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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

(SEE CARD No. TWO FOR NAME)

W O C N (Eff: 7-31-66)
xW S K P (12-22-56)

Date first licensed 2-10-48 Call letters x W W F B

x EDWARD WINTON, MYER FELDMAN, DAVID GINSBURG AND NORMA FINE, dba WOCN BROADCASTERS (AL 7-21-67 EFF: 7-27-67 LOCATION: MIAMI, FLORIDA

WSKP BROADCASTERS (AL-5-12-66; EFF: 5-16-66)

x EDWARD WINTON, SILVA M. FELDMAN, DAVID GINSBURG, NORMA FINE and AL LAPIN, JR., dba / xWSKP, INC. (AL 10-31-56; EFF: 12-22-56)

Name of licensee xPAUL BRAKE

352
350 Northeast Seventy-First Street, Miami, Fla. (BP-10-19-71)
x420 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Miami, Fla. (Re-description, Ltr. 5-23-58)
x 414 S.W. 2nd Ave., Miami, Fla., (Re-description)

Transmitter location x418 S.W. 2nd. Ave., Miami, Florida. (MP 5-15-47) (Lic. 2-10-48)

801 S. Bayshore Dr., Third Floor, Tower #1, Miami, Florida (BRC 7-5-68)
33/30 x 420 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida (Ltr. 5-23-58)
x 414 S.W. 2nd Ave., Miami, Fla (BRC-1219)
x 734 W. Flagler Street, Miami 36, Florida (Letter of 1-8-57)

Main studio location x418 S.W. 2nd Ave., Miami, Florida. (MP 5-15-47) (Lic. 2-10-48)

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
B3-P-4282	3-6-47	1450	250w	U	
Order Issued - CP for new station granted subject to filing MP for approval of T site and antenna.					
B3-P-4282 BMP-2602	5-15-47	1450	250w	U	7-15 1-15-48
Mod. C.P.(4282) for approval of antenna and T & S sites.					
BL-2851 BZ-2704	2-10-48	1450	250w	U	2-10 2-1-51
Lic. to cover CP (4282 as mod) for a new station and determine operating power by direct method.					
BZ-2883	6-23-48	1450	250w	U	6-23 2-1-51
Determine opr. power by direct method.					
BR-2883	1-17-51	1450	250w	U	2-1 2-1-54
BR-1845	1-27-54	Renewal of license		U	2-1 2-1-55
BR-1845	1-12-55	Renewal of license			2-1 2-1-58
BAL-2360 EFF:	10-31-56 12-22-56	Voluntary assignment of license to: WSKP, Inc.			
BRC-1219	12-5-57	Mod. of license to operate Main Trans. by Remote Control from 212 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Miami Florida (location of Radiopaging, Inc.)			
BP-11,672	12-11-57	1450kc	250w	Alt.Main	2-11 8-11-58
Construction permit to install new trans. as Alt. Main Trans. at present location of Main trans. and operate by remote control from 212 N.E. 2nd Ave., Miami,Fla (loc. of Radiopaging,Inc					
BR-1845	1-30-58	1450	250w	U	2-1 2-1-61
BL-7109	7-15-58	1450kc	250w	U	7-15 2-1-61
License to cover CP(BP-11,672) which authorized install new transmitter (GATES BC-250L) as an alternate main transmitter go be located at 420 SW 2nd Ave., Miami, Florida (Main transmitter location redescribed) and to be operated on 1450kc, 250w, Un. with remote control operation of trans. from 212 N.E. 2nd Ave., Miami, Florida.					
BRC-1358 (1)	9-30-58	Mod. of lic. to change Remote Control Point from 216 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami,Fla. to 61 N.E. 2nd Street, Miami, Florida (Location of Radiopaging, Inc.) For Main Transmitter			

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#2.

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 2-10-48 Call letters W S K P

Station location Miami, Florida

MINORITY BROADCASTERS, INC. (AL gr 3/31/76 EFF: 3-31-76
EDWARD WINTON, MYER FELDMAN, DAVID GINSBURG AND NORMA FINE DBA WOCN BROADCASTERS (AL 7-30-73
x WOCN INCORPORATED (VOL. AL 8-26-70 EFF: 9-1-70) x EFF: 8/1/73

Name of licensee x WSKP, INC.

