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CATALOG NO. 4550L 1/5

S- 2625

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 7-13-51

Call letters XWA BW (Dir. 5-7-50)

Location: Lowell, Massachusetts

Name of licensee NORTHEAST RADIO, INC.

316 Totman Rd., Lowell, Mass. (CP 4-12-49)

x On Locn. Hill Road, approx. 2 miles north-northeast of Lowell, Mass.

x 605 Rogers St., Lowell, Massachusetts (MF 7-21-50) Lic. 11-16-50

Transmitter location x Andover Township, between River Road and Merrimack River, Lawrence, Massachusetts. (CP 6-27-49) Lic. 7-13-51

243 Central Street, Lowell, Massachusetts (MP 6-6-51) Lic. 7-13-51

x 605 Rogers St., Lowell, Massachusetts (MF 7-21-50)

Main studio location x Lawrence, Massachusetts (CP 6-27-49)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
31-P-5302	6-23-49	980	1kw	Daytime	8-23 2-23-50
	CP for a new station. (COND. CLAUSE)				
BMP-4875	7-21-50	980	1kw	Day	8-23 2-23-50
	Mod. of CP(5302) to change T & studio locations & make changes in antenna system.				
BMP-5260	8-8-50	980	1kw	Day	9-21 3-21-51
	Mod. of CP(5302 as mod) for ext. of commencement and completion dates.				
BMP-5380	11-16-50	980	1kw	Daytime	9-21 3-21-51
	Mod. CP(5302, as mod.) to chg. transmitter site				
MP-5509	3-29-51	Mod. of CP(5302 as mod)			for extension of completion date. 9-21- 6-1-51
BMP-5599	6-6-51	980	1kw	Day	9-21 6-1-51
	Mod. of CP (BP-5302, as mod.) change type T & studio location.				
BL-4454	7-13-51	980	1kw	Day	7-13 5-1-53
	Lic. cover CP 5302 as mod., for a new standard broadcast station				
BR-2625	4-8-53	Renewal of license			5-1 4-1-54
BRC-331	3-12-54	Mod. of license *			
(1)	Transmitter may be operated by remote control from 243 Central St., Lowell, Mass				
BR-2625	3-3-54	980	1kw	Day	4-1 4-1-57
BR-2625	3-20-57	Renewal of License			4-1- 4-1-60
	3-30-60	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-2625	7-7-60	Renewal of License			7-7 4-1-63
	3-27-63	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.			
BR-2625	5-7-63	980 kc	1kw	Day	5-7-63 4-1-66
Ltr. dated 1-22-66 & rec'd 1-25-66 giving notification per Sect. 73.48(a)(5) Rules that a Bauer 707 trans. is now installed & in oper. (Eff: 9-16-65)					
BR-2625	4-25-66	Renewal of License			4-25 4-1-69
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	109w		

Form BC 126

June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

#2
Date first licensed

Call letters *Q.10.F.*

Station location

Name of licensee *W. W. W. 1*

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BR-2625(L)	4-1-69	Renewal	of License	& NDEA	4-1 4-1-72
BR-2625(S)	3-30-72	RENEWAL	OF LICENSE	& NDEA	4-1-75
EBSA	5-25-72				
BL-13,379(L)	3-9-73	Lic to use former Main	trans for		4-1-75
		aux. trans			
BR-2625(S)	3-31-75	RENEWAL	(MAIN & AUX.)		4-1-78
COMTEL	10-11-77	PSA	124w		
BR-2625(S)	3-13-78	(S) REN. OF LIC.	(MAIN & AUX.)		4-1-81
BP-20,520	1-12-79	CP inc. power,	add night service, inst.		
		DA-2 & chg. TL,			
		980khz	5kw	DA-2 U	RC 1-12-80
BMP791130AD (1)	2-19-80	MP (BP-20,520)	for ext. of time to:		8-15-80
BMP800707AV (2)	8-26-80	MP (BP-20,520 as mod)	for ext. of time to:		1-31-81
COMTEL	9-4-80	AR. & TERMS COMTEL	6-2-80 EXT. THRU		11-31-80
BMP801014AU	12-18-80	980khz	5.0kw	5.0kw Unl.	1-31-81
		Mod. of CP (BP-20250, as mod.)			
		to modify the nighttime st. pattern.			

