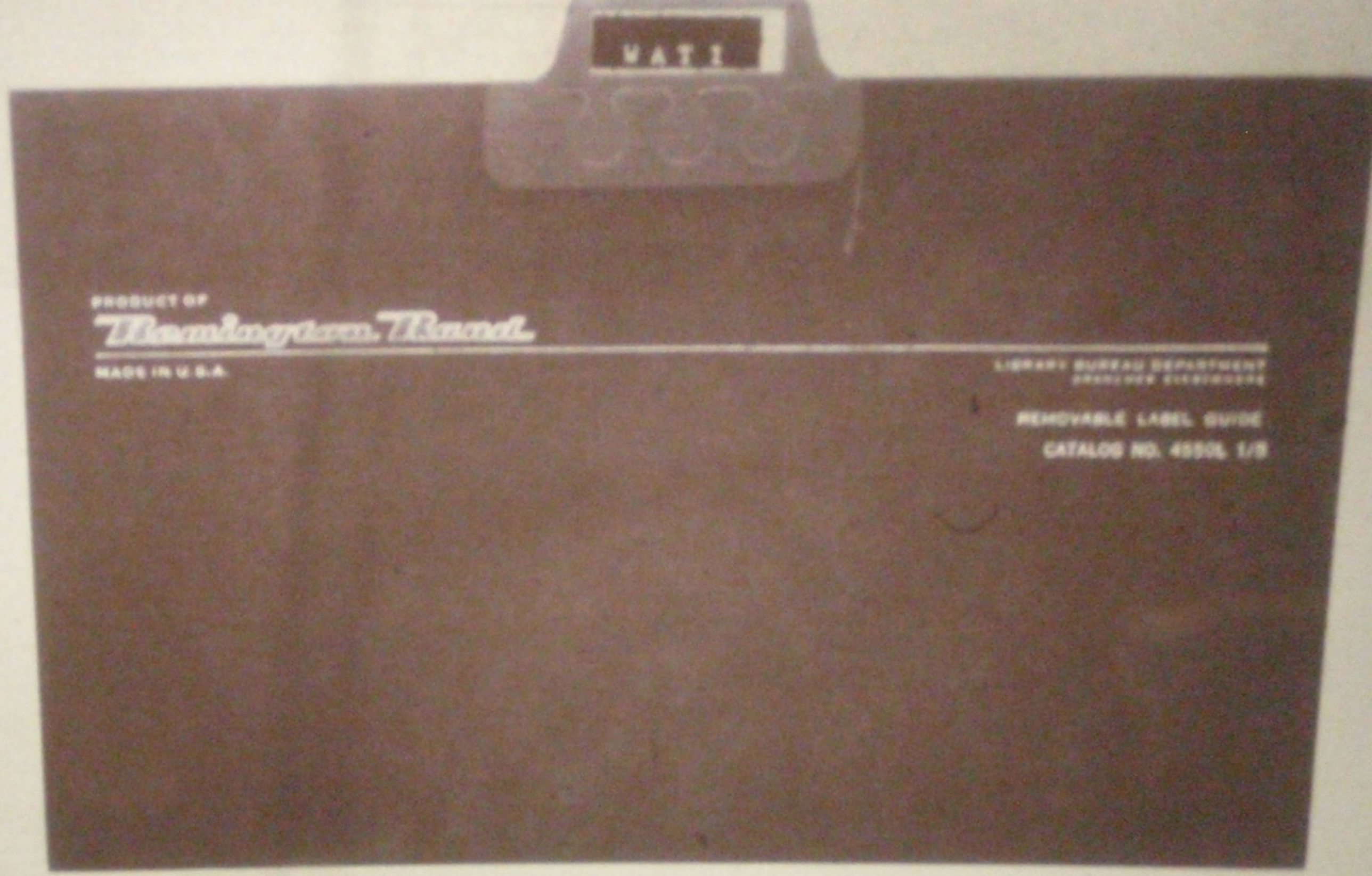
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June 1954 4278

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

W A T I (Ltr. 9-14-64) (EFF 10-1-64)

Date first licensed 8-19-63

Call letters WIGO

Station location Indianapolis, Indiana

Name of licensee SARKES TARZIAN, INC. (AL 6-29-66: EFF: -6-30-66)
x CAPITOL BROADCASTING CORPORATION (BAP 12-14-62 EFF: 12-26-62
X RALPH LUKE WALTON

Transmitter location E. side of S. Harding St. at White River, Indianapolis, Indiana (BMP 10-7-69)
(BP 1-22-69)
X 0.3 mi. NE of intersec. of W. Troy & South Harding St., Indianapolis, Indiana
X 0.5 mi. N. of 16th Street, 1000 West, Indianapolis, Indiana (BMP 3-7-63)
XBoard of Trade Bldg., Indianapolis, Indiana (BP 9-5-62) L 8-19-63

