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Form BC 126 #1 PTA 12-23-68
June 1954 Began 12-24-68

COMM.TV

Ceased operation 11-9--70 Resumed 1-11-74

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

XWAGT-TV {EFF: 7-6-81
WAGT{TV}EFF: 7-7-81

Date first licensed February 10, 1978 #796

Call letters X WATU-TV

Station location AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

Name of licensee WAGT TELEVISION, INC. (Ltr. 7-17-81)
XWATU TELEVISION, INC. (AL gr. 5-14-80, eff: 7-1-80
XAUGUSTA TELECASTERS, INC.

Transmitter location PINE LOG ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 8 MILES SE OF AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, AIKEN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Main studio location Pine Log Rd., Beech Island, S. C. (BP 3-28-75)
XSEVENTH AT REYNOLDS, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA (BMPCT-6958 12-18-68)
XTo Be Determined, Augusta, Georgia

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
D-17611					
BPCT-3840	10-30-67	CH.#26	V-324 kw	U	12-30-67
AH: 1570'	MSL:	542-548	A-32.4 kw	MSL:1882'	6-30-68

Construction Permit for a new Comm.TV B/C Station.
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ISSUED WITHOUT CALL LETTERS.

BPCT-3840	2-12-68	same	same	same	12-30-67
Mod. of CP.	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED.			(1)	6-30-68
BMPCT-6834	6-24-68	MP (BPCT-3840) ext. time (2)			12-24-68
BMPCT-6958	12-18-68	CH.26	V-340 kw	U	
AH: 1580'	MSL:1893'	542-548	A- 34 kw		12-24-68

MP (BPCT-3840,as mod)Chg. ERP;type of trans.type of antenna
Specify SL & AH

WIRE 12-23-68 RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER. ON PTA ACCORD. SEC. 73.629 RULES AND CP BMPCT-6958. ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES UNDER THIS AUTHORITY.

WIRE 1-22-69 AUTH. GR. OPER. WATU-TV VIA REMOTE CONTROL ACCORD. PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN ENGINEERING STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST & SEC. 73.676 RULES. THIS AUTH. IS SUBJECT TO ANY ADD. REQUIREMENTS WHICH MAY RESULT FROM THE PROCEEDING RELATING TO REMOTE CONTROL OF TV STATIONS D-1842

WIRE 10-21-69 AUTH. GR. OPER. TEMP. PER. END. 12-20-69 WITH UPPER THREE BAYS OF ANT. AND AT REDUCED ERP FURPOSE PERFORMING ANT. MAINTENANCE AND EVALUATION MEASUREMENTS. ADVISE WHEN NORMAL OPERATION RESUMED.

WIRE 12-24-69 Above auth. ext. to 2-20-70

WIRE 4-23-70 Above auth. ext. to 5-20-70

WIRE 6--5-70 Above auth. ext. to 7-5-70

WIRE 7-8-70 Above auth. ext. to 8-5-70

WIRE 11-18-70 REURTEL 11-12-70 ADVISING COMM. THAT WATU WENT SILENT 11--9-70. IF YOU WISH STA TO REMAIN SILENT YOU MUST SUBMIT A WRITTEN REQ. FOR SAME SPECIFYING DATE FOR RESUMETION OF OPERATIONS.

WIRE 2-18-71 ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO 5-18-71

WIRE 6-24-71 ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO 8-16-71

WIRE 8-18-71 ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO 11-14-71

WIRE 11-23-71 ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO 2-14-72

WIRE 2-15-71 ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO 5-14-72

BALCT-800319KF 5-14-80 Vol. AL

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters XXWATU-TV WAGT-TV

Station location AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

Name of licensee AUGUSTA TELECASTERS, INC.

Transmitter location SEE CARD #1

Main studio location SEE CARD #1

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
EBSA	5-15-72				

Ltr. 5-19-72 Auth. remain silent thru 8-15-72.

WIRE 8-1-72 AUTH. REMAIN SILENT THRU 11-14-72

Wire 11-15-72 Above auth. extended to 12-14-72.

Wire 12-15-72 Above auth. extended to 3-15-73

Wire 3-15-73 Pend reorganization & resolution fin. diff. extend auth. gtd. sta.remain silen temp. per. end 6-15-73 subject cont. maintenance required tower light.

Wire 6-22-73 Above auth. extend to 9-15-73

Wire 9-18-73 Above auth. extended to 12-15-73.

