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COMMERCIAL TV

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

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First licensed .....

Call Letters WRBV

Station Location VINELAND, NJ

Name RENAISSANCE BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter Location Church Ave., N. of Chew Rd., 0.5 mi. NE of Waterford Works, NJ

Main studio location Brown Rd. & Delsea Dr., Vineland, NJ (MP 3-21-80)
XIntersection Rt. #40 & Lake Rd., Franklin Township, NJ

Form BC-126
December 1978

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPCT-5233 AH:800' MSL:1049' CP for New TV Station.	2-1-79 ERP: Vis.	Ch-65, 776-782MHz 1070kW, Aur. 115kW	Unl. 8-1-80
BPCT-5233 (1)	4-23-79	Call Sign assigned; &EBSA	
BMPCT-800110KF AH:920' MSL:1049' MP(BPCT-5233) to chg. ERP, TL, SL, type ant. & HAAT compl. date 6 mos. from grt.	3-21-80 ERP: Vis.	Ch-65, 776-782MHz 1320kW, Aur. 132kW	Unl. 9-21-80
BMPCT-800818KE & BMPCT-800818KJ AH:920' MP(BPCT-5233, as mod.) to chg. ERP, site & HAAT; and extension of completion date.	10-23-80	Ch-65 ERP: Vis. 1290kW, Aur. 129kW	Unl. 4-23-81
BMPCT-810406KF	5-29-81	MP(BPCT-5233) extend time	11-29-81

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Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters WRBV

Name RENAISSANCE BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Ch-65, Vineland, New Jersey, (PO % Donald G. McMeans, 145 Tyler Dr., Willingboro, NJ 08046

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-5232 R & F PRESS PN RECD CUT OFF DATE OCT 10 1978	6-14-78 6-19-78 JUL 18 1978	CP for New TV on: Freq.: Ch-65, 776-782 MHz ERP: Vis. 3819kw(MAX) 1288kw(H), Aur. 115.9kw(H) HAAT: 895.6 ft. TLE 1700' S. of Black Horse Pike, approx. 3400' E. of Cecil Broad Lane Rd., Monroe Township, N.J. (39-39-22 74-56-01) SL: 629 Wood St., Vineland, N.J. TRANS.: RCA TTU-110B Ant.: RCA TFU-46K (BT) MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION Atty.: Kevin F. Reed (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) Engr.: John T. Wilner (Titusville, New Jersey)	GRANTED	2-1-79
AMENDMENT R & F PRESS:	7-20-78 1-19-79 1-30-79	AMENDED to chg. ERP to 3606kW, Aur. 506kW; TL to NW corner intersection Rt. 40 and Lake Rd., Franklyn Twp., NJ (39-43-41 74-50-39); SL: Samsons TL; type ant. to RCA Vee-Zee (BT); and HAAT 801 ft. REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTIONS 73.610 & 73.698 OF THE RULES.		

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COMMERCIAL TELEVISION
APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W R B V

Name: RENAISSANCE BROADCASTING CORPORATION

CH-65

Station Location: VINELAND, NJ

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BSTV-790817KI R & F PRESS: [illegible] 79 0919 PN REC'D:	8-16-79 8-18-79 9-19-79 10-22-79	Request authority to install Subscription Television equipment. REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.642(a)(3) OF THE RULES.	GRANTED 12-19-79 COMMISSION ACTION
BMPCT-800110KF R & F PRESS:	12-21-79 1-10-80 1-16-80	MP(BPCT-5233) to chg. ERP to Vis. 3747kW, Aur. 337kW; TL to Church Ave., N. of Chew Rd., Waterford Works, NJ (39-43-33.6 74-50-51.6); SL to Brown Rd. & Dulsea Dr., Vineland, NJ; type ant. to RCA TFU-50J (BT); and HAAT 917.3 ft. Atty.: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED 3-21-80 Conditions
PRESS:	2-20-80	MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION	

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March 1979

PETITION TO DISMISS OR DENY 10-19-79 by Louis Schwartz for Radio Broadcasting Company.

Ltr. 10-26-79 from Lawrence Miller for Radio B/cing. Co. requesting dismissal of above Petition. (Orig. & trip to Belisle; dup to RR)

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 12-19-79, released 1-11-80 FCC 79-867 15338: ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, That Renaissance Broadcasting Corp.'s request for waiver of Section 73.642(a) of the Rules IS GRANTED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the above captioned application of Renaissance Broadcasting Corp. IS GRANTED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: (A) Station WRBV(TV) is required to broadcast some nonsubscription local programming between the hours of 7PM and 11 PM; and (B) Prior to the commencement of subscription television operations over Station WRBV(TV), Renaissance Broadcasting Corp. shall submit a statement demonstrating its intention to comply with Section 73.642(f)(1) of the Rules.

BMPCT-800110KF grtd. 3-21-80 - conditions: Before program tests are authorized, the transmitter must be type-accepted in accordance with Section 73.640 of the Commission's Rules.

Grant of this modification of construction permit is subject to the condition that the maximum visual effective radiated power/antenna height above average terrain combination shall not exceed 35.8 dBk/2000 feet, or the equivalent, in the direction of WEDY, New Haven, Connecticut.

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WRBV

Name: RENAISSANCE BROADCASTING CORPORATION

CH-65
Station Location: VINELAND, NEW JERSEY

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMPCT-800818KJ R&F PRESS	8-15-80 8-18-80	MP(BPCT-5233,as mod.) to chg. Erp. Vis. 3747kw, Aur. 337kw; chg. TL(same site desc)(39-44-06.9, 74-50-28.6); chg.Haat to 917.3 ft. Noel C.R. Gunther, Atty. (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED 10-23-80 Issued with BMPCT-800818KE
BMPCT-800818KE R&F PRESS	8-14-80 8-18-80	MP(BPCT-5233as mod.) to extend completion date. Noel C.R. Gunther, atty. (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED 10-23-80 Issued with BMPCT-800818KJ
BMPCT-810406KF		MP (BPCT-5233, as mod) to extend completion date (2-1-79) 4	GR. 5-29-81 (not issued - 302 on file)
BLCT-810721KI		Lic. to cover BPCT-5233, as mod. for a new sta.	

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LETTER 9-18-80 by Daniel J. Dalton for WRBV-65 re engineering.

(Request for Expedited Treatment)

LETTER 10-17-80 by Joseph A. Maresca for Waterford Township, Camden County, New Jersey; requesting time to respond to background statement & advise of a date for public hearing.

LETTER 10-20-80 by Dominick J. Rocco for Waterford Township Environmental Commission; Request for Expedited Treatment.

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.