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-	To-
Ltr.	8-4-60	License for Western Electric, Type 3A1-1 Broadcasting Transmitter cancelled as of this date per request of licensee. (alt.main trans.chg.tomain				
- - -	1-25-61	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration				
BR-1845	6-21-61	1450kc	250w	Un	6-21	2-1-64
BRC-2250 (1)	6-5-63	Mod. of license to change remote control point to 10 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida (Location of All Florida Communications, Inc.).				
BRC-2250 (1)	6-5-63	Superseding authorization to correct RC point loc. (3rd Ave.)(All Florida Communications Company).				
BTC-4400 Eff:	12-6-63 12-26-63	Vol. transfer of control of licensee copp from Ohio Music Corporation and Ohio Sounds Systems, Inc. to William M. O'Neil and J. W. Lemmon.				
BR-1845	1-24-64	1450kc	250w	U	2-1	2-1-57
BRC-2440 (1)	3-30-64	Mod. of license to change remote control point to Dade Commonwealth Bldg. 139 N.E. 1st Street, Miami, Florida (Location of Answerite, Inc.). To be operated by employees of the Station only.				
BAL-5727 EFF:	5-12-66 5-16-66	Voluntary assignment of license to EDWARD WINTON, SILVA M. FELDMAN, DAVID GINSBURG, NORMA FINE and AL LAPIN, JR., dba WSKP BROADCASTERS				
Wire dtd. & rec'd 5-31-67 giving notification per Sect. 73.48(a)(5) Rules that a RCA BTA-1R trans. is now installed & in oper.						
BR-1845	1-31-67	1450kc	250w	Unl.	2-1	2-1-70
BAL-6109 EFF:	7-21-67 7-27-67	Voluntary assignment of license to Edward Winton, Syer Feldman, David Ginsburg and Norma Fine, dba WSKP BROADCASTERS				

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W O C N

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
BS-1845(L)	5-17-68	Mod. of control	license authority.	to delete	remote 2-1-70
BRC-3265(1)	7-5-68	Operate RC.			
BR-1845	3-31-70	RENEWAL			3-31 2-1-73
BAL-6958	8-26-70	VOL. AL EFF: 9-1-70			
BP-18,826	12-2-70	1450kc 250w 1kw U			12-2-71
	CP to increase daytime power to 1kw.				
BL-12,845(L)	1-27-71	Lic.(BP-18,826) changes			2-1-73
BZ-7780(S)	4-7-71	Direct Measurement			
BP-19,102	10-19-71	1450kc 250w,1kw Unl.			10-19-71
		CP to change antenna-transmitter loc. and make changes in antenna system.			
WIRE	11-10-71	Auth. operate with fac. specified			
	in permit	BP-19,102 either with Gates, 250			
	trans. or	presently licensed trans. to 12-16-71.			
BL-13,165	2-28-72	1450kc 250w 1kw 45 RC U			2-1-73
		Lic.(BP-19,102) for changes.			
EBSA	5-22-72				
BR-1845 (L)	2-6-73	1450khz 250w,1kw-LS U RC Renewal and Lic to use former Main			
BL-13,244		trans. for aux. only			2-1-76
			250w	Aux.	
BAL-7928	7-30-73	VOL AL EFF:		8-1-73	
BAL-8588	3/31/76	Vol AL EFF: 12-31-76(midnite)			
BR-1845(L)	7-16-76	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.)			2-1-79
BZ-780906AD(1)	11-7-78	Direct Measurement (Main transmitter)			2-1-79
BR/780929 UM	1-24-80	(L) RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX)			2-1-82
BZ-800728AA(1)	8-18-80	DIRECT MEASUREMENT			

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WSKP (12-22-56)

Call Letters x WWPB New

Name PAUL BRAKE

(P.O. 3820 Wood Ave., Coconut Grove, Miami, Fla.)
(Temp.-Comdr., USNR, Naval Ordnance Unit, Box 661, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B3-P-4282 Rec'd Filed	10-12-45 10-15-45 12-10-45	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1450 kc Power: 250w Hours of Operation: Unlimited time Trans. & Studio Locations: To be determined, Miami, Fla. (Call "WWPB" reserved) (A. D. Ring, Engr.)	Docket No. 7077 GRANTED AFTER HEARING Order No. B-300 3-6-47 Subject to filing MP for approval of T site and antenna. Order Issued Issued with MP 2602	

