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COMM. TV, B/C

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location FAJARDO, PUERTO RICO

Name of licensee WSTE-TV, INC. (BAPCT-306 9-27-61 EFF:11-6-61)
X CONTINENTAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter location Near top of El Yunque Mountain, Near Farjardo, Puerto Rico (BMPCT-5678 5-29-62)
(BMPCT-5547-gr.1-13-6
X Sardinera Barrio, 1.5 miles North of Fajardo, Fajardo, Puerto Rico
Sardinera Corporation Building, Avenido General Valero, Fajardo, Puerto Ri

Main studio location (To be determined) Fajardo, Puerto Rico (BMPCT-5678 5-29-62)
Sardinera Corporation Bldg., Avenido General Valero, Fajardo, Puerto Rico

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
PCT-2439	7-16-58	CH # 13	V-0.851	kw U	9-16-58
AH: 50'		210-216	A-0.427	kw	3-16-59
CP for a new Comm. TV B/C Station.					
BMPCT-5198	11-19-58	CH#13	V-2.82	kw U	9-16-58
AH: 50'		210-216	A-1.42	kw	5-18-59
Mod.CP (BPCT-2439) to chg. ERP, install new transmitters. & other equipment changes.					
BTC-3039	3-25-59	Voluntary transfer of control of permittee Corp. from William R. Anthony TO Carmina Mendez EFF:			
BMPCT-5311	5-15-59	CH# 13	same	same	9-16-58
Mod.of CP (BPCT-2439 as mod) to extend compl. date 11-18-59					
BMPCT-5397	10-27-59	same	same	same	9-16-58
Mod.CP (BPCT-2439, as mod) to extend completion dat 5-18-60					
BMPCT-5466	4-25-60	same	same	same	9-16-58
Mod.CP (BPCT-2439, as mod) to extend completiondt 11-18-60					
BMPCT-5527	1-13-61	CH #13	V-2.82kw	U	9-16-58
BMPCT-5547		210-216	A-1.41kw		7-15-61
AH: 350'	MSL:602'	(MOD OF CP CP(BPCT-2439) TO EXTEND COMP.DT			
MOD OF CP TO CHANGE TRANS.LOC-ANT.SYSTEM & EQUIP. & AH.					
BMPCT-5622	9-27-61	same	same	same	9-16-58
Mod.CP (BPCT-2439 as mod) to extend completion dt. 3-27-62					
BAPCT-306	9-27-61	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to WSTE-TV, INC. EFF: 11-6-61			
BMPCT-5722	3-29-62	CH #13	V-2.82 kw	U MSL:602'	9-16-58
		210-216	A-1.41 kw	AH:350'	
Mod.CP (BPCT-2439, as mod) to extend completion dt. 9-27-62					
BMPCT-5678	5-29-62	CH #13	V-31.6 kw	U	7-29-62
AH: 2900'		210-216	A-15.8 kw	MSL:3651ft.	1-29-63
MSL: 3651 Mod.CP to chg.ERP,TL,type transm.Ant,Ant.system SL EBSA 5-15-72					
BMPCT-6029	18-4-69	ch-13	V-162KW	Unl.	- -81
AH: 2000'	MSL: 2626'		A-18.6KW		
{10}		210-216			
BMPCT-	12-4-79	ch-13	V. 117KW	Unl.	- -81
AH:2000'	MSL:	210-216KW	A. 12.9KW		
6029	2626'				
SUPERSEDES PREV. AUTH.					

CARD NO. 2 COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

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Station Location FAJARDO, PUERTO RICO

Name WSTE-TV, INC.

Transmitter Location NEAR TOP OF EL YUNQUE MOUNTAIN, NEAR FARJARDO, PUERTO RICO

Main studio location .....

