

WBIQ



REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE

Cat. No. 4550L

Patent No. 1376199



B.S. Card. # 1 **BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD**  
First Program: 4-27-55 (STARTED 4-28-55 Ltr.)

Date first licensed 12-31-56 (Off. No. 5)

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Call letters ~~W.B.I.Q.~~ **W.B.I.Q.** (Ltr. 3-11-55)  
(Station Loc: Birmingham, Ala.)

Name of licensee **ALABAMA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION**

Transmitter location **ATOP RED MOUNTAIN, Birmingham, Alabama (BPET-135 3-7-63)**  
**X Red Mountain, Birmingham, Alabama**

Main studio location **Red Mountain, Birmingham, Alabama**



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl.<br>No.   | Date<br>Issued                                     | Freq.                                      | Power     | Time<br>Div. | Period<br>From To |
|--|--|--|-----------|--------------|-------------------|
| BPST-52  | 10-13-54   | Ch. # 10                                   | V. 30.9kw | U            | 12-13-54          |
|  |  | 192-198mc                                  | A. 18.6kw |              | 6-13-55           |
| CP for a new Non-comm. ED TV B/C Station.                            |  |  |           |              |                   |
| WIRE   | 4-27-55  | STA Provide program service accord CP      |           |              |                   |
| BPST-52  | pending filing of Lic. Appl. Auth. expires 6-13-55 |  |           |              |                   |
| BPST-75  | 5-27-55  | same                                       | same      | same         | 12-13-54          |
| Mod. CP (BPST-52) to extend completion date                          |  |  |           |              | 2-13-56           |
| WIRE   | 6-6-55   | EXT STA granted provide program service    |           |              |                   |
| accord. CP BPST-75 pending filing of Lic. appl. Auth. expires        |  |  |           |              |                   |
| 2-13-56  |  |  |           |              |                   |
| BPST-97  | 1-13-56  | same                                       | same      | same         | 12-13-54          |
| Mod. CP (BPST-52, as mod) to extend completion date to               |  |  |           |              | 8-13-56           |
| WIRE   | 2-6-56   | Pending filing of lic. appl., ext. auth.   |           |              |                   |
| granted to operate temp. for period ending 8-13-56 reg.              |  |  |           |              |                   |
| program basis accord. CP (BPST-97)                                   |  |  |           |              |                   |
| BPST-115   | 7-24-56  | same                                       | same      | same         | 12-13-54          |
| Mod. CP (BPST-52, as mod) to extend completion date                  |  |  |           |              | 11-13-56          |
| WIRE   | 8-3-56   | Pending filing of lic. appl., ext. auth.   |           |              |                   |
| granted to oper. temp. for per. ending 11-13-56 regular              |  |  |           |              |                   |
| program Basis accord. CP (BPST-114). (SEE WIRE BELOW)                |  |  |           |              |                   |
| WIRE   | 8-7-56   | Correct WBIQ STA dated 8-3-56 to read per. |           |              |                   |
| ending 11-13-56 & file BPST-115.                                     |  |  |           |              |                   |
| WIRE   | 11-8-56  | PENDING FILING AMEND. LIC. APPL. EXT.      |           |              |                   |
| XX |  |  |           |              |                   |
| AUTH. OPR. ACCORD. MPET-114 to 12-13-56                              |  |  |           |              |                   |
| BLET-10  | 12-31-56   | CH. #10                                    | V-30.9kw  | U            | 12-31-56 4-1-58   |
| AH 530   |  | 192-198                                    | A-15.5kw  |              |                   |
| License to cover (BPST-52, as mod.)                                  |  |  |           |              |                   |
| BPST-5   | 3-19-58  | same                                       | same      | same         | 4-1-58 4-1-61     |
| RENEWAL OF LICENSE   |  |  |           |              |                   |
| BPST-71  | 2-13-59  | CH#10                                      | V-44.7 kw | U            | 4-13-59           |
| AH: 1000'  |  | 192-198                                    | A-26.9 kw | MSL: 1802'   | 10-13-59          |
| CP to change install new ant. sys. minor equip. AH, ERP              |  |  |           |              |                   |
| BPST-211   | 6-1-59   | CH#10                                      | V-44.7 kw |              | 4-13-59           |
| AH: 1050'  |  | 192-198                                    | A-25.5 kw | U            | 11-29-59          |
| Mod. of CP (BPST-71) Auth. changes in existing station. chg.         |  |  |           |              |                   |
| ant. type ant. sys. and equipment. (MSL: 1802')                      |  |  |           |              |                   |



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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD *NON-Commercial*

