WMID

REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE

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B S 1724

R. ADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-22-47

Call letters W M I D
STATION LOCATION: ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

WMID, INC. (AL 4-10-67 EFF: 5-2-67)

Name of licensee x MID-ATLANTIC BROADCASTING COMPANY

Murray and Ohio Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey (CP 8-20-62)
x Absecon Blvd. and Huron Ave., Atlantic City, N. J. (Lic. 8-22-47)

Transmitter location x Corner Absecon Boulevard and Illinois Ave., Atlantic City, New Jersey (M.P. 4-23-47)

Murray & Ohio Avenues, Atlantic City, N. J. (BRC 1-23-64)
x Aldwin Building, 1710 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, N.Jersey (Ltr. 5-21-58) (ltr. dtd. 5-10-54)
x Hotel Brighton at Indiana Ave. and the Boardwalk, Atlantic City, N.J. (Ltr. 1-10-52 Eff. 12-31-51)
x Senator Hotel, 166 So. South Carolina Ave., Atlantic City, NJ (Lic. 8-22-47)
x Convention Hall, Georgia Avenue and Boardwalk, Atlantic City, New Jersey

Main studio location x Tennessee Ave. and Boardwalk, Atlantic City, New Jersey. (M.P. 4-23-47)

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
B1-P-5185	12-26-46	1340	250w	U	
Letter	3-12-47 filing	CP for new station granted subject to MP for approval T site and antenna (Conditional Clause)			
BP-5185 BMP-2591 of T & S	4-23-47 Mod. C.P. sites.	1340 (5185)	250w for approval antenna and approval	U	6-23 12-23-47
BMP-2778 Mod. C.P.	5-28-47 (5185)	1340 as mod.,	250w change type of transmitter.	U	6-23 12-23-47
BL-2508 BZ-2327	8-22-47 Lic. to cover CP (5185 as mod.) for a new station and change studio location and determine operating power by direct method. (Conditional Clause)	1340	250w	U	8-22 2-1-50
BS-1724	1-25-50	Extension of License			2-1 6-1-50
BTC-883 BFF: 6-12-50	5-12-50 shares common stock & 145 shares of preferred.	Vol. TC of lic. corp. thru sale of 100			
BR-1724	5-31-50	1340	250w	U	5-31-50 2-1-53
BZ-3388	5-14-51 Auth. to determine power by direct measurement.	1340	250w	U	5-14 2-1-53
Telegram	1-29-53	Action on renewal deferred 1-28-53 and continued operation auth. until final determination on renewal.			
BRC-470 (1)	8-4-54 transmitter by remote control from Hotel Brighton at Indiana Avenue and the Boardwalk, Atlantic City, New Jersey Issued with BR-1724 2-20-57				
BR-1724	2-20-57	1340	250w	U	2-20 6-1-57
BZ-3468	7-14-53 Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power Issued with BR-1724 2-20-57				
TELEGRAM	5-31-57	No action taken, continued operation authorized until final determination on application for renewal of license.			

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June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Card #2

Call letters ....W.M.I.D.....

Station location Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Name of licensee ..... See Card #1 .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BTC-2516 Eff:	9-25-57 10-25-57	Voluntary transfer of control of licenses corporation from Richard Endicott to David H. Freedman			
BR-1724	9-25-57	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			9-25-57 6-1-60
BZ-3924 (1)	11-21-57	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.			
BRC-1324 (2)	8-1-58	Modification of license to change Remote Control Point from Hotel Brighton at Indiana Ave. and the Boardwalk, Atlantic City, N. J., to Aldwin Building, 1710 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey			
BP-12922	2-23-61	1340kc	250w-1kwLS	U	4-23 10-23-61
		CP to increase daytime power and install a new trans. (COND'L)			
BP-12922 (1)	6-1-61	Mod. of CP(BP-12922) to include the new condition. re: Qualification of Mil-Atlantic to be licensee.			
BMP-9501 (2)	6-8-61	Mod. CP(BP-12922) to chg. type trans. (RCA BTA 1R)			
BL-8590 and BR-1724	7-18-62	1340kc	250w-1kwLS	U	7-18-62, 6-1-63
		Lic. to cov. C.P (BP-12,922 as mod.) to inc. daytime power and install new transmitter and RENEWAL of LICENSE.			
BP-15177 (AUX-ALT MAIN) Forfeited	1-9-62	1340kc	250w		3-9-62 9-9-62
		CP to install old main trans(RCA BTA 250L) AS AUX day and ALT-MAIN trans night to be oper from main trans loc Absecon Blvd &Huron Ave on 1340kc with 250w power; remote control from 1710 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ			
BP-15635	8-20-62	1340kc	250w-1kw-LS	Un	10-20 4-20-63
		CP to change antenna-transmitter location from "Absecon Blvd and Huron Ave., Atlantic City, N.J." to "Murray and Ohio Avenue, Atlantic City, N.J." and make changes in antenna-ground system			

