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Form BC 126
June 1954

PROG. TEST AUTH. 7-7-67 started 7-9-67

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

EFF: EFF:
WPCQ-TV 9/29/80
X WRET-TV (7-13--70)

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Date first licensed 8-31-67 (Off. #637)

Call letters X WCTU-TV

WESTINGHOUSE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (AL 3-17-80; Eff: 7-2-80)
X TURNER BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL 2-28-79; Eff:
X TURNER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (BALCT-565 gr. 5-21-75 EFF:
XX TURNER BROADCASTING OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC. (BALCT-403 7--27-70 EFF: 8-26-70)
X EMIL F. KRATT, RECEIVER (BALCT-399 3-23-70)

Station location CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Name of licensee X CHARLOTTE TELECASTERS, INC.

Hood Rd., 0.6 mile N. of Robinson Church Rd., Near Charlotte, N.C. (redescription) BMPCT-6466

Transmitter location X HOOD ROAD, 0.6 MILE NORTH OF ROBINSON CHURCH ROAD, NEAR NEWELL, NORTH CAROLINA

HOOD RD., 0.6 MILE N. OF ROBINSON CHURCH RD., NEAR CHARLOTTE, N. C. (redesctiption)
X On Hood Road, 6 miles North of Robinson Church Road, 4.2 miles East of

Main studio location ~~(TO BE DETERMINED)~~ CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To-
BPCT-3630	2-2-66	CH.#36	V-603 kw	U	4-2-66
AH: 1000'		602-608	A-60.3 kw		10-2-66
MSL:1693'--CP FOR A NEW COMM.TV B/C STATION.					
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ISSUED WITHOUT CALL LETTERS.					
BPCT-3630	7-5-66	same	same	same	4-2-66 10-2-66
Mod of CP to assign Call letters					
BMPCT-6316	8-10-66	CH.#36	V-603 kw	U	4-2-66
		602-608	A-60.3 kw		10-2-66
Mod. of CP (BPCT-3630, as mod.) to specify studio loc. as Hood Road, 6 miles N.of Robinson Church Road, Charlotte, N.C.					
BMPCT-6267	8-16-66	CH.36	V-603	U	4-2-66
		602-608	A-45.9		10-2-66
Mod. of CP(BPCT-3630) to make changes in ant. system					
BMPCT-6366	4-28-67	same	same	same	4-2-66
Mod. of CP (BPCT-3630,as mod)to extend comple.dt					10-28-67
BMPCT-6366	4-28-67	CH.36	V-603 kw	U	4-2-66
BMPCT-6466		602-608	A-60.3 kw		10-28-67
AH:1350' MSL:2049'. Mod. of CP (BPCT-3630,as mod)to chg. ERP:, type of transmitters, type of antenna, AH.					
WIRE	7-7-67	RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR.			
OPER. WCTU-TV ON PROG. TEST ACCORD. SEC. 73.629 RULES AND BMPCT-6466. ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES UNDER THIS AUTHORITY. Started 7-9-67					
BLCT-1697	8-31-67	CH-36	V-575 kw	U	8-31-67
AH:1350' MSL:2049'		602-608	A-57.5 kw		12-1-69
License to cover CP(BPCT-3630, as mod.)					
BALCT-399	3-20-70	INVOL. A/L			
BALCT-403	7-27-70	VOL A/L			
BRCT-637	9-22-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L)			12-1-72
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRCT-637	1-29-73	Ch-36	V-575kw	Unl.	1-29-73
AH:1350' MSL:2049'		602-608	A-57.5kw		12-1-75
BTC-7656	1-22-75	VOL TC			
BTC-7656,	1-22-75	Superseding auth. to correct class of station			

CARD No. 09 COMMERCIAL TV

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed .....

Call Letters WBTV-TV

Station Location CHARLOTTE, NC

Name TURNER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

Transmitter Location .....

Main studio location .....