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call W A B W
 Letters New

Name NORTHEAST RADIO, INC.

(PC 21 Main Street, Andover, Massachusetts)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B1-P-5302 Rec'd Filed	9-18-46 9-25-46 9-25-46	Construction Permit for a new standard broad- cast station to be operated on; Frequency: 1210kc 980kc Power: 1kw 5A-1 Hours of operation: Daytime only Trans. location: Andover Township between River Road and Merrimack River, Lawrence, Mass. Studio location: to be determined-Lawrence, Massachusetts.	Docket # 8283 Granted 6-23-49 after hearing subj. to cond. that permittee submit proof of performance to show the system develops the minimum antenna efficiency permitted for a Class III station.	
APPLD Rec'd Filed	2-3-47 2-6-47 2-6-47	APPLD to change frequency <u>from 1210kc to</u> <u>980kc</u> and change directional antenna to vertical		

(Amendment Card #2)

Transmitter- RCA BTA-1L

Paul F. Godley, Engr.
Montclair, N.J.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Card #2

Call
LettersN O A P (27.5-5-30)
x W A B W
NEWName NORTHEAST RADIO, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-5302 (Cont. from Card #1)				
AMENDED	2-19-48	AMENDED re change in officers		
Rec'd.	2-24-48			
Filed	3-5-48			
BMP-4875	11-10-49	Modification of construction permit (BP-5302, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change transmitter location from Andover Township, between River Road and Merrimack River, Lawrence, Massachusetts and Studio location from To be determined, Lawrence, Massachusetts, to 605 Rogers Street, Lowell, Massachusetts and make changes in the antenna system.	Docket 9625 GRANTED after hearing. ORDER ISSUED C.P. ISSUED	7-21-50
Rec'd	11-15-49			
Filed	11-15-49			
		Neville Miller, Atty. Ronald H. Culver, Engr.		

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W C A PName NORTHEAST RADIO, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
HP-5260 Rec'd Filed	7-24-50 7-31-50 7-31-50	Modification of construction permit (BP-5302, as modified, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of commencement and completion date from 8-23-49 and 2-23-50 to 9-21-50 and 3-21-51, respectively. Richard C. O'Mare, Atty.	GRANTED	2-8-50
HP-5260 Rec'd Filed	1-13-50 1-13-50 1-13-50	Modification of construction permit (BP-5302, as modified, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change transmitter location from 222 Adams Street, Lowell, Mass. to 100 Hill St., Lowell, Mass. (3 miles north-west of the center of Lowell, Massachusetts). Richard C. O'Mare, Atty. E. A. M. Sperry, Chief	GRANTED	11-16-50

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Call Letters W C A P

Name NORTHEAST RADIO, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-5509 Rec'd. Filed	3-15-51 3-21-51 3-21-51	Modification of construction permit (BP-5302, as modified, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 3-21-51 to 6-1-51. Richard C. O'Hare, Atty.	GRANTED	3-29-51
BMP-5599 Rec'd Filed	5-28-51 5-31-51 5-31-51	Modification of construction permit (BP-5302, as Mod., which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter (Raytheon RA-1000A) and change studio location from 605 Rogers St., Lowell, Mass. to 243 Central St., Lowell, Mass.	GRANTED	6-6-51

#5

FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters W G A PName NORTHEAST RADIO, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-4454 Rec'd Filed	5-28-51 5-31-51 5-31-51	License to cover construction permit (SP-5302, as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED	7-13-51
BR-2625 Rec'd Filed	1-31-53 2-3-53 2-3-53	Renewal of license	GRANTED	4-8-53
BR-2625 Rec'd Filed	12-31-53 1-5-54 1-5-54	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-3-54
BRC-331 Rec'd Filed	3-3-54 3-4-54 3-4-54	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 243 Central Street, Lowell, Massachusetts.	GRANTED	3-12-54
BR-2625 Rec'd Filed	12-28-56 1-2-57 1-2-57	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-20-57

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Letters W C A PName NORTHEAST RADIO, INC.
Lowell, Massachusetts

