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FM BROADCAST

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

W G A Y-FM (11-29-71) X WILY-FM/
X WGAY-FM

#919

Date first licensed 6-19-59

Call letters Washington, D.C. (9-30-59)

Station location x Silver Spring, Maryland

GREATER MEDIA, INC. (MLH-BPH-6-27-72)
XGreater New York Media, Inc.(AL 6-30-71 EFF: 8-30-71)
x WGAY, Inc. (APH 6-19-59 Eff: 6-[illegible]-59
X CONNIE B. GAY(BAPH 4-8-59 EFF: 6-1-59)

Name of licensee X TRI-SUBURBAN BROADCASTING CORP.

5202 River Road, Bethesda, Maryland(BPH 7-11-74)
xxWorld Bldg., 8121 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md.(PH 9-27-65) (LH6-27-66)

Transmitter location X 11306 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, Maryland

World Bldg., 8121 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md.(PH 9-27-65)(LH6-27-66)

Main studio location Xsame as xmtr

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	To
PH-2314	1-17-58	99.5 Ch 258 CP for new FM b/c station	20kw HAAT 275'	U	3-17	9-17-58
MPH-5277 (1)	8-22-58	Mod. of CP(BPH-2314) for extension of completion date to Feb. 1, 1959				
MPH-5320 #2	11-5-58 HAAT:280'	Mod. CP(BPH-2314 as mod. to change type ant.&type transmitter. TPO: 3.4 kw.				
MPH-5380 (3)	1-29-59	Mod. CP(BPH-2314) for extension of completion date to June 1, 1959				
PH-189 EFF:	4-8-59 6-1-69	Vol. assignment of construction permit to Connie B. Gay.				
LH-1363 AAT:278	6-19-59	99.5 mcs	ERP: 20kw TPO:3.42kw Lic. to cover CP (BPH-2314 as mod.) which auth. a new FM Broadcast Station	U	6-19-59 10-1-60	
PH-199 Eff:	6-19-59 6-[illegible]-59	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to WGAY, Inc.				
MLH-125 AAT:278'	9-30-59 TPO:3.42kw	Mod.of lic. to change station location to Washington, D.C. 99.5mcs 20-kw	U	9-30	10-1-60	
BRH-919	9-7-60	Renewal of License		10-1	10-1-63	
TC-3521 EFF: 1-1-61 Par Form 323	12-5-60	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Connie B.Gay,et al (All stockholders)to Connie B.Gay Broadcasting Corporation.				
BRH-919	4-24-64	Renewal of License		4-24	10-1-66	
BPH-4999 HAAT:370' (h&v)	9-27-65	99.5mc. ERP:20kw.(h&v) ch.#258 TPO:6.6 kw.	U	11-27-65 5-27-66		
cont'l		Construction permit to chg ant-trans and studio loc. ~~and operate trans by remote control~~; install new trans(RCA-BTF-20E); install new horiz. ant (RCA-BFA-6B,6Secs) and vert ant(ERI-300-6,6secs), incr. TPO; incr. HAAT; andoperate on a vert ERP;				
BMPH-8574 (1)	12-3-65	Mod. of CP(BPH-4999) to increase TPO; and increase horiz and vertical ERP;				

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CARD #2

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W G A Y

Station location WASHINGTON, D. C.

Name of licensee WGAY, INC.