W.E. 451-A-1 Transmitter

Atty. Leland Hyzer,
First Trust Bldg.,
Miami, Fla. (Letter 1-11-46) - To docket

Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters WWPB

Name PAUL BRAKE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-2602 Rec'd Filed	3-14-47 3-18-47 3-18-47	Mod. of C.P. (B3-P-4282, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna and approval of transmitter and studio locations at 418 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida. (John H. Sirica, Atty. - A. D. Ring, Engr.)	GRANTED	5-15-47

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WWPB

Name PAUL BRAKE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-2851 Rec'd Filed BZ-2704 Rec'd Filed	12-1-47 12-2-47 12-2-47 11-30-47 12-2-47 12-2-47	License to cover C.P. (B3-P-1282, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	2-10-48
BZ-2883 Rec'd Filed	5-6-48 5-10-48 5-10-48	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	6-23-48
BR-1845 Rec'd	11-28-50 12-1-50	Renewal of license	GRANTED	1-17-51
BR-1845 Rec'd Filed	10-31-53 11-4-53 11-4-53	Renewal of license	Granted	1-27-54

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WSKP x WWPB

Name WSKP, INC. x PAUL BRAKE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-1845 Rec'd Filed	10-25-54 10-29-54 10-29-54	Renewal of License	GRANTED	1-12-55
BAL-2360 Rec'd Filed	6-11-56 6-15-56 6-15-56	Voluntary assignment of license to WSKP, Inc. PIERSON, BALL & DOWD, ATTYS.	GRANTED EFF: On 12-12-56 time in which to consummate ext. to 12-31-56 Ltr. adopted 4-24-57 re above	10-31-56 12-22-56

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FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WSKP

Name WSKP, Inc.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-11,672 Rec'd Filed	11-12-57 11-13-57 11-13-57	Construction permit to install a new transmitter (GATES BC-250L) as an alternate main transmitter to be located at 414 SW 2nd Ave., Miami, Florida (main transmitter location redescribed) and to be operated on 1450kc, 250w, Un. AMENDED 12-2-57 to show remote control.	GRANTED	12-11-57
BR-1845 Rec'd Filed	10-30-57 10-31-57 10-31-57	Renewal of License	GRANTED	1-30-58
BRC-1219 Rec'd Filed	11-29-57 12-2-57 12-2-57	Modification of license to operate Main transmitter by remote control from 212 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida (location of Radiopacing, Inc.) Pierson, Ball & Dowd, Attys.	GRANTED	12-5-57

Per ltr. 5-23-58 from Atty. Remote Control now 215 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida.

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955 #6

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WSKP

Name WSKP, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-7109 Rec'd Filed	5-7-58 5-9-58 5-9-58	License to cover construction permit BP-11,672 which authorized install new transmitter (GATES BC-250L) as an alternate main transmitter to be located at 420 SW 2nd Ave., Miami, Florida (main transmitter location redescribed) and to be operated on 1450kc, 250w, Un. Atty's: Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED	7-16-58
BRC-1358 Rec'd Filed	9-11-58 9-15-58 9-15-58	Modification of license to change Remote Control Point from 216 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Miami, Fla., (location of Radiopaging, Inc.) TO 61 N. E. 2nd Street, Miami, Florida (Location of Radiopaging, Inc.). (MAIN Transmitter) Pierson, Ball & Dowd, Attys.	GRANTED	9-30-58
BR-1845 Rec'd&Filed	10-31-60 11-4-60	Renewal of license. Pierson, Ball and Dowd, Attys.	GRANTED	6-21-61

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

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FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WSKP

Name WSKP, INC.
MIAMI, FLORIDA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
PETITION FOR INTERPRETIVE RULING AND/OR WAIVER OF THE RULES filed 5-20-63 by Pierson, Ball and Dowd for WSKP Section 3.93(operator requirements) of the Rules				
BRC-2250 Rec'd Filed	5-17-63 5-24-63 5-24-63	Modification of license to change remote control point to 10 N. E. 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida (Location of All Florida Communications, Inc.). Thomas N. Dowd, Atty.	GRANTED	6-5-63
BTC-4400 R. & F.	10-2-63 10-11-63	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Ohio Music Corporation and Ohio Sound Systems, Inc. to William M. O'Neil and J.W. Lemmon. Atty- Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED	12-6-63 Eff: 12-26-63
BR-1845 R & F	10-18-63 10-30-63	Renewal of License Robert E. Hodson, Atty.	GRANTED	1-24-64