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-12,014 Rec'd Filed	5-12-58	Construction permit to increase power from 1kw <u>to</u> 5kw and install new transmitter (RCA BTA 5H) Atty. - Richard C. O'Hare Engr. - Lohnes & Culver	DISMISSED	2-6-62 Order-Docket 12870
	5-14-58			
	5-14-58			
BR-2625 Rec'd Filed	12-21-59 12-29-59 12-29-59	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	7-7-60
BR-2625 Rec'd & Filed	12-20-62 12-26-62	Renewal of License	GRANTED	5-7-63
BR-2625 R & F	12-22-65 12-23-65	Renewal of license	GRANTED	4-25-66
BR-2625 R & F	12-23-68 1-2-69	Renewal of license	GRANTED	4-2-69
481041 S75. PRESS	1-2-69	AMENDED 3-10-69 re: Commercial matter		

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call
Letters W C A P

Name NORTHEAST RADIO, INC.
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2625 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JAN 27 1972	12-27-71 12-30-71 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 2-23-72 re: programming; comm. policy	GRANTED	3-30-72
BL-13,379 Rec'd Resubmitted W 144829-\$50 Filed PTA PRESS FEB 23 1973	1-11-73 1-15-73 1-17-73 1-17-73 1-24-73	Relicense RAYTHEON, RA-1000A transmitter for an Auxiliary transmitter	REJECTED Incomplete dir. to file Sect. I & Fee. GRANTED	1-12-73 3-2-73
BR-2625 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JAN 24 1975	11-25-74 11-29-74 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. TRANS.)	GRANTED	3-31-75

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

980khz

Call
Letters W C A PName NORTHEAST RADIO, INC.
Lowell, Massachusetts

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-20,520 Recd & FILED 586583 \$800	6-28-76	CP to increase day power to 5kw, add nighttime service with 5kw, install DA-2, chg. trans. site to rear 821-Hildreth, -Dracut, -Mass., see chg. trans. to HARRIS MW-5, delete RC. below Atty: John Dempsey 42-40-31-71-19-15 Engr.: Carl E. Smith 42 39 16 71 21 43	MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 OF THE RULES GRANTED	1-7-79
	6-30-76			
	7-1-76			
ER-2625 R & F P.N. PRESS	11-30-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY)	GRANTED	3-13-78
	11-30-77	Atty. Christopher J. Reynolds (Dempsey & Koplowitz)		
	11-30-77			

BP-20,520 AMENDED	continued from above	chg TL: 315 Totman Road, Lowell, Massachusetts 42 39 16 71 21 43	GRANTED	1-12-79
	8-10-78			
AMENDED	9-8-78	chg daytime site to proposed nighttime site (316 Totman Rd., Lowell, Massachusetts)		

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

980KHz.

Call Letters: W C A P

Name: NORTHEAST RADIO, INC.

Station Location: LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMP791130AD PRESS (0)	DEC 18 1979	MP (BP-20,520) For Extension of Time to: <u>6-1-80</u> (FOR CHANGES)	GRANTED 2-19-80
BMP800707AV PRESS (0)	AUG 11 1980	MP (BP-20,520, as Mod.) For Extension of Time to: <u>9-1-80</u> (FOR CHANGES)	GRANTED 8-26-80 To 1-31-81
BMP801014AU PRESS (0)	NOV 26 1980	Mod. of CP (BP-20,250, as Mod.) To Modify the Nighttime Standard Pattern.	GRANTED 12-18-80 Con'd
EP801201YC PRESS	FEB 2 1981	Renewal of License AMENDED 3-2-81 re: Community Leader Checklist FEO	ISSUED

APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

980 kHz

Call Letters: WCAP

Name: NORTHEAST RADIO, INC.

Station Location: LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BL-801014AT		Lic. to cover (BP-20,520 as mod) for changes.	
R & F	10-14-80	Atty:	
AMENDED	10-24-80		
PTA	12-18-80		
PRESS	FEB 17 1981		

ISSUED

with BR801201YC

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 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. 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 – 3” by 5” filing cards – 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). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only one set is known to exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

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 radio station history.