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	To
BLH-3238 HAAT:370' (H&V)	6-27-66	99.5mcs Ch.#258	ERP:50kw TPO:16.5kw	(H&V) Unl.	6-27-66	10-1-66
	Lic. to cover CP(BPH-4999 as mod.) which auth. chg. ant.-trans. & studio loc.; install new trans. & new ant.; & chgs. in TPO, ERP & HAAT.					
BRCH-739 (1)	8-31-66	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from World Building, 8121 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland.				
BRCH-739	8-31-66	Superseding auth. to show the correct form.				
BRH-919(L)	3-9-67	99.5mcs	50kw	Unl.	3-9	10-1-69
BPH-5848 HAAT: 370'	7-20-67 (h&v)	99.5mc. ch#258	ERP: 3kw(h&v) TPO: 1kw	U	9-20-67	3-20-68
	CP to install Auxiliary Trans(RCA-BTF-1E)at Main Trans. location to be ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ operated on the above facilities with remote control operation.					
BLH-3866	2-14-68	99.5mc	ERP:3kw(h&v) TPO:1kw	Aux.	2-14	10-1-69
		Lic. to cover CP(BPH-5848)				
BRH-919(S)	9-25-69	Renewal of Main & Aux.			10-1-72	
BTC-6490	3-24-71	VOL. TO	EFF: 5-7-71			
BALH-1526	6-30-71	VOL. ALH	EFF: 6-30-71			
BPH-7836 HAAT: 370'	4-5-72 (H&V)	99.5mc #258	ERP: 50kw(H&V) CP to install new ant.		4 5-73	(RC)
EBSA	5-22-72					
BMLH-420(1)	6-27-72	Mod. of Lic. chg. name of licensee				
BMPH-13,529(1)	6-27-72	Mod. of CP chg. name of permittee				
BPH-9029 HAAT: 770ft(H&V)	7-11-74	99.5 mhz CP chg TL,trans, ant,TPO,ERP, & HAAT.	ERP: 17kw(H&V)		7-11-75	
~~BSCA-1482~~	~~3-1-75~~	~~SCA~~	~~67KHz~~			
BMPH-14,450 (1)	4-30-75	MP(BPH-9029) chg ant & TPO				
BSCA-1452	5-1-75	SCA 67KHz.			10-1-75	

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WGAY-FM

Station location Washington, D. C.

Name of licensee GREATER MEDIA, INC.

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BLH-5816(S) (2)	6-6-75	ML(BPH-7836, as mod.)-Changes Main & Auxiliary			
BMPH-14517(2)	7-9 75	MP(BPH-9029, as mod) ext time			12-1-75
BLH-6798(L) BSH-919(L)	1-30-76 1-30-76	Lic.(BPH-9029, as mod.)-Changes, Main Lic. to use former main trans. & ant. for Aux.			(cond'l re renewal)
BRH-919(s)	7-16-76	Renewal of Main & AUX.			10-1-78
BPH-10147 HAAT: 770' {H&V}	8-24-76	99.5MHz ERP: 21kw{H&V} CP chg ERP {RC}			8-24-77
BMPH-15198 (1)	8-25-77	MP(BPH-10147)ext time to			12-31-77
CONTEL	10-7-77	SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTH. ~~GRANTXXXXXX~~ (OPERATE WITH FACILITIES ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ SPECIFIED IN BPH-10147 EXCEPT WITH COLLINS-G-5CPS-3AE SPECIFIED IN FCC FORM 301 TENDERED 8-15-77) ERP. 21kw TPO: 17KW). EXPIRES:			1-7-78
BMPH-15238 (2)	11-3-77	MP(BPH-10147, as mod) chg Antenna.			3-31-78
BRH-919(L)	9-20-78	Renewal(Aux. Trans. & Antenna)			
"	"	Renewal & Modification			
BLH-7750(L)	"	(Main Trans. & Antenna)			10-1-81
BRSCA-1452	"	Renewal of SCA			

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WILY-FM ~~WGAY-FM~~ ~~WFRM~~

Name TRI-SUBURBAN BROADCASTING CORP.
Silver Spring, Maryland PO 11306 Kemp Mill Rd.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-2314 Recd Filed	11-29-57 11-29-57 11-29-57	CP for new FM broadcast station: Freq. 99.5 mc Ch 258 ERP. 20 kw U HAAT 275.7' T-L 11306 Kemp Mill Rd. Silver Spring Md. S-L Same as xmtr	GRANTED	1-17-58
BMPH-5277 Rec'd Filed	8-13-58 8-13-58 8-13-58	Modification of c.p. (BPH-2314 which authorized a new FM Broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 9-17-58 to 2-1-59. Atty's: Cohn and Marks	GRANTED	8-22-58