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Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BMPCT-6029 {10} TRANS. COOR.	12-4-79 EXP.	SUPERSEDED TO SHOW CORRECT DATE, AND GRANT DATE.	6-4-'83
BMPCT-810618KH EXTEND COMPLETION DATE	7-8-81	MP{{BPCT-2439, AS MOD.} TO:	MOD.} TO 01-8-82
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Name CONTINENTAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
(P.O. Ponce de Leon Ave. 566, Box 168, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico)

Station L: Fajardo, Puerto Rico

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-2439 Recd & Filed	12-6-57 12-6-57	CP for a new Comm. TV broadcast station Freq.: Ch.# 23, 210-216 mcs. ERP: Vis. 0.848 kw., Aur. 0.424 kw. Hours: Unlimited S-L: Sardinera Corp. Bldg., Avenido General Valero, Fajardo, Puerto Rico T-L: Same Station L: Fajardo, Puerto Rico ~~(Adler VSA-150)~~ (50 ft.) Filed direct. Kear & Kennedy, Engrs.	GRANTED	7-16-58
Amended Recd & filed	5-19-58 5-21-58	Certified amended by-laws (Filed with 323's, recd 6-16-58 in TV Sec.)		
Amended Recd & filed	6-30-58 6-30-58	Amended to change the type of transmitters to RCA-TT-500B		
BMPCT-5198 Recd.&filed	9-25-58 10-6-58	Modification of CP(BPCT-2439)to change ERP from Vis. 0.851 kw Aur. 0.427 kw to Vis. 2.83 kw, Aur. 1.42 kw, install new transmitters(Gates BT 1A-H)and make other equipment changes.Filed by R.L. Heald,Atty.	GRANTED	11-19-58

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Name CONTINENTAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
FAJARDO, PUERTO RICO

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC- 3039 Rec.& filed	1-29-59 2-6-59	Voluntary transfer of control of permittee Corp. from William R. Anthony TO Carmina Mendez. Spearman & Roberson,atty for transferee Filed by Robert L. Heald, Atty	GRANTED EFF: This grant is without prejudice to any action the Comm. may deem appropriate with respect to Continental Broadcasting Corporation's application, File No. BP-10489 for construction permit.	3-25-59
BMPCT-5311 Recd.&Filed	4-29-59 5-1-59	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2439 as modified which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 5-18-59 to 1-18-60. Filed by Robert L. Heald, Atty.	GRANTED	5-15-59
BMPCT-5397 Recd.&Filed	10-17-59 10-20-59	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2439,as modified,which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 11-18-59 to 7-18-60. Robert L. Heald,Atty.	GRANTED	10-27-59

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Name CONTINENTAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Fajardo, Puerto Rico

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-5466 Recd.&Filed	4-18-60 4-20-60	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2439, as modified, which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 5-18-60 to 11-18-60 Direct.	GRANTED	4-25-60
BMPCT-5527 Recd.&Filed	10-18-60 10-21-60	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2439, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 11-18-60 to 5-15-61.	GRANTED	1-13-61
BMPCT-5547 R & F	11-18-60 11-21-60	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2439, as mod., which auth. a new Comm TV B/C station) to change transmitter location from Sardinera Corporation Building, Avenido General Valero, Fajardo, Puerto Rico to Sardinera Barrio, 1.5 miles North of center of Fajardo, near Fajardo, Puerto Rico, make changes in antenna system and equipment and antenna height above average terrain to 353'. Filed by Robert L. Heald, Atty.	GRANTED COND: re Compliance with Section 3.640 of Rules	1-13-61

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Name: WSTE-TV, INC. (9-27-61)
X CONTINENTAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Fajardo, Puerto Rico

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-5622 Recd.&Filed	6-13-61 6-14-61	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2439, as mod., which auth. a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 7-15-61 to 1-16-62. Frank U. Fletcher, Atty.	GRANTED with BAPCT-306 below	9-27-61
BAPCT-306 R & F	7-26-61 8-7-61	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to WSTE-TV, Inc. Filed by Henry R. Goldstein, Atty for Assignor	GRANTED EFF: 11-6-61	9-27-61

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Fajardo, Puerto Rico

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-5678 R & F	11-10-61 11-16-61	Modification of CP (BPCT-2439, as mod., which auth. a new station)to change ERP to Vis. 31.6 kw (Horiz), Aur.15.8kw (Horiz);Transmitter location from Sardinera Barrio,1.5 miles North of Fajardo, Puerto Rico TO Near top of El Yunque Mountain(8.5miles West of Fajardo,P.R) near Fajardo, Puerto Rico; Studio location to " To be determined", Fajardo, Puerto Rico; Type of transmitters to RCA TT-11AH; type of antenna to RCA TW-18A13P; make changes in antenna system and antenna height above average terrain to 2901 feet. John C. Doerfer-atty Willis C. Beecher-engr.	GRANTED GRANT SET ASIDE and application DISMISSED 2-28-68 MEMO OPINION & ORDER	5-29-62