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CARD # 3

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W M I D

Station location ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

Name of licensee MID-ATLANTIC BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
Letter	10-9-62	CP (BP-15,177)	forfeited		
BP-15,833	2-12-63	1340kc	250w	AUX ALT-MAIN	-12 10-12-63
	CP to install old main trans as Auxiliary-day and Alternate-night transmitters at main trans loc with remote control operation. (RCA BTA-250L)				
BMP-10,877 (1)	5-15-63	Mod. of CP(BP-15,635) for extension of completion date to			7-20-63.
BRC-2398 (2)	1-23-64	Mod. of CP(BP-15,635) to change studio location and remote control point to Murray and Ohio Avenues, Atlantic City, New Jersey.			
BP-15,833 (1)	2-6-64	Mod. of CP(BP-15,833) to chg. studio loc. & delete RC oper. of trans. from old studio loc.			
BL-10,186	10-7-64	1340kc	250w	Aux-Alt.	10-7 6-1-66
	Lic to cover CP(BP-15,833 à which auth installation of old main trans; for Aux purposes only Day& to be used as an Alt.-M. Night.				
BL-10,187 & BR-1724	10-7-64	1340kc	250w-1kc-LS U		10-7 6-1-66
	Lic to cover CP(BP-15,635 as mod) which auth chg ant-trans loc; make chgs in antenna and ground system.				
BR-1724	4-10-67	Renewal of License (Main & Aux-Alt. Main)			4-10 6-1-69
BAL-5981 EFF:	4-10-67 5-2-67	Voluntary assignment of license to WMID, INC.			
BS-1724 Main & Aux. NDEA	9-25-67 (Memo) 2-5-68	1340kc 250w, 1kw U (RC) 250w Aux. (RC) Lic. to make change in coordinates. National Defense Emergency Authorization			9-25 6-1-69
BTC-5867	2-28-69	Vol. TC			
BR-1724(S)	5-22-69	Renewal of Main-Aux-Alt. & NDEA			6-1-72
EBSA BR-1724(S)	5-25-72 5-31-72	Renewal of License (Main, Auxiliary-Alt. Main)			6-1-75

Form BC 126
June 1954
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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WMID

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-
BZ-8618(L)	9-19-74	Direct Measurement (Alternate & Auxiliary) 1340khz 250w,1kw-LS U 250w Aux. Alt.			6-1-75
BS-1724(I)	12-19-74	redesignate trans. as and to add remote control			Main & Aux. 6-1-75
BR-1724(S)	11-17-75	RENEWAL	(MAIN &	AUX.)	6-1-78
BS-1724(I)	1-22-76	ML chg antenna description Superseded to correct antenna system			
BTC-8003	5/19/76	Vol TC	EFF: 6/30/76		
BR-1724(L)	5-30-78	Renewal (Main &	of License Auxiliary)		6-1-81

Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W M I D New

Name MID-ATLANTIC BROADCASTING COMPANY
(PO 185 Shelley Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B1-P-5185 Rec'd Filed	8-16-46 8-26-46 8-26-46	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: ~~1400kc~~ 1340kc Power: 250w Hours of operation: Unlimited Trans. location: To be determined-Atlantic City, New Jersey Studio location: To be determined-Atlantic City, New Jersey John P.Carr, Atty.	GRANTED subject to filing MP for approval T site and antenna and conditional re waiver 3.60 Letter 3-12-47 Issued with MP-2591	12-26-46
AMENDED Recd. Filed	11-1-46 11-6-46 11-6-46	AMENDED to change frequency from 1400kc to 1340kc		