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

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WOCN ~~WSKP~~

Name ~~WSKP, INC.~~ Edward Winton, Silva M. Feldman, David Ginsburg, Norma Fine and Al Lapin, Jr., dba WSKP Broadcasters
Miami, Florida

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRC-2440 Rec'd Filed	3-18-64 3-20-64 3-24-64	Modification of license to change remote control point to Dade Commonwealth Bldg., 139 N. E. 1st Street, Miami, Florida (Location of Answerite, Inc.). Robert E. Hodson, Atty. (To be operated by employees of Station only)	GRANTED	3-30-64
BAL-5727 R & F	3-25-66 3-28-66	Voluntary assignment of license to EDWARD WINTON, SILVA M. FELDMAN, DAVID GINSBURG, NORMA FINE and AL LAPIN, JR. dba WSKP BROADCASTERS Atty for assignor - Pierson, Ball & Dowd for assignee - Eugene Smith	GRANTED EFF:	5-12-66 5-16-66
BR-1845 R & F	11-2-66 11-2-66	Renewal of license Atty- Eugene T. Smith	GRANTED	1-31-67

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NORMA FINE, dba WOCN BROADCASTERS (AL-7-21-67)
EDWARD WINTON, MYER FELDMAN, DAVID GINSBURG AND/

Call Letters WOCN

Name Edward Winton, Silva M. Feldman, David Ginsburg, Norma Fine and Al Lapin, Jr., dba WSKP BROADCASTERS
Miami, Florida

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAL-6109 Rec'd Filed (Form 316)	5-10-67 6-5-67 6-28-67	Voluntary assignment of license to Edward Winton, Myer Feldman, David Ginsburg and Norma Fine dba WOCN BROADCASTERS Atty - Eugene T. Smith	GRANTED EFF:	7-21-67 7-27-67
BRC-3265 R & F #439132 $30 JUL 8	6-26-68 6-28-68 6-28-68	Modification of license to change studio location to 801 South Bayshore Drive, Tower #1, 3rd Floor, Miami, Florida and operate transmitter by remote control from studio location. Atty.: Eugene T. Smith	GRANTED	7-5-68
BL- Rec'd	8/8/68	License to use former main trans. GATES BC-250L for auxiliary purposes only.	RETURNED: 8/14/68 wrong form - no fee	

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301-A filed 5-17-68 to Delete Remote Control (BS)
FEE: $30.00 #429244 - Returned - Unnecessary

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Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1450kc

WOCN INCORPORATED

Call Letters W O C N

x EDWARD WINTON, MYER FELDMAN, DAVID GINSBURG AND NORMA FINE, dba WOCN BROADCASTERS

Name

Miami, Florida

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-1845 R & F #554065 $75. PN PRESS	10-30-69 11-3-69 11-3-69 11-3-69 NOV 26 1969	Renewal of license AMENDED 3-4-70 re: programming ~~Atty~~	GRANTED	3-31-70
BAL-6958 R & F FEE PD: $60 #611938 (ALSO SEE: WOCN-FM) (Form 316 JUL 10 1970	6-25-70 6-26-70	Voluntary assignment of license to WOCN INCORPORATED Atty - Ginsburg, Feldman & Bress	GRANTED EFF:	8-26-70 9-1-70
BP-18,826 Rec'd Filed $75-617512 PRESS; OCT 12 1970 Amended 9-29-70 to change name to WOCN, Incorporated. REQ? GRANT FEE $900.	7-27-70 7-31-70 7-31-70 7-31-70	Construction permit to increase daytime power to 1kw. Atty. Eugene T. Smith Eng. Odes E. Robinson F.C.C. WASHINGTON, D.C.	GRANTED Grant fee paid 1-20-71.	12-2-70