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December 1978

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BRCT-637	11-19-75	Renewal of License (S)	12-1-78
Wire load,auth.grtd.oper.w/out trans.output pwr meters temp.per.end.6-30-77. This auth. doesn't relieve licensee of responsibility maintain trans. pwr.output with auth.limits.	6-3-77	Pending arrival repaired dummy required 6 mtn.calibration of	
BRCT-780726IC	2-13-80	Renewal of License (S)	6-1-81*
*S H O R T T E R M R E N E W A L			
BALCT-800115KG	3-17-80	Voluntary assignment of license	
BALCT-800115KG	3-17-80	Superseded to correct Assignor	
BPCT-791210KF TRANS. AH: 1350' MSL: 2049' 602-608 Unl ch. 36; V. 1120KW;A. 112KW	3-28-80	CP TO CHG. ERP, AND TYPE	9-28-81

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV B/C

Call Letters WCTU-TV

Name CHARLOTTE TELECASTERS, INC.
c/o Harold W. Twisdale, President, 4421 Central Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-3630 Recd.&Filed	9-17-65 9-17-65	Construction Permit for a new Commercial TV Broadcast Station: CH. 36, 602-608 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 602.6kw(Horz) Aur. 60.26kw(Horz) Hours of Operation: Unlimited T-L: Hood Rd., 6 miles N. of Robinson Church Rd., Near Newell, North Carolina S-L: To be determined, Charlotte, North Carolina (TOWNSEND ASSOC. TA-55-A) AH: 1000 feet STATION LOCATION: CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA Scharfeld, Bechhoefer & Baron, Atty. David L. Steel, Sr., Engr.	GRANTED FEB 2 CONDITIONS: BACK OF THIS CARD.	1966
BMPCT-6267 R & F	4-7-66 4-7-66	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3630,which authorized a new station) to make changes in the antenna structure and increase antenna height above average terrain to 1356 feet. Scharfeld,Bechhoefer & Baron,Atty.	GRANTED	8-16-66

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

CONDITIONS

Subject to the following conditions:

(1) The transmitter specified herein has not been type accepted. Accordingly, prior to licensing, acceptable data shall be submitted for type acceptance in accordance with the requirements of Section 73.640 of the Commission's Rules.

(2) This action is without prejudice to whatever action the Commission may consider appropriate as a result of the proceeding in Docket No. 14229.

(3) Authority to operate this station will not be granted until commencement of regular operations on Channel 18 by Station WCCB-TV, Mecklenburg Television Broadcasters, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WCTU-TV

Name CHARLOTTE TELECASTERS, INC.

CH.#36 CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-6316 R & F	6-13-66 6-13-66	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3630, ., which auth. a new station) to specify studio location as Hood Road, 6 miles North of Robinson Church Road, Charlotte, North Carolina. REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.613(a) OF COMM'S. RULES. Scharfeld, Bechhoefer & Baron, Atty.	GRANTED	8-10-66
BMPCT-6366 R & F	9-23-66 9-26-66	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3630, as mod., which auth. a new station) to extend completion date from 10-2-66 to 3-1-67. Scharfeld, Bechhoefer & Baron, Atty.	GRANTED	4-28-67

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WCTU-TV

Name CHARLOTTE TELECASTERS, INC.

CH.36 CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

File no.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-6466 R & F	12-28-66 12-28-66	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3630,as mod.,which auth. a new station)to make the following changes: ERP Vis. 600 kw (HORZ); Aur. 60 kw (HORZ); type of transmitters to Townsend Assoc.TA-55BT; type of antenna to RCA TFU-42J Special; antenna structure; correct georgraphical coordinates; decrease antenna height above average terrain to 1354 feet. Michael Finkelstein,Atty.(SCharfeld,Bechhoefer)	GRANTED Subject to compliance with SECTION 73.640 of Rules.	4-28-67
BLCT-1697 R & F JUL 21 1967	7-7-67 7-7-67	License to cover CP(BPCT-3630, as mod.) which authorized a new station. Scharfeld, Bechhoefer & Baron, Atty. (Michael Finkelstein) David L. Steele, Sr., Engr.	GRANTED	8-31-67

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters WRET-TV
WCTU-TV

Name EMIL F. KRATT, RECEIVER
X CHARLOTTE TELECASTERS, INC.
CH. 36 CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCT-637 R & F $150 #539562 PN Recd. PRESS	8-31-69 9-2-69 " " SEP 17 1969	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Martin E. Firestone, Atty. (Scharfeld, Bechhoefer) Amended 9-4-70 to change name to Turner Broadcasting of North Carolina, Inc. (and legal information) SEP 10 1970 Frank Smith - rel appl. 10-12-70	GRANTED	9-22-70
BALCT-399 Received #558029 $30 Resubmitted R & F	11-19-69 11-19-69 11-26-69 12-1-69 ~~DEC 10 1969~~ FEB 17 1970	Involuntary assignment of license to Emil F. Kratt, Receiver.	~~RETURNED~~ ~~Not signed or dated.~~ GRANTED EFF:	~~11-25-69~~ 3-20-70