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters WAYL

Name CONNIE B. GAY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-5320 Rec'd Filed	10-10-58 10-13-58 10-13-58	Modification of c.p. (BPH-2314 as mod., which authorized a new FM Broadcast station) to change type transmitter to (GATES FM-5B) and change type antenna to (Andrew 1308-2 8 Sections). Atty's: Cohn & Marks	GRANTED HAAT: 280'	11-5-58
BAPH-189 Rec'd. Filed	11-6-58 11-10-58 11-10-58	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Connie B. Gay. D.F. Prince.Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	4-8-59 6-1-59
BMPH-5380 Rec'd Filed	1-2-59 1-6-59 1-6-59	Modification of c.p. (BPH-2314 as mod., which authorized a new FM Broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 2-1-59 to 8-1-59. Leonard H. Marks, Atty.	GRANTED	1-29-59 to 6-1-59

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

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WSHO xWAYL

Name CONNIE B. GAY x TRI-SUBURBAN BROADCASTING CORP.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-5488 Rec'd Filed	4-27-59 4-28-59 4-28-59	Modification of c.p. (BPH-2314 as mod., which authorized a new FM Broadcast Station for extension of completion date from 6-1-59 to 12-1-59. Leonard H. Marks, Atty.	DISMISSED Unnecessary	6-2-59 Re:
Amended R & F	5-21-59 5-25-59	Amended to change name of applicant to Connie B. Gay.		
BLH-1363 Rec'd Filed	5-22-59 5-25-59 5-25-59.	License to cover construction permit, BPH-2314, as modified, which authorized a new FM Broadcast Station.	GRANTED	6-19-59

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGAY

Name X [illegible]
Washington, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAPH-199 R.& F.	5-26-59 5-29-59	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to W G A Y, Inc. D.F.Prince,Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	6-19-59 6-20-59
BMLH-125 Rec'd Filed	7-16-59 7-20-59 7-20-59	Modification of license to change station location from Silver Spring, Md. to Washington, D.C. Atty. - D.F. Prince	GRANTED	9-30-59
BRH-919 Rec'd Filed	7-18-60 7-19-60 7-19-60	Renewal of license Atty: D. F. Prince	GRANTED	9-7-60
BTC-3521 Rec'd Filed	8-17-60 8-22-60 8-22-60	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Connie B. Gay, et al (All Stockholders) to Connie B. Gay Broadcasting Corporation. D. F. Prince, Atty.	GRANTED EFF: Per Form 323	12-5-60 1-1-61

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGAY

Name WGAY, Inc.
Washington, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-919 R & F	6-28-63 8-2-63	Renewal of license Atty. Ray R. Paul	GRANTED	4-24-64
BPH-4999 R&F	6-16-65 6-17-65	Construction permit to change ant-trans and studio location and operate trans by remote control from World Building, 8121 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland; install new trans (RCA-BTF-20E); install new horizontal ant (RCA-BFA-6B, 6 sections) and vertical ant (ERI-300-6, 6 sections); increase TPO to 6.62kw; operate on a vertical ERP of 20kw; and increase HAAT to 372'. Atty: Prince & Paul	GRANTED cont'd re Sect. 73.274 rules re RC oper. of trans. (RC not auth.)	9-27-65

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Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGAY

Name WGAY, INC.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-8574 R&F	11-12-65 11-12-65	Modification of CP (BPH-4999 which auth change ant-trans and studio location, install new trans, and horiz and vert ant, increase TPO and hAAT, and change ERP) to increase TPO to 16.55kw, and increase horiz and vert ERP to 50kw. Atty: Prince & Paul	GRANTED	12-3-65
BLH-3238 R & F	4/7/66 4/7/66	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-4999 as mod.) which auth. chng. ant-trans. & studio loc., install new trans. & antenna, chng. TPO, HAAT & ERP. Atty: Prince & Paul	GRANTED	6-27-66
BRH-919 R & F	6-30-66 7-5-66	Renewal of License Prince & Paul, Attys.	GRANTED	3-9-67