Main studio location 3490 Bluff Road, Marion County, Indiana (BML 5-12-66 (RC) (Eff: 8-9-67)
x 143 N. Delaware, Indianapolis, Indiana (BRC 2-21-63) L 8-19-63
Same as transmitter.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To
BP-11574	9-5-62	810kc	250w	Day	11-5 5-5-63
	CP for a new standard broadcast station (Cond'l)				
BP-11574 (1)	10-5-62	Mod. of CP(BP-11574) to assign Call Letters.			
BAP-618 EFF:	12-14-62 12-26-62	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Capitol Broadcasting Corporation			
BRC-2199	2-21-63	810kc	250w	Day	11-5 5-5-63
	Mod. of CP(BP-11574) to change studio loc. to 143 N. Delaware, Indianapolis, Indiana and operate transmitter by remote control from studio location.				
BMP-10777 (1)	3-7-63	Mod. of CP(BP-11,574) to change trans. loc., make chgs. in ground system,(6-5-63) chgs. in antenna system (incr. height).			
BL-10,100	8-19-63	810kc	250w	Day	8-19 8-1-64
	Lic. to cover CP (bP-11,574 as mod) which auth. a new standard b/c station; spec. type trans. as RCA BTA-1R1. COND'L				
BTC-4492 Eff:	5-6-64 5-26-64	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corp. from Luke Walton and Stokes Gresham, Jr. to Sarkes Tarzian, Inc			
BR-4276	7-31-64	Renewal of License			8-1 8-1-67
BML-2159 (1) (Eff:8-9-67)	5-12-66	Mod. of license to change studio and remote control point to 3490 Bluff Road, Marion County, Ind. (73.30a waived) Auth. to become eff. upon notification.			
BAL-5812 EFF:	6-29-66 6-30-66	Voluntary assignment of license to SARKES TARZIAN, INC.			
BR-4278	7-18-67	810kc	250w	Day	8-1 8-1-70
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	250w	(WGY Protected station)	
BP-18401	1-22-68	810kc	250w	Day	9-22-69
	CP to chg. ant-trans. location (Cond'l).				
BMP-12746(1)	10-7-69	MP(BP-18,401) to chg. TL. (Cond'l)			
BMP-12822(2)	11-20-69	MP(BP-18,401) ext. time			8-22-70

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W A T I

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-
BR-4278(S)	7-30-70	RENEWAL			8-1-73
BL-12,671(L)	8-11-70	Lic.(BR-18,401,		as mod.)	for chngs 8-1-73
EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-4278(S)	7-31-73	RENEWAL			8-1-76
BR-4278(L)	6-22-77		RENEWAL		8-1-79
BTC790409GT	4-20-79	VOL. TC		EFF: 8-24-79	
BR790402L6(S)	7-26-79	Renewal of License			8=1-82

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters NEW WIGO

Name RALPH LUKE WALTON

(P.O. - ~~311~~ Board of Trade Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.)

(6-13-62) 516

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BP-11,574 Rec'd Filed D-12635	9-7-57 9-11-57 9-11-57	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - ~~800kc~~ 810kc Power - 250w Hours of operation - Daytime Trans. location - Board of Trade Building, Indianapolis, Indiana Studio location - Same as transmitter	GRANTED Cond'l re: D-14419, Sect. 3.87 of the Commission Rules. The finding made by the Comm. that the proposed antenna structure is acceptable under FAA criteria. Before prog. tests are auth., permittee shall submit a complete proof of performance. After Hearing Docket No. 12635 Order Issued.	9-5-62
AMENDMENT Rec'd Filed(order) AMENDMENT R & F	11-28-58 12-1-58 2-6-59 6-11-62 6-13-62	Engr. - George P. Adair Engr. Co. AMENDED to change frequency to 810kc. AMENDED to change type trans(RCA BTA 250M)		
BAP-618 Rec'd Filed	11-14-62 11-21-62 11-21-62	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Capitol Broadcasting Corporation.	GRANTED: EFF:	12-14-62 12-26-62

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WIGO

Name CAPITOL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-10,777 R & F	1-19-63 1-31-63	Mod. of CP (BP-11,574 which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to chg trans. loc from Board of Trade Bld, to ½ mi. north of 16th St. 1000 West, Indianapolis, Indiana make chgs in ground system; chgs in antenna system (incr. height)	GRANTED to	3-7-63 6-5-63
BRC-2199 Rec'd Filed	2-13-63 2-18-63 2-18-63	Mod. of CP (BP-11574) to change studio location to 143 N. Delaware, Indianapolis, Indiana and operate transmitter by remote control from studio location	GRANTED	2-21-63
BMP- Rec'd	3-11-63 3-18-63	Mod. of CP (BP-11,574, as mod., which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to increase power from 250w to 1kw, install new transmitter (RCA-BTA-1R1)	Ret'd Incomplete (Eng.)	3-28-63