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September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WRET-TV
~~WOTU-TV~~

Name TURNER BROADCASTING OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.
X EMIL F. KRATT, RECEIVER

CH-36 CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BALCT-403 R & F #597514 $150 PRESS: PN REC'D:	4-29-70 4-30-70 4-30-70 MAY 11 1970 6-2-70	Voluntary assignment of license to Turner Broadcasting of North Carolina, Inc. Atty.: Finkelstein & Firestone AMENDED 6-[illegible]-70 re financial & to submit ltr. authorizing assignee to do business in State of N.C. Amended 7-6-70 re financial	GRANTED EFF: COMMISSION ACTION	7-27-70 8-2[illegible]-70
ENGR. DATA FILED 7-13-70				
BRCT-637 R & F PN REC PRESS PN REC'D:	8-26-72 9-1-72 9-1-72 OCT 5 1972 10-20-72	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Martin E. Firestone (Finkelstein & Firestone) AMENDED 12-13-72 re financial, programming & equal employment Ltr. 5-9-74 [illegible] & Pepper (Arthur Weinberg) represents station.	GRANTED	1-29-73

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

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WHEE-TV

Name TURNER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
XX TURNER BROADCASTING OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.
CH 36 CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-7656 R & F #380831 $250. AC 051 PRESS: (Form 316)	1-6-75 1-13-75 JAN 20 1975	Voluntary transfer of control from R.E. Turner to Turner Communications Corporation. J. Oyster, Smith & Pepper, atty.	GRANTED EFF: 2-21-75	1-22-75
BALCT-565 R & F #425831 $50. AC 051 PRESS: (form 316)	5-12-75 5-12-75 19 MAY 1975	Voluntary assignment of license to Turner Communications Corporation. Smith & Pepper, James L. Oyster, atty.	GRANTED EFF: 6-3-75	5-21-75

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WRET-TV

Name TURNER BROADCASTING CORPORATION
XTURNER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
CH-36 Charlotte, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRCT-637 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	7-17-75 7-30-75 7-30-75 19 AUG 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Annual Reports Filed Atty: James L. Oyster (Smith & Pepper)	GRANTED	11-19-75
BRET-780726IC R&F PN RECD PRESS	7-17-78 7-26-78 7-26-78 AUG 16 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: James L. Oyster No Contours filed:	GRANTED Commission Action See back of Card 7A	2-13-80
BALCT-781229LD R & F PRESS: (Form 316)	12-28-78 12-29-78 79 0220	Voluntary assignment of license to Turner Broadcasting Corporation. Atty.: Arthur V. Weinberg (Smith & Pepper)	GRANTED EFF:	2-28-79

PETITION TO REVOKE AND DENY RENEWAL OF BROADCAST LICENSES filed 11-1-79 by Charlotte Broadcast Coalition.

OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO REVOKE AND DENY RENEWAL OF BROADCAST LICENSES 12-1-78 by Arthur Weinberg for WBET-TV.

OPPOSITION TO SUPPLEMENT 1-9-78 by Weinberg for WBET-TV

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WRET-TV

Name TURNER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
CH-36 CHARLOTTE, NC

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
RESPONSE TO OBJECTION TO PETITION TO REVOKE AND DENY RENEWAL OF BROADCAST LICENSE 1-17-79 by NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND INC. FOR THE SAME.				
ERRATA 1-29-79 by NAACP FOR THE SAME				
REPLY OF TURNER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION 1-31-79 by Arthur V. Weinberg for Turner Communications Corporation				