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGAY

Name WGAY, INC.
Washington, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCH-739 Rec'd Filed	8-3-66 8-3-66 8-3-66	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from World Bldg., 8121 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. Atty.: Ray R. Paul	GRANTED	8-31-66
BPH-5848 R & F	5-24-67 5-26-67	CP to install Auxiliary Trans(RCA-BTF-1E); at Main Trans. loc. to be operated on 99.5mc.; ch#258, TPO: 1kw; ERP: ~~6.06kw~~; and HAAT 372 feet. For Auxiliary Purposes Only. with remote control operation. Atty - Ray R. Paul Engr.: ---- AMENDED to chg. ERP to 3kw.	GRANTED	7-20-67
AMENDMENT R & F	6-20-67 6-21-67			
BLH-3866 R & F PTA-11/17/67	11/1/67 11/8/67 JAN 25 1968	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-5848) which auth. install aux. trans. at main trans. loc. for aux. purposes only. Atty: Ray R. Paul	GRANTED	2-14-68

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

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters W G A Y-FM
XW G A Y

Greater New York Meida, Inc.

Name x WGAY, INC.
Washington, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BALH -1526 R & F FEE PD: $250 #010734 CODE 053 (Form 316) ALSO SEE: AM WQMR) JUN 24 1971	6-8-71 6-9-71	Voluntary assignment of license to GREATER NEW YORK MEDIA, INC. Atty - Schwartz & Woods	GRANTED EFF:	6-30-71 6-30-71
BPH-7836 R & F #052455 $50 Code 061 Press MAR 31 1972	3-16-72 3-20-72 3-20-72	CP to install new ant. (RCA BFC-6B, 6 sects.). Atty: Louis Schwartz	GRANTED	4-5-72
BMLH-420 R & F Fee pd. with (AM) PRESS: JUN 15 1972	5-22-72 5-23-72	Mod. of Lic. chg. name of licensee to: GREATER MEDIA, INC. Atty - Louis Schwartz.	GRANTED	6-27-72

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

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters W G A Y-FM

Name GREATER MEDIA, INC.
Greater New York Media, Inc.
Washington, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-13,529 R & F Fee pd. with(AM) PRESS: JUN 15 1972	5-22-72 5-23-72	MP(BPH-7836) chg. name of permittee to: GREATER MEDIA, INC. Atty - Louis Schwartz	GRANTED	6-27-72
BRH-919 R & F PN PRESS AUG 7 1972	6-26-72 6-30-72 6-30-72	Renewal of License(Main & Auxiliary) Atty: Schwartz & Woods (SEE WASH(FM) FOR PETITION) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 9-13-72 by Louis Schwartz & Robert A. Woods, Counsels on behalf of Greater Media, Inc. OPPOSITION OF GREATER MEDIA, INC. TO "PETITION TO PREVENT EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION" filed 9-21-72 by Schwarta & Woods on behalf of WGAY-FM (over)	GRANTED	7-16-76
BLH-5816 Rec'd Amended & W 175476-$50,-4-18-73-AC-068 PTA PRESS	4-5-73 4-5-73 4-18-73 4-27-73 MAY 11 1973	Lic.(BPH-7836, as mod.) for changes of Main & Aux. transmitters. Aux. appln. Atty: Schwartz & Woods F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.	GRANTED CONDITIONAL RE RENEWAL	6-6-75

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 6-2-75 as an amendment to pending renewal (Main & Aux.). PN 6-2-75

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BRH-919 AMENDED 10-6-75 re: EEO