NOTICE OF APPEAL IN US COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT Filed on 7-2-62 by WAPA-TV Broadcasting Corporation (Case No. 17.139)
STATEMENT BY INTERESTED PARTY filed 11-26-62 by Fred Walton atty for WKAQ-TV

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Fajardo, Puerto Rico

File No.	Date	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
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MOTION BY WSTE-TV, INC. TO STRIKE AND RETURN STATEMENT BY INTERESTED PARTY filed 12-5-62 by Doerfer for Applicant to file reply				
COMMENTS ON ORDER OF REMAND IN WAPA-TV BROADCASTING CORPORATION V. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION filed 12-5-62 by Ben Fisher & Lester Spillane for WAPA-TV to file reply				
REPLY BY WSTE-TV, INC. TO COMMENTS ON ORDER OF REMAND OF WAPA-TV BROADCASTING CORPORATION filed 12-10-62 by John C. Doerfer for applicant. to file reply				
COMMENTS filed 1-11-63 by Dempsey & Koplovitz(Walton) for WKAQ-TV				
COMMENTS OF WAPA-TV BROADCASTING CORPORATION filed 1-11-63 by Spillane & B Fisher for WAPA-TV				
REPLY COMMENTS OF WSTE-TV, INC. filed 1-21-63 by John Doerfer for WSTE-TV				
SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS OF WAPA-TV BROADCASTING CORPORATION filed 7-23-63 by Lester W. Spillane and Ben C. Fisher for WAPA-TV				
MOTION TO STRIKE SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS OF WAPA-TV BROADCASTING CORPORATION filed 8-5-63 by John Doerfer for WSTE-TV				
OPPOSITION TO "MOTION TO STRIKE etc." filed 8-19-63 by Spillane & Fisher for WAPA-TV				

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PUBLIC NOTICE - B
March 5, 1968

Report No. 7083 BROADCAST ACTION

WSTE-TV, FAJARDO, PUERTO RICO, REQUEST FOR CP MODIFICATION SET FOR HEARING

The Commission has designated for hearing the applications of WSTE-TV, Inc., permittee of television station WSTE, Channel 13, Fajardo, Puerto Rico, for extension of time to construct and for modification of construction permit (BMPCT-5777, 6029), and has dismissed WSTE-TV's earlier application for modification of construction permit (BMPCT-5678).

WSTE-TV proposes, in its current request for modification of CP, to relocate its transmitter site approximately 9 miles west of Fajardo, to increase its effective visual radiated power in the horizontal plane to 163 kilowatts, to increase antenna height above average terrain to 2000 feet, and to make other changes. If the modification application is granted, WSTE will place a predicted principal city signal over all of the city of San Juan, approximately 30 miles northwest of Fajardo. WSTE would provide San Juan with its fourth commercial VHF signal.

The Commission made the following organizations parties to the hearing: WAPA-TV Broadcasting Corporation, licensee of station WAPA-TV, San Juan; Telemundo, Inc., licensee of station WKAQ-TV, San Juan; Telesanjuan, Inc., licensee of station WTSJ, San Juan; Amrex Construction Company, Inc., et al., licensees of mobile radio systems with transmitting and receiving facilities in the vicinity of WSTE's proposed site; and the El Yunque Radio Users Advisory Committee, representing operators of a large number of radio facilities in the vicinity of the proposed site.

The Commission denied various petitions filed by WAPA-TV, Telemundo, and Amrex to deny WSTE-TV's modification application, and denied informal objections filed by Telesanjuan and the El Yunque Radio Users Advisory Committee.

The Commission also denied the Petition For Stay of Joaquin Baez, Jr., filed February 26, 1968. Baez had requested stay of the hearing until resolution of a petition for rule making looking toward reassignment of Channel 13 from Fajardo to Mayaguez. The Commission said "...action on the rule making would not be prejudiced by the hearing ordered herein. Therefore, the request for stay will be denied."

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Issues designated for hearing are:

"1. To determine to what extent the operation of Station WSTE as proposed might cause harmful interference to other radio facilities located on El Yunque Peak, and if harmful interference is caused, the extent to which WSTE-TV, Inc., with the cooperation of the owners and operators of the other radio facilities, should be able to resolve problems of harmful interference to other radio facilities located on El Yunque Peak.

2. To determine whether WSTE-TV, Inc., will have available a $1,000,000 bank loan from The First National Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City to finance the construction and first-year operation of Station WSTE.

