WFBN{TV}

CARD NO. 1

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

CH 66

WFBN(TV) EFF: 2-2-81

First licensed .....

Call Letters ...WHPHA....

Station Location ..JOLIET, ILLINOIS

Name FOCUS BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter Location SEARS TOWER; CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Main studio location .....

Form BC-126
December 1978

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPCT-790130KI AH: 1480' MSL CP FOR NEW STA	7-22-80 2107' TION	V. 1950KW{DA} A: 195KW {DA} Unl: 782-788	1-22-82
CBPCT-790130KI	10-[illegible]	CALL LETTERS & EBSA	
BSTV-790130KJ	7-22-80	Subscription Television	

COMMERCIAL TV

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

WFBN(TV)

Call Letters XWBHA X NEW

Name FOCUS BROADCASTING COMPANY
CH-66 JOLIET, IL (1 American Plaza, Evanston, IL 60201)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-790130KU R & F PRESS: 79 0522 PN REC'D:	1-29-79 1-30-79 3-1-79	CP for New Station on: Freq.: Ch-66, 782-788MHz ERP: Vis. 5000kW(M) 3936kW(H), Aur. 392.6kW(H) HAAT: 1482 ft. TL: Sears Tower, Chicago, IL (41-52-44 87-38-10) SL: To be determined, Joliet, IL Trans.: RCA TTU-110C Ant.: RCA TFU-28DAS (Custom)(BT) MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE WITH BPCT-781107KE Atty.: Baraff, Koerner & Olender Engr.: Smith & Powstenko AMENDED 5-16-80 re legal Amended 6-18-80 re legal Amended 6-20-80 re legal Amended 7-3-80 re legal, programming, & financial	GRANTED	7-22-80

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

JOINT REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT 2-1-80 by Lawrence H. Miller (FOR LATIN) AND HARRY C. MARTIN(FOR FOCUS.)

JOINT REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT 5-15-80 by Norman P. Leventhal for Focus and Lago.

JOINT REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DISMISSAL AGREEMENT 6-9-80 by Harry C. Martin for Focus B/c Co.

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND 6-20-80 by Harry C. Martin for Focus Broadcasting

JOINT REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DISMISSAL AGREEMENT 7-2-80 by John R. Wilner for American Television and Communications Corporation and Harry Martin for Focus B/c.

Ltr. 7-22-80 from Jerold Jacobs: Accordingly, in light of the discussion above, the agreements removing the conflict among the above-referenced applications ARE APPROVED; the above-referenced applications of Lago Grande Television Company, Channel 66 of Illinois and American Television and Communications Corporation ARE DISMISSED reimbursement of the extenses of Lago Grande and American Television and Communications Corporation in the amounts claimed above IS APPROVED; the above-referenced construction permit application of Focus Broadcasting Company IS GRANTED; and the above-referenced subscription television application of Focus Broadcasting Company IS GRANTED subject to the following condition: Applicant is required to broadcast some non-subscription local programming between the hours of 6 PM and 11 PM.

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

WFBN{TV}
Call XX W B H A
Letters NEW

Name FOCUS BROADCASTING COMPANY
CH-66 JOLIET, IL

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BSTV-790130KJ R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	1-29-79 1-30-79 '79 0522 3-1-79	Request authority to install Subscription Television equipment. Atty.: Baraff, Korener & Olender	GRANTED	7-22-80
BPCT-790130KI {CONT'D}		Amended 12-31-80 re engineering {antenna, Section V-G}		
BMPCT-801222KG R&F	12-22-80	MP (BPCT-790130KI) to chg. ERP to Vis. 5000kW, Aur. 500kW; chg. TL to 875 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois (41-53-55.5 87-37-23); chg. transmitter to HARRIS BT-110U1; chg. antenna to ANDREW 30E5/CD1801 (BT); HAAT: 1296 feet. Atty.: Harry Martin (Midlen & Reddy) AMENDED 12-31-80 re engineering AMENDED 1-15-81 re engineering.	gr. 3-23-81 (Gordon has the application 4-30-81)	

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

OPPOSITION TO APPLICATION 2-11-81 by B. Dwight Perry for FOCUS BROADCASTING COMPANY

CONSENT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 2-20-81 FOCUS BROADCASTING COMPANY requests a one week extension of time.

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION 2-26-81 VID EO 44 & OAK SYSTEMS of CHICAGO by Stanley Cohen & B. Dwight Perry.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO APPLICATION 3-3-81 on behalf of FOCUS BROADCASTING COMPANY by Harry Martin

MEMEO NO. 08523, ADOPETED MARCH 23, 1981 + RELEASED APRIL 1, 1981:
ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, THAT THE PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION FILED HEREIN IS DENIED, SECTION 73. 685{a} of the COMMISSION'S RULES IS WAIVED, AND THE ABOVE CAPTIONED APPLICATION IS GRANTED.

REQUEST FOR STAY 4-8-81 by Stanley B. Cohen for WFBN-TV

APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 4-8-81 by Stanley B. Cohen for WFBN-TV

Requesr for Expedited Action 5-12-81 by B. Dwight Perry for Focus Broadcasting Company

CARD NO. 3

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING
COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Call Letters: WFBN(TV)

Name: FOCUS BROADCASTING COMPANY

CH-66

Station Location: JOLIET, ILLINOIS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMPCT -801222KG			

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OPPOSITION TO REQUEST FOR STAY 4-20-81 by HARRY C. MARTIN FOR FOCUS BROADCASTING COMPANY

MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF PLEADING FILED ONE DAY LATE 4-17-81 by HARRY C. MARTIN FOR FOCUS BROADCASTING COMPANY

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 4-22-81 by HARRY C. MARTIN FOR FOCUS BROADCASTING COMPANY

OPPOSITION TO APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 5-1-81 -by HARRY C. MARTIN FOR FOCUS BROADCASTING COMPANY.

MOTION TO DISMISS 5-19-81 by RICHARD HILDRETH FOR SCHUYLER - LITTLEFIELD BROADCASTING COMPANY.

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.