Transmitter: Collins 300-C

Earl M. Johnson, Engr.
Larchmont, New York

Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

#2

Call Letters W M I D

Name MID-ATLANTIC BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-2591 Rec'd Filed	2-18-47 2-24-47 2-24-47	Mod. of C.P. (B1-P-5185, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna, approval of transmitter location at corner Absecon Blvd. and Illinois Ave., Atlantic City, N. J. and to specify studio location as Tennessee Ave. and Boardwalk, Atlantic City, N. J. (Dwight E. Rorer, Atty. - Earl M. Johnson, Engr.)	GRANTED	4-23-47
BMP-2778 Rec'd Filed	5-26-47 5-28-47 5-28-47	Mod. of C.P. (B1-P-5185, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter (RCA BTA-250-L) (Filed by Dwight E. Rorer, Atty.)	GRANTED	5-28-47

Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

#3

Call Letters W M I D

Name MID-ATLANTIC BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-2508 Rec'd Filed	5-29-47 5-29-47 5-29-47	License to cover C.P.(B1-P-5185, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and for change of studio location from: Tennessee Ave. and Boardwalk, Atlantic City, New Jersey to: Conventional Hall, Georgia Ave. & Boardwalk, Atlantic City, New Jersey. and	GRANTED waivers 3.55(b) and 3.60	8-22-47
B2-2327 Rec'd Filed	5-29-47 5-29-47 5-29-47	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Dwight E. Rorer, Atty.)		

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMID

Name MID-ATLANTIC BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-883 Rec'd Filed	1-12-50 1-17-50 1-17-50	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Earl M. Johnson and Charles H. Singer to Richard Endicott. (100 shares of common stock) (145 shares of preferred stock) Thomas W. Wilson, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	5-12-50 5-12-50
BR-1724 Rec'd	1-25-50 1-30-50	Renewal of License Thomas Wilson, Atty,	GRANTED	5-31-50
BZ-3288 Rec'd. Resubmitted Rec'd Filed	1-13-51 1-15-51 1-25-51 4-12-51 4-12-51	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	~~RETURNED 1-19-51~~ ~~Signed by Chief Engineer~~ GRANTED	 5-14-51

FORM A-170 #5
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMID

Name MID-ATLANTIC BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-1724 Rec'd Filed	1-13-53 1-15-53 1-15-53	Renewal of License	GRANTED	2-20-57
BZ-3468 Rec'd Filed	3-4-53 3-13-53 3-13-53	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. Samuel Solareff, engr.	GRANTED Issued with Renewal granted	7-14-53 2-20-57
BTC-1639 Rec'd Filed	11-30-53 127-53 12-7-53	Voluntary relinquishment of positive control of licensee corporation by Richard Endicott thru sale of 60 shares of stock to Arthur A. Handler and Joseph F. Bradway. Bernard Koteen, Atty.	DISMISSED After Hearing Docket # 11046 Order Issued.	2-20-57

FORM A-170 #6
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMID

Name Mid-Atlantic Broadcasting Company
Atlantic, City, New Jersey

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRC-470 Rec'd Filed	7-28-54 7-29-54 7-29-54	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from Hotel Brighton at Indiana Avenue and the Boardwalk, Atlantic City, New Jersey	GRANTED Issued with Renewal granted 2-20-57	8-4-54
BR-1724 Rec'd Filed	5-27-57 5-31-57 5-31-57	Renewal of License Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	9-25-57
BTC-2516 Rec'd Filed	5-31-57 6-5-57 6-5-57	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Richard Endicott to David H. Freedman. Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED Eff:	9-25-57 10-25-57