3. To determine, in the event that (2) above is resolved in the affirmative, how WSTE-TV, Inc., will obtain sufficient additional funds with which to finance the construction and first-year operation of the station.

4. To determine whether a grant of the application would impair the ability of authorized and prospective UHF television broadcast stations in the area to compete effectively, or would jeopardize, in whole or in part, the continuation of existing UHF television service.

5. To determine whether WSTE-TV, Inc., concealed material facts with respect to the operation proposed in its various applications involving Station WSTE.

6. To determine the efforts made by WSTE-TV, Inc., to ascertain the community needs and interests of the area to be served and the means by which the applicant proposes to meet these needs and interests.

7. To determine, in the light of the evidence adduced pursuant to the foregoing issues, whether a grant of the above-captioned applications (BMPCT-5777) and BMPCT-6029) would serve the public interest, convenience and necessity."

WSTE-TV's original application for modification of CP was granted by the Commission on May 29, 1962. An appeal by WAPA-TV from the Commission decision to the U. S. Court of Appeals was remanded to the FCC on October 26, 1962, at Commission request, when it was learned that the record of WSTE-TV's requests before the Commission was incomplete. On May 27, 1964, WSTE-TV asked that action on its modification application be delayed while an effort was made to locate a better site. WSTE-TV filed its application for modification of construction permit on October 26, 1964. After a Federal Aviation Administration study showed that the proposed operation would interfere with Navy and FAA facilities, WSTE-TV amended its application on January 20, 1967, to contain its present requests.

Action by the Commission February 28, 1968, by Memorandum Opinion and Order. Commissioners Hyde (Chairman), Bartley, Lee, Cox, Loevinger, Wadsworth, and Johnson.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name WSTE-TV, INC.
Fajardo, Puerto Rico

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-5722 Recd.&Filed	2-26-62 2-26-62	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2439, as mod., which authorized a new station) to extend completion date from 3-27-62 to _____	GRANTED	3-29-62
BMPCT-5777 Recd.&Filed	8-15-62 8-20-62	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2439, as mod., which authorized a new station) to extend completion date from 9-27-62 to _____. John C. Doerfer, Atty.	Designated for hearing Min. 2-28-68	D-18048
BMPCT-6029 Recd.& Filed	10-23-64 10-26-64	Mod. of CP (BPCT-2439, as mod., which authorized a new station) to change ERP from Vis. 31.6 kw Aur.-15.8 kw TO Vis. 67.5-kw (Horz.), Aur. 10.1 (Horz.) change Transmitter Location from Near top of El-Yunque Mountain, Near Fajardo, Puerto Rico TO Near East-Peak, Near-Fajardo, Puerto Rico; change type of transmitters to Vis. RCA TT-25DH. Aur. RCA-TT5BH; change type of antenna to RCA TW-9A33-PT; make changes in antenna system; and increase overall height above average terrain to 2170 feet. Wm.S.Green, Atty. (PIERSON, BALL, DOWN) Geo.C. Davis Engr.	Designated for Hearing Min. 2-28-68 GRANTED	D-18049 12-4-79

SEE OVER FOR PETITIONS

BMPCT- 6029

LETTER from Pierson, Ball & Dowd filed 2-27-67 submitting engr. statement on behalf of WSTE-TV, INC. re I formal letter supplied to FCC by U. S. Forestry in Connection with El Yunque Radio Users Association. - Filed with folder

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PETITION TO DENY APPLICATION filed by Arthur Bloston by various licensees of mobile radio systems in the Business, Special Industrial and Citizens Radio Services. DENIED2-28-68

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SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION TO DENY APPLICATION filed 3-17-67 by Arthur Bloston for Amrex Construction Co., Inc. et al.

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OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 3-16-67 by Pierson, Ball & Dowd (William S. Green) for WSTE-TV, INC.

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MOTION TO STRIKE "SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION TO DENY APPLICATION" filed 3-22-67 by Pierson, Ball & Dowd (James J. Freeman) for WSTE-TV, INC.

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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 3-29-67 by Amrex Construction Co., Inc. et al (Jeremiah Courtney, Atty)

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REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 3-30-67 by Jeremiah Courtney for AMREX Construction Co.