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W O C N

Name WOCN, INCORPORATED
Miami, Florida

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-12,845 R & F #653589$50 PTA PRESS JAN 20 1971	12-15-70 12-28-70 12-28-70 1-7-71	Lic. (BP-18,826) changes (Inc. day power) Eugene T. Smith, Atty.	GRANTED	1-27-71
BZ-7780 R & F DM PRESS MAR 31 1971	3-5-71 3-11-71 3-19-71	Direct Measurement Atty: Eugene T. Smith	GRANTED	4-7-71
BP-19,102 Rec'd #014129 $50 Filed Acc. 060 Press OCT 18 1971 PTA - 1-27-72	6-29-71 6-30-71 6-30-71	CP to change antenna-transmitter location to 350 N. E. 71st Street, Miami, Florida and make changes in antenna system. 25° 50' 24" - 80 11' 20" Atty: Eugene T. Smith (Over for Amendments)	GRANTED	10-19-71

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Amendments for BP-19,102
Amended 8-19-71 re: Interference Study
Amended 9-10-71 re: Changes in antenna system and Engineering Exhibit
Amended 9-17-71 re: Information concerning transmitter site

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1450kc.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W O C N

Name WOCN, INCORPORATED
Miami, Florida

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-13,165 R & F W 032967-$50. PTA PRESS FEB 18 1972	1-11-72 1-17-72 1-17-72 1-27-72	Lic.(BP-19,102) for changes. Transmitter: RCA, BTA-1R2. AC-067 Atty: Eugene T. Smith	GRANTED	2-28-72
BL-13,244 Rec'd W 075871-$50. PTA Amended & F PRESS JUN 30 1972	5-1-72 5-23-72 5-23-72 5-31-72 6-12-72	Lic. to use former Main Transmitter(GATES, 250L) for Auxiliary use Only. 250w. AC-067 pend. amend of 302 to cor. engr. data Atty: Eugene T. Smith	GRANTED issued with renewal	2-6-73
BR-1845 R & F PN Recd. PRESS NOV 10 1972	10-30-72 11-3-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Eugene T. Smith,Atty. AMENDED 12-21-72 re: financial data: equal employment program	GRANTED issued with BL-13,244	1-31-73

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1450khz

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W O C N

EDWARD WINTON, MYER FELDMAN, DAVID GINSBURG AND NORMA FINE DBA WOCN BROADCASTERS

Name X WOCN, INCORPORATED
Miami, Florida

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAL-7928 R & F FEE PD: $250 208597 (FORM 316) (ALSO SEE FM) JUL 17 1973	6-28-73 6-29-73	Voluntary assignment of license to Edward Winton, Myer Feldman, David Ginsburg and Norma Fine, dba WOCN Broadcasters Atty - Ginsburg, Feldman & Bress	GRANTED EFF:	7-30-73 8-1-73
BR-1845 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	9-30-75 10-1-75 " NOV 12 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE E.Wm.Henry,Atty. AMENDED 12-22-75 re: signature page	GRANTED	7-16-76
R & F	12-22-75	Renewal of License (Auxiliary) AMENDED 12-31-75 re: programming AMENDED 3-3-76 re: EEO AMENDED 6-9-76 to change name of applicant to "Minority Broadcasters, Inc." JUL 1 1976	GRANTED	7-16-76

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W O C N

Name MINORITY BROADCASTERS, INC.
xEdward Winton, Myer Feldman, David Ginsburg
xand Norma Fine, dba WOCN BROADCASTERS
Miami, Fla.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAL-8588 R & F FEE PD: $200 #517539 CODE 047	1-7-76 1-9-76 JAN 30 1976	Voluntary assignment of license to MINORITY BROADCASTERS, INC. Atty - Ginsburg, Feldman & Bress	GRANTED EFF: FEE REQ:	3/31/76 3-31-76 pd 4/7/76 W 552988
BR 780929UM PRESS OCT 27 1978		RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX.TRANS.)	GRANTED	1-24-80
BZ-780906AD R & F DM PRESS	9-6-78 10-26-78 NOV 2 1978	Direct Measurement Atty: Carlos B. Fernandez	GRANTED	11-7-78
BZ-800728AA R & F PRESS AUG 7 1980	7-28-80	DIRECT MEASUREMENT	GRANTED	8-18-80

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 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.