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WATI WIGO

Name CAPITOL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
~~[illegible]~~, Indianapolis, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-10,100 R. & F. PROG. TEST 5-13-63	5-2-63 5-3-63	Lic to cover CP(BP11,574 as mod) which auth a new standard broadcast station; specify type trans as RCA BTA-1R1.	GRANTED	8-19-63 Cond'l re presunrise oper. precluded
BTC-4492 R & F	1-30-64 2-5-64	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Luke Walton and Stokes Gresham, Jr. to Sarkes Tarzian, Inc. Atty. - Paul Dobin (Cohn & Marks)	GRANTED	5-6-64 Eff: 5-26-64
BR-4278 Rec'd Filed	6-24-64 6-25-64 6-25-64	Renewal of license Atty. ~~[illegible]~~ Roy F. Perkins, Jr.	GRANTED	7-31-64
BML-2159 R. & F.	3-23-66 3-25-66	Mod. of lic. to chg. studio loc.& remote control point to 3490 Bluff Road, Nr. Indianapolis, Indiana.(Req.waiver of 73.30(a) of Rules)(810kc) Atty-Cohn & Marks(Roy F. Perkins,Jr.)	GRANTED	5-12-66 Sect. 73.30(a) of Rules waived Auth.to become eff upon notification (Eff: 8-9-67

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WATI

Name SARKES TARZIAN, INC.
xCAPITOL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Indianapolis, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAL-5812 R & F (Form 316)	6-15-66 6-21-66	Voluntary assignment of license to SARKES TARZIAN, INC. Atty - Cohn & Marks	GRANTED EFF:	6-29-66 6-30-66
BR-4278 R & F	5/1/67 5/3/67	Renewal of license Atty: R. F. Perkins, Jr.	GRANTED	7-18-67
BP-18,401 R. & F. #468630 $75 Refund $45auth DEC 17 1968	10-23-68 10-28-68 10-28-68 12-11-68	CP to change ant-trans location to 0.3 mi. NE of intersec. of West Troy & South Harding St., Indianapolis, Indiana. atty-Marcus Cohn (Paul Dobin) engr-Kear & Kennedy	GRANTED Cond'l re: Before prog. test oper. may be auth.	1-22-69
BMP-12,746 R. & F. #521979 $30 JUN 30 1969	6-10-69 6-13-69 6-13-69	MP(BP-18,401) to change TL to E side of S. Harding St. at White River, Indianapolis, Indiana. atty-Cohn and Marks (Paul Dobin) engr- Kear & Kennedy	GRANTED Cond'l re: Before prog. test oper. may be auth.	10-7-69

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters W A T I

Name Sarkes Tarzian, Inc.
Indianapolis, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-12,823 R&F $30-543567 PRESS: NOV 17 1969	9-19-69 9-22-69 9-22-69	MP(BP-18,401, as mod.) for extension of completion date to _____. Chgs. Atty. Cohn and Marks PTA 5-28-70 (certified 6-11-70) pending action	GRANTED to	11-20-69 6-22-70
BR-4278 R & F #598212 $75 PN PRESS JUN 9 1970	4-22-70 5-1-70	Renewal of license Atty- Cohn and Marks	GRANTED	7-30-70
BL-12,671 R & F #602729 $30. PTA Amended PTA ext PRESS JUL 28 1970	5-19-70 5-19-70 5-19-70 5-28-70 6-8-70 6-11-70	Lic.(BP-18,401, as mod.) for changes. Atty: R. B. Jacobi(Cohn & Marks) Sect. II-A, Par. 8.	GRANTED	8-11-70

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September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WATI

Name SARKES TARZIAN, INC.
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-4278 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAY 18 1973	4-30-73 5-3-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Richard A. Helmick, Atty.	GRANTED	7-31-73
BR-4278 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-26-76 3-31-76 " APR 23 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE M.J.Gaynes, Atty. PETITION TO DENY, AND/OR TO PREVENT CONTINUING EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION filed 7-1-76 by Peppi L. Faulk, Landrum Shields, Jr. & Kirk A. Carpenter OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY AND REQUEST FOR SUMMARY DISMISSAL filed 8-2-76 by Martin J. Gaynes, Counsel on behalf of Sarkes Tarzian, Inc. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 8-23-76 by Peppi Faulk, on behalf of Indianapolis Black Media Coalition	GRANTED	6-22-77

(over)

(BR-4278) REPLY TO OPPOSITIONS TO PETITION TO DENY filed 9-13-76 by Peppi L. Faulk, on behalf of the Indianapolis Black Media Coalition

AMENDED 11-23-76 re: EEO complaint :
AMENDED 2-15-77 re: EEO complaint
6-22-77 MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER #70238, Petition to Deny filed by Indianapolis Black Media Coalition DENIED.

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WATI

Name SARKES TARZIAN, INC.
Indianapolis, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC790409GT Form 316 (Also see WTTS, WGTC(fm) & WPTH(fm) PRESS APR 1 1979	4-3-79	Vol. TC of lic corp from Sarkes Tarzian to Thomas Tarzian (voting control) thru exchange of stock for new common stock in the licensee corporation (Reorganization) Atty - Marcus Cohn (Cohn and Marks)	GRANTED EFF:	4-20-79 8-24-79
BR 790402 L6 PRESS MAY 18 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE Brian M. Madden, Aty.	GRANTED	7-26-79

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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.