Wire 12-13-73 Auth. remain silent thru 1-15-74.

Wire 1-11-74 Pending completion ant. maint. & repair auth. grtd. resume oper. at reduced power temp. per. end. 2-25-74. Nec. file equip. proof of perf. measurements within 45 days after resumption of full power oper. accord. BMPCT-6958. Pending filing & act on Form 301-A & complying with requirements of 73.676 & 73.677 auth. also grtd. oper. existing remote control equip. during this per.

Wire 3-22-74 Above extd. to 4-25-74.

WIRE 4-22-74 Pend. compl. ant. maintenance and repair ext. auth. grtd. WATU-TV resume oper. at reduced pwr. temp. per. ending. 5-25-74. Nec. file equip. proof of perf. meas. within 45 days after resumpt. of full pwr. oper. accord. BMPCT-6558. Pend. fil. and act. on FCC form 301-A and complying with require. of Sect. 73.676 an 73.677 rules auth. also grtd oper. existing remote cont. equip. during this period.

Wire 5-29-74 Above extd. to 8-25-74.

Wire rec'd. 5-30-74 giving notification maint. on ant. completed & now operating full pwr.

BPCT-4810 3-28-75 CP to chg SL U 5 28 75
9 28 76

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June 1954

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WAGT-TV XWATU-TV

Station location .....

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
WIRE	4-29-75	Pend. fil. and act. on FCC Form 301-A, auth. grtd. oper WATU-TV by remote control temp. per. end. 7-28-75. This auth. subj. to the condition that a properly executed 301-A application be filed with the Commission within 30 days of the receipt of this telegram.			
WIRE	9-23-75	Pend. Commission act. on pending remote control appl., ext. auth. grtd. oper WATU-TV by remote control temp. per. end. 11-21-75.			
BMPCT-7590	10-28-75	Ch. 26	V. 295 kW	U	5-28-75
AH: 1600' MSL: 1893'		542-548	A. 29.5 kW		9-28-76
MP(BPCT-4810) to chg ERP, ant & HAAT					
BRCTV-264 (1)	11-26-75	Remote control authority			
BTC-8669	4-28-78	Vol. TC			
BLCT-1858	2-10-78	Ch-26, 542-548MHz		Unl.	2-10-78
AH:1600' MSL:1893'		ERP:V-263kW,A-29.5kW			4-1-79
Lic. to cover {BPCT-3840 as mod.} for new station.					
BRCT 781201 KU	7-31-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-82
BALCT-800319KF	5-14-80	Vol. AL			
	7-7-81	CALL LETTER CHG. & EBSA			
BMLCT-810717KH	7-21-81	Name change.			

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FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters ~~NEW~~ WATU-TV

Name AUGUSTA TELECASTERS, INC.
PO c/o Harold W. Twisdale, 4421 Central Ave., Charlotte, N.C. 28205

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-3840 R & F	8-31-66 8-31-66	Construction Permit for a New Comm. TV B/c Station: CH. 26, 542-548 mcs. ERP: Visual 190 kw Aural 19 kw Unlimited Hours TL: E. Side of Pine Log Road, 4 miles N. of Rt. 28 E. of Augusta, Georgia SL: To Be determined, Augusta, Ga. (Townsend & Assoc. TA-15-BT) AH: 600 feet STATION LOCATION: AUGUSTA, GEORGIA Scharfeld, Bechhoefer & Baron, Atty. David L. Steel, Sr. Engr.	GRANTED SEE CARD 02.	10-30-67

c/o Harold W Twisdale
m 4421 Central Avenue
Charlotte, N.C. 28205
AREA CODE 704 537-5224

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AUG. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV.

Call Letters NEW - WATU-TV

Name AUGUSTA TELECASTERS, INC.
CH-26 Augusta, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-3840 AMENDED R & F	4-17-67 4-18-67	AMENDED to change ERP to Visual 322 kw (Horz) Aural 32.2 kw (Horz); type trans. to Townsend Assoc. TA-30-BT; type antenna to RCA-TFU-42J SPECIAL; antenna structure; and increase antenna height above average terrain to 1572'. (financial and legal).	D-17611 DESIGNATED FOR HEARING JUL 19 1967 GRANTED Memo. Opinion & Order adopted	OCT 30 1967
BMPCT-6834 R & F PRESS	6-7-68 6-12-68 JUN 18 1968	MP (BPCT-3840) to extend completion date to 1-1-69. Michael Finkelstein, Atty. (Sharfeld, & Baron)	$30. #435359 GRANTED	6-12-68 6-24-68