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Call Letters WGAY-FM

Name Greater Media, Inc.
Washington, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-9029 R & F #223443 $50 Code 057 Press	8-10-73 8-14-73 8-15-73 JUL 9 - 1974	CP to chg. TL to: 5202 River Road, Bethesda, Maryland; install new trans. (RCA BTF-20E1); install new ant. (RCA BFC-2B, 2 sects. (H&V); make chg. ant. system (incr. hght.); chg. TPO; ERP: 17KW(H&V) and HAAT: 770'(H&V). 38° 57' 49" - 77° 06' 18") Atty: Louis Schwartz(Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED	7-11-74
	9-19-73	PETITION TO DENY WAIVER OF COMMISSION RULE AND TO RETURN FM APPLICATION THAT PATENTLY VIOLATES THE PUBLIC INTEREST filed by Wayside Broadcasting Corporation.		
	10-1-73	REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed by Greater Media, Inc.		
	10-15-73	REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME filed by Greater Media, Inc.		
	1-15-74	REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME filed by Greater Media, Inc.		
	3-22-74	REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME filed by Greater Media, Inc.		
	4-1-74	OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed by Greater Media, Inc.		
	6-26-74	PETITION TO DENY WAIVER OF COMM. RULES is hereby withdrawn per atty. letter 6-26-74.		

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99.5mhz.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGAY-FM

Name Greater Media, Inc.
Washington, D.C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-14,450 R & F #399126$100 Code 057 PRESS APR 1 - 1975	1-14-75 3-7-75 3-10-75	MP(BPH-9029) to make changes in transmission line; change antenna (RCA-BFC-3B, 3 sections H&V); change TPO. Atty: Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED	4-30-75
BSCA-1452 R & F #400338$100 Code 057 PRESS APR 1 - 1975	3-12-75 3-12-75 3-13-75	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 khz. Atty: Louis Schwartz, (Schwartz & Woods)	~~GRANTED~~	~~xxxxxxxx~~
			GRANTED TO	5-1-75 10-1-75
BMPH-14,517 R & F #440086$100 Code 057 PRESS JUN 27 1975	6-16-75 6-16-75 6-18-75	MP(BPH-9029, as mod.) ext. time to 9-12-75. (Changes) Atty: Louis Schwartz	GRANTED TO	7-9-75 12-1-75

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGAX-FM

Name GREATER MEDIA, INC.
Washington, D. C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLH-6798 R & F W 468513-$100-8-27-75-001-Atty: Schwartz & Woods PTA PRESS	8-19-75 8-22-75 9-3-75 SEP 19 1975	Lic.(BPH-9029, as mod.)-Changes, Main.	GRANTED (Cond'l	1-30-76 re renewal)
BPH-10148 R & F 577409$100 CODE 001 PRESS	4-15-76 6-4-76 6-10-76 AUG 13 1976	CP chg ERP: {21kw H&V}; Request Waiver of Section 73.211 of Comm Rules Atty. Louis Schwartz Engr. David L. Steel, Sr.	GRANTED	8-24-76
BMPH-15198 R & F PRESS	7-21-77 7-27-77 AUG 1 1977	MP{BPH-10147} ext time to 12-31-77 {For Chgs} Atty. Louis Schwartz	GRANTED TO	8-25-77 12-31-77

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

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WGAY-FM

Name Greater Media, Inc.
Washington, D.C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-15238 R & F PRESS	8-12-77 8-15-77	MP(BPH-10147) chg Antenna: COLLINS, G5CPS-3AE, 3 sections H&V Atty. Louis Schwartz Engr. David L. Steel, Sr.	ACCEPTED & GRANTED	11-3-77
BLH-7750 R & F PTA: PRESS: MAY 25 1978	8-31-77 9-19-77 4-13-78	License (BPH-10147, as mod.) for changes. Atty: Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED issued with renewal	9-20-78
BRH-919 BRSCA-1452 R & F PRESS JUL 7 1978	5-28-78 5-28-78 6-1-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) RENEWAL OF SCA Atty. Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED	9-14-78

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WGAY-FM

Name: Greater Media, Inc.

Station Location: Washington, D. C.

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRH-810601H2 BRSCA-810601H2 Press: AUG 10 1981		Renewal of License Renewal of SCA Attorney: Malcolm G. Stevenson	GRANTED 10-22-81

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March 1979

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.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) 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 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). Prior to that move, 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.

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.