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(3) Ltr. filed 4-14-67 by McKenna & Wilkinson onbehalf of Telesanjuan, Inc. opposing a grant of BMPCT-6029 as amended. DENIED 2-28-68

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Ltr. 4-24-67 filed by William S. Green for WSTE-TV, Inc. req. ltr. of 4-14-67 filed by Telesanjuan, Inc. be disregarded.

SUPPLEMENT TO "PETITION TO DENY" filed 5-4-67 by Ben F. Fisher for WAPA-TV B/C Corp.

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Ltr. 4-28-67 filed by McKenna & Wilkinson forTelesanjuan, Inc. in reply to WSTE, Inc. ltr. filed4-24-67.

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Name WSTE-TV, INC.

Ch. 13 Fajardo, Puerto Rico

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
LETTER dated 3-24-66 re requested Engr. data filed by George C. Davis on Behalf of WSTE-TV, Inc.				
BMPCT-6029	Cont'd			
AMENDED	1-13-67	Amended to change ERP to Vis. ~~162 kw (Horz)~~, Aur. ~~18.7 kw (Horz)~~: transmitter location to South of PR 966, east of Jiminez River, near Mamayes, Puerto Rico; type of transmitters to RCA TT-25DH(LA); type of antenna to RCA TW-18A13P; decrease HAAT to 2000 ft.		
Rec.	1-20-67			
Filed:	1-26-67			
		AMENDED (Order) 8-16-68 re financial.		
AMENDED	5-7-69	Amended 5-27-69 (Memo. Opinion & Order) to chg. ERP to Vis. 117 kw (Horz) RMS, Aural 12.9 kw (Horz) RMS; and make changes in antenna system.		
Rec:	5-15-69			
Filed:	5-27-69			
	JUN 30 1969			
ENGR. DATA FILED 7-6-70		AMENDMENT rec'd. 5-24-71, Filed (Decision) 1-25-72 re 1971 Supplement to Survey of Community Needs.		

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BMPCT-6029 Contd

OPPOSITION TO "SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION TO DENY" filed 5-17-67 by William S. Green for WSTE-TV, INC.

Amendment filed 5-23-67 which was omitted from Opposition to Supplement to Petition to Deny filed 5-17-67

REPLY TO "OPPOSITION TO SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION TO DENY" filed 5-25-67 by Ben C. Fisher for WAPA-TV Broadcasting Corporation.

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PETITION FOR STAY filed 2-26-68 by Mallack & Beenton for Joaquin Baez, Jr. DENIED 2-28-68

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OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR STAY filed 2-29-68 by William S. Green for WSTE-TV, Inc.

September 7, 1973 - C 06377

LEGAL ACTIVITIES

WSTE-TV, Inc., permittee of WSTE-TV, Channel 13, Fajardo, P. R., has filed an appeal with the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, from a decision of the Review Board released January 25, 1973, denying WSTE's request for modification of construction authority to change antenna site and increase power; a Memorandum Opinion and Order of the Commission released April 20, 1973, denying WSTE-TV's application for review; and a Memorandum Opinion and Order released July 31, 1973, denying a petition for reconsideration.

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Form BC-121
September 1969 CARD #7B

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters WSTE

Name WSTE-TV, INC.
CH-13 FAJARDO, PUERTO RICO

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-5777 & BMPCT-6029		MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 3-31-76, released 4-9-76 FCC 76-299 40029: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the Motion to Supplement Record filed by WSTE-TV, Inc. on August 15, 1974, IS DISMISSED AS MOOT. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the Petition for Acceptance of Amendment to Application and for Grant filed by WSTE-TV, Inc. on September 12, 1975 IS DENIED and the engineering amendment proffered therein IS REJECTED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the unopposed Request for Official Notice filed by WAPA-TV Broadcasting Corporation on November 17, 1975 IS GRANTED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the Commission's decision denying the application of WSTE-TV, Inc. for relocation of transmitter site IS REAFFIRMED.		
BMPCT-810513KH		MP (BPCT-2439, as mod.) to extend completion date. ATTY: FRANK MULLIN(MULLIN, CONNOR, AND PHYNE, PC) Amended 6-30-81 re legal	GRANTED	7-8-81

CARD NO. 8

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION
APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WSTE-TV

Name: WSTE-TV, INC.
CH-13

Station Location: FAJARDO, PUERTO RICO

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
		ATTY. AS OF 7/22/81: Frank Mullin {MULLIN, CONNOR, & PHYNE, P.C.}	

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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 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.