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WATU-TV

Name AUGUSTA TELECASTERS, INC.
CH. 26 AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-6958 R & F $30.#477793 PRESS	12-11-68 12-12-68 " DEC 18 1968	MP (BPCT-3840, as mod.) to change ERP to Vis. 340 kw (HORZ); Aur. 34 kw (HORZ); type of transmitters to AMPEX TA-30-BT; type of antenna to JAMPRO JZZ-5-0-B and specify Studio Location as Seventh at Reynolds, Augusta, Georgia; and increase antenna height above average terrain to 1582 feet. Michael Finkelstein, Atty. (Scharfeld, & Baron)	GRANTED	12-18-68
BLCT-1858 R & F $30.#479225 PRESS	12-20-68 " " DEC 27 1988	LICENSE (BPCT-3840, as mod.) for a new station. Martin E. Firestone, Atty. (Scharfeld, Baron) AMENDED 10-12-76 re Update application	GRANTED	2-10-78

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WATU-TV

Name AUGUSTA TELECASTERS, INC.
CH-26 AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-4810 Received Filed #367906 $50 AC: 058 PRESS: JAN 3 1975	11-6-74 11-13-74 11-25-74 11-25-74	CP to chg. SL to Pine Log Rd., Beech Island, South Carolina.	GRANTED	3-28 75
BRCTV-264 R & F #433486 $100 AC: 058 PRESS: 17 JUN 1975	5-12-75 5-29-75 5-30-75	Request authority to operate transmitter by remote control from WATU-TV Studio Pine Log Road, Beach Island, South Carolina. AMENDED 11-7-75 R & F 11-11-75 re engineering	GRANTED	11-26-75
BMPCT-7590 R & F #438874 $250 AC: 058 PRESS: 25 JUL 1975 $150 refunded Overpayment	5-29-75 6-13-75 6-13-75 7-24-75	MP(BPCT-4810) to chg. ERP to Vis. 318kW, Aur. 31.8kw; chg. type ant. to SWR, Inc. SB10-14; and HAAT 1603 ft.	GRANTED	10-28-75

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

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WATU-TV

Name AUGUSTA TELECASTERS, INC.
CH-26 AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-7651 R&F #581064$100 AC; 001 PRESS	6-14-76 6-16-76 6-16-76 2 AUG 1976	MP (BPCT-4810 as mod.) to change ERP to Vis. 287kW, Aur. 31.8kW.		
BTC-8669 R & F PRESS: (Form 316)	3-29-78 4-11-78 APR 26 1978	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by J. Thomas Jones thru purshase of stock from Henry D. Scoggins, Estate of Ira Goldburg, Harold W. Twisdale, David L. Steele, Sr., et al. Atty.: Kevin F. Reed (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED EFF:	4-28-78 5-12-78
BRCT-781201KU R&F RN REC'D PRESS	11-8-78 12-1-78 '79 01 30	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (DOW, LOHNES & ALBERTSON) JOHN R. FEORE, ATTY	GRANTED	7-31-79

CARD#6

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

X WAGT (TV)
X WAGT-TV

Call Letters X WATU

WATU TELEVISION, INC.

Name: X AUGUSTA TELECASTERS, INC.

CH-26

Station Location: AUGUSTA, GA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BALCT-800319KF R & F (Form 314) PN REC"D	3-17-80 3-19-80 4-22-80	Voluntary assignment of license to WATU Television, Inc. Attys.: Richard S. Rodin (Hogan & Hartson) AMENDED 5-1-80 re legal and financial	Gr. 5-14-80
BPCT-800929KN R & F	9-29-80 9-29-80	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 1700kW(M) 933kW(H), Aur. 93.3kW(H); chg. type trans. to Townsend TA-100NE; type ant. to RCA TFU-35G (BT); make chgs. in ant. structure; and HAAT 1590 ft. Atty.: Richard S. Rodin (Hogan & Hartson) Engr. [illegible] Associates ACCEPTED CUT OFF NOV 18 '80 DEC 29 '80 Amended 12-30-80 re engineering	
BMLCT-810717KH		Ltr. 7-17-81 to chg. licensee name to WAGT TELEVISION, INC.	GR. 7-21-81

Form BC-121
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 radio 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.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. 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 television station history.