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

FORM BC-121 #7
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WKLD

Name MID-ATLANTIC BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BZ-3924 Rec'd Filed	9-5-57 9-6-57 9-6-57	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	11-21-57
BRC-1324 Rec'd Filed	7-28-58 7-30-58 7-30-58	Modification of license to change Remote Control Point from Hotel Brighton at Indiana Avenue and the Boardwalk, Atlantic City, N. J. to Aldwin Building, 1710 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey	GRANTED	8-1-58
BP-12,922 Rec'd Filed	3-2-59 3-17-59 3-17-59	Construction Permit to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw and install new trans. (Gates BC-1T) Atty.- Samuel Miller Engr.- Frederic D. Schottland, W. Orange, N.J.	GRANTED Cond'l re accept interf. imposed by exist. Class IV stations if auth. inc power to 1kw. Install filter networks to prev obj. reradiat. or cross-mod. with Station WMBB.	2-23-61
BR-1724 Rec'd&Filed	5-24-60 5-27-60	Renewal of license	GRANTED with BL8590	7-18-62

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FORM BC-121 #8
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters .....W.M.I.D.

Name MID-ATLANTIC BROADCASTING COMPANY
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-9501 R.&F.	5-23-61 5-24-61	Modification of construction permit (BP-12922 which auth. inc. daytime power and install new trans.) to change type transmitter(RCA BTA 1R) Atty-Samuel Miller.	GRANTED	6-8-61
BL-8590 F & R	6-20-61 6-22-61	Lic. to cover CP(BP-12,922) as mod. to incr. daytime power and install new transmitter. Atty- Samuel Miller.	GRANTED with BR-1724	7-18-62
BP-15177 R&F	10-18-61 10-23-61	CP to install old main trans (RCA BTA-250L) as an auxiliary day and an alternate main tran night to be oper from (main trans loc) Absecon Blvd. and Huron Ave., Atlantic City, N. J. on 1340kc with 250w power. Atty- Samuel Miller	GRANTED 1-9-62	
AMENDMENT R & F	11-10-61 11-13-61	AMENDED to show remote control operation of (aux,day - Alt. Main night) transmitter from 1710 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey (same as main)	Forfeited per letter	10-9-62

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AUG. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMID

Name MID-ATLANTIC BROADCASTING COMPANY
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-15,635 R & F	6-21-62 7-5-62	Construction permit to change antenna-transmitter location from "Absecon Blvd. and Huron Ave., Atlantic City, N.J." to "Murray and Ohio Ave., Atlantic City, N.J." and make changes in antenna-ground system. Atty.- Samuel Miller Engr.- Creutz & Snowberger	GRANTED	8-20-62
BP-15,833 Received Resub. Filed	1-11-63 1-14-63 1-24-63 1-24-63	CP to install old main trans. (RCA BTA-250L) as aux.-day and alt. main-night transmitter at main trans. loc., to be operated on 1340kc, 250w, ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ (Murray & Ohio Ave., Atlantic City, N. J.)(operate trans. by remote control from studios loc.) Atty: Samuel Miller	~~Returned~~ ~~Unnecessary~~ GRANTED	~~1-22-63~~ 2-12-63

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AUG. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMID

Name Mid-Atlantic Broadcasting Company
Atlantic City, New Jersey

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-10,877 R. & F.	4-15-63 4-17-63	Mod. of CP (BP-15,635 which auth. change antenna-transmitter location; make changes in antenna and ground systems) for extension of completion date from 4-20-63 to 7-20-63.	GRANTED	5-15-63
BR-1724 R & F	5-9-63 5-10-63	Renewal of license. Atty: Samuel Miller	GRANTED (ISSUED WITH BL-10,187)	10-7-64
BL-10,186 R. & F.	6-1-63 6-3-63	Lic to cover CP(BP-15,833) which auth installation of old main trans; for Auxiliary purposes ONLY Day & to be used as an Alt.-M.Nit. Atty- Samuel Miller	GRANTED	10-7-64
BL-10,187 R. & F.	7-8-63 7-9-63	Lic to cover CP(BP-15,635 as mod) which auth chg ant-trans loc; make chgs in antenna and ground system. Atty- Samuel Miller	GRANTED (ISSUED WITH BR-1724)	10-7-64