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

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 2-13-80, released 3-7-80 FCC 80-63 15530: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the Petition to Deny filed by the Charlotte Broadcasting Coalition against the application for renewal of Turner Broadcasting Corporation for television application for renewal of Turner Broadcasting Corporation for television station WRET-TV IS DENIED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That Turner Broadcasting Corporation's application for renewal of license for Station WRET-TV IS GRANTED for a short-term license period to expire June 1, 1981, subject to the following conditions: (a) that Turner submit with its nexw renewal application a list of employees as of March 15, 1980, by job title with part-time or full-time status indicated (ranked from highest paid to lowest paid), date of hire, sex and race or national origin; and (b) that Turner submit in triplicate with its next license renewal application a list of all job vacancies from the date of this Order, indicating the job title and full or part-time status of the position, the race or national origin, sex, and referral source of each applicant for each job, and the race or national origin and sex of the period hired (e.g., part-time announcer-white female, N.W.W.; white male, newspaper; Black male, Urgan League-selected Black male); (c) That Turner promptly notify the Commission of any action taken regarding the pending employment discrimination matters involving Austin Q. Lawson and that grant of this application shall be subject to whatever action the Commission may deem appropriate as a result of final determination of those matters. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the Secretary of the Commission shall send, by Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested, a copy of this Memorandum Opinion and Order to each of the parties to this proceeding.

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COMMERCIAL TELEVISION
APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

WPCQ-TV
Call Letters X WHST-TV

WESTINGHOUSE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Name: X TURNER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
CH-36

Station Location: CHARLOTTE, NC

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BPCT-791210KF R & F PRESS:	12-3-79 12-10-79 1-18-80	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 2506kW, Aur. 250.6kW; and chg. type trans. to Townsend TA-100HE. Atty.: Arthur V. Weinberg (Smith & Pepper)	GRANTED 3-28-80
BALCT0-800115KG R&F PN REC'D (FORM 314) PRESS '80 0123 '80 0123	1-15-80 2-5-80	Voluntary assignment of license corp. to Westinghouse Broadcasting Company, Inc. Ramsey L. Woodworth, atty. (HEDRICK AND LANE)	GRANTED 3-17-80 condition on back

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BALCT-800115KG, grt[illegible] 3-17-80 - conditions:
The authority granted herein is subject to the following conditions: (a) That Westinghouse submit with its next renewal application which is due to be filed on or before June 1, 1981 a list of employees as of July 15, 1981 by job title with part-time or full-time status indicated (ranked from highest paid to lowest paid), date of hire, sex and race or national origin; (b) That Westinghouse submit in triplicate with its next license renewal application a list of all job vacancies from the date of consummation of this assignment to July 15, 1981, indicating the job title and full or part-time status of the position, the race or national origin, sex, and referral source of each applicant for each job, and the race or national origin and sex of the person hired (e.g., part-time announce-white female, ~~[illegible]~~N.O.W.; white male, newspaper; Black male, Urban League-selected Black male); and (c) Grant of this appoication (BALCT-800115KG) is ~~[illegible]~~ without prejudice to whatever action, if any, the Commission may consider appropriate as a result of any proceeding which may be instituted by, or any information obtained from, the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice concerning the selling of advertising time by VHF stations in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO THE COMMISSION 4-2-80 by Vincent A. Pepper for Turner B/c Corp.

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION 4-7-80 by Arthur Weinberg for Turner

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION 4-8-80 by Bob Valder for Charlotte B/cst. Coalition. (Valder, 1418 Euclid Ave., Charlotte, NC 28203)

MOTION TO DISMISS PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION 4-11-80 by ~~[illegible]~~ Vincent Pepper for WRET-TV.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OUT OF TIME; AND OPPOSITION TO 'MOTION TO DISMISS PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION'" 4-22-80 by George Daly for Charlotte Broadcast Coalition.

CARD NO. 9

APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV
Call Letters X WRET-TV
WPCQ-TV

Name: WESTINGHOUSE BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
CH-36
Station Location: CHARLOTTE, NC

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BLCT-801027KH R&F	10-27-80	Lic. to cover CP(BPCT-791210KF, amd.) for chgs. in ERP AND type trans. No atty.	GRANTED 3-23-81
BRCT-810803KV PN REC'D	7-23-81 8-03-81	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: RAMSEY L. WOODWORTH (HEDRICK AND LANE)	GRANTED 11-20-81

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MOTION TO INTERVENE 4-22-80 by George Daly for CBC.

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION 4-23-80 by Vincent A. Pepper for Turner B/c Corporation.

Withdrawal of Objections 4-29-80 by Vincent A. Pepper for Charlotte B/c Coalition.

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION 4-23-80 by Vincent A. Pepper for Turner B/c Corp.

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.