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FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

#11

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMID

Name WMID, INC.
~~MID-ATLANTIC BROADCASTING COMPANY~~
Atlantic City, New Jersey

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRC-2398 Rec'd Filed	1-2-64 1-6-64 1-6-64	Mod. of CP(BP-15,635) to change studio location and remote control point to Murray & Ohio Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey.	GRANTED	1-23-64
BR-1724 R & F	2-23-66 3-2-66	Renewal of License (Auxiliary-Alternate Main) Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	4-10-67
BR-1724 R & F	3-1-66 3-2-66	Renewal of License (Main) Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	4-10-67
BAL-5981 R & F AMENDMENT R & F	2-1-67 2-2-67 2-14-67 2-15-67	Voluntary assignment of license to ~~SEASIDE BROADCASTING, INC.~~ Atty for assignor - Samuel Miller for assignee - Lorie Molnar AMENDED to chge name of assignee to WMID, INC.	GRANTED EFF:	4-10-67 5-2-67

FORM BC-121 #12
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1340kc

Call Letters W M I D

Name WMID, INC.
Atlantic City, New Jersey

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-5867 R & F FEE PD: $30 -#487694 (FORM 316) Ltr from atty f 2-6-69-correction re stock FEB 11 1969	1-24-69 1-31-69	Vol. transfer of control of Anthony Productions, Inc.(parent corp) from Merv Griffin to January Enterprises, Inc. Atty - Molnar & Gammon	GRANTED	2-28-69
BR-1724 R & F #494988 $105. PRESS APR 9 1969	3-3-69 3-3-69 3-3-69	Renewal of license---(Main & Aux-Alt. Main) AMENDED 4-17-69 re: Balance Sheet Atty. James A. Gammon	GRANTED	5-22-69
BR-1724 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAR 24 1972	2-18-72 3-3-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY DAY & ALTERNATE MAIN NIGHT) Lorie M. Molnar,Atty. AMENDED 5-1-72 re: programming; commercial practices; equal employment program	GRANTED	5-31-72

LICENSEE REPRESENTED BY JAMES A. GAMMON BY LETTER OF JUNE 6, 1972.
LICENSEE NOW REPRESENTED BY GENE A. BECHTEL BY LETTER DATED JUNE 8, 1972.

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

222-6-4-72-BM 6-20-72

Atty. called 4-3-69 re: 6-1-69 Renewal--Aux. readings
Sec. II, Para. 3 not given

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1340khz,

#13

Call Letters WMID

Name WMID, INC.
Atlantic City, New Jersey

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BZ-8618 R & F DM PRESS 17 SEP 1974	6-4-74 6-4-74 6-20-74	Direct Measurement (Alternate & Auxiliary)	GRANTED	9-19-74
BR-1724 R & F PN PRESS MAR 4 1975	1-29-74 2-3-75 2-3-75	Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary) Atty- Gary M. Epstein (Arent, Fox et al) AMENDED 6-24-75 re: business interests AMENDED 6-30-75 re: EEO AMENDED 8-6-75 re: EEO AMENDED 10-23-75 re: EEO	GRANTED	11-17-75
BTC-8003 R & F FEE PD: $400 #552085 CODE 047(INCLUDES FM 15 APR 1976 GRF) PN filed PN filed	3-30-76 4-2-76 4/28/76 4/28/76	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Anthony Productions, Inc. to Julann E.Griffin (SEE OVER) Atty for transferor - Arent, Fox etc(Epstein) for transferee - Glaser & Fletcher	GRANTED EFF: FEE REQ:	5/19/76 6/30/76 pd 7/8/76 W 588994

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

RE: BTC-8003 - ATTY (Epstein) was called 4-14-76 - nec.
to amend Part I to show correct transferor

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1340khz

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMID

Name WMID, INC.
Atlantic City, N. J.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-1724 R & F PRESS	1-23-78 2-1-78 FEB 22 1978	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Atty.: Michael L. Glaser	GRANTED	5-30-78
BR810202YY PRESS PN filed		RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Michael L. Glaser	GRANTED	5-29-81

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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.