Date first licensed

Call letters

WBIQ

Name of licensee

ALABAMA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION

Transmitter location

SEE CARD #1

Main studio location

FCC-65



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl.<br>No.   | Date<br>Issued | Freq.  | Power     | Time<br>Div. | Period<br>From To |
|--|----------------|--|-----------|--------------|-------------------|
| WIRE   | 11-10-59       | IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SERVICE PENDING<br>FILING OF LIC. APPL., AUTHORITY GR. OPER. WBIQ TEMP. PER.<br>END 12-10-59 ACCORD. CP BPET-211. ADVISE.   |           |              |                   |
| WIRE   | 12-10-59       | REFERENCE TENDERED LIC. APPL. & REQUEST<br>FOR PROGRAM TEST, EXT. AUTH. GRANTED OPERATE WBIQ TEMP. FOR<br>PERIOD ENDING 12-12-59 ACCORD. FACIL. SPEC. IN BPET-211<br>PENDING RECEIPT FCC FORM 321 FOR REINSTATEMENT EXP. CP      |           |              |                   |
| WIRE   | 12-17-59       | RE LIC. BLET-47, AUTH. GRANTED OPERATE<br>WBIQ ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. CP BPET-86 & SEC. 3.629 OF RULES  |           |              |                   |
| BPET-86  | 12-17-59       | CH #10   | V-42.5 kw | U            | 2-17-60           |
| AH: 1050'  |                | 192-198  | A-25.5 kw | MSL:1802'    | 8-17-60           |
| CP to replace expired CP (BPET-71, as mod).                |                |  |           |              |                   |
| BLET-47  | 4-28-60        | CH #10   | V-42.5 kw | U            | 4-28-60 4-1-61    |
| AH: 1050'  |                | 192-198  | A-21.4 kw | MSL:1802'    |                   |
| LICENSE to cover CP (BPET-86) as mod. for changes          |                |  |           |              |                   |
| BRET-5   | 3-22-61        | same   | same      | same         | 4-1-61            |
| RENEWAL OF LICENSE   |                |  |           |              | 4-1-64            |
| BPET-135   | 3-7-63         | CH #10   | V-316 kw  | U            | 5-7-63            |
| AH: 1050'  |                | 192-198  | A-158 kw  | MSL:1802'    | 11-7-63           |
| CP to chg. ERP, type of transm. antenna sys. redes. PL, AH |                |  |           |              |                   |
| WIRE   | 8-12-63        | REURTEL 8. PEND. RECEIPT WRITTEN REQUEST<br>ACCORD. SEC. 1.331(D) & 1.303 OF THE RULES & FILING LIC.<br>APPL. AUTH. GR. OPERA. WBIQ TEMP. PER. END. 11-12-63 ACCORD<br>CP BPET-135. ADVISE WHEN OPER. COMMENCES UNDER THIS AUTH. |           |              |                   |
| WIRE   | 11-12-63       | PENDING FILING LIC. APPL. EXTENSION<br>AUTH. GR. OPERATE WBIQ TEMP. PER. END. 12-12-63 ACCORD. CP<br>BPET-135.   |           |              |                   |
| WIRE   | 12-13-63       | RE TENDERED LIC. APPL. AUTH. GR. OPERATE<br>WBIQ ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SECTION 3.629 RULES & CP<br>BPET-135.   |           |              |                   |
| BLET-89  | 11-2-64        | CH #10   | V-316kw   | U            | 11-2-64           |
| AH:1050'   |                | MSL:1802'  | 192-198   | A-158kw      | 4-1-67            |
| License to cover CP (BPET-135)                             |                |  |           |              |                   |
| BLET-58  | 2-25-65        | Same   | Same      | Same         | 2-25-65           |
| Mod. of license to reduce<br>Aural ERP.                    |                |  |           |              | 4-1-67            |



Form BC 126  
June 1954

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NON-COMM. ED. TV.

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed See Card # 1

Call letters WBIQ

Station location

Name of licensee ALABAMA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION

Transmitter location See Card # 1

Main studio location See Card # 1



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl.<br>No.                                 | Date<br>Issued     | Freq.                  | Power                   | Time<br>Div. | Period<br>From To |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| BRET-5                                       | 3-29-67            | CH-10                  | V-316 kw                | U            | 4-1-67            |
| AH: 1050'                                    | MSL:1802'          | 192-198                | A-31.6 kw               |              | 4-1-70            |
|  | RENEWAL OF LICENSE |                        |                         |              |                   |
| BRET-5                                       | 6-24-70            | RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S) |                         |              | 4-1-73            |
| EBSA   | 5-15-72            |                        |                         |              |                   |
| LTR.   | 10-10-74           | SECT. 73.669           | WAIVED TO PERMIT MAINT. |              |                   |
| OF 1 PROGRAM LOG FOR THE NINE AETC STATIONS. |                    |                        |                         |              |                   |



CARD NO. 1  
BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV

CH 10

First licensed .....

Call Letters WBIQ-TV

Station Location BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Name ALABAMA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION

Transmitter Location 1716 VALLEY VIEW DRIVE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Main studio location 2101 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA



### Authorization Record

| File No.  | Granted | Facilities   | Expires |
|---|---------|--|---------|
| BPET-517<br>TV STATION. AM: 1050<br>V. 316 KW; A. 31.6 KW | 2-14-80 | CP FOR A NEW NON-COM ED.<br>MSL: 1802' 192-178<br>Unl. | 8-14-81 |



CARD #1

Form A-170

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NONCOMMERCIAL EDU. TV B/C

Call W-B-B-B-WBIQ

Letters W-B-B

Name ALABAMA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION  
 (714 Protective Life Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.)

| File No.                  | Dated                        | Application for   | Action  |          |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|---|---------|----------|
|                           |                              |   | Nature  | Date     |
| BPET-52<br>Rec'd<br>Filed | 7-8-54<br>7-13-54<br>7-13-54 | Construction permit for new Non-Commercial Educational TV B/C Station.<br>Frequency: Ch. #10, (192-198 mcs)<br>ERP: Vis. 30.8 kw, Aur. 18.5 kw<br>S-L: Red Mt., Birmingham, Ala.<br>T-L: Red Mt., Birmingham, Ala.<br>Hours of Operation: Unlimited<br>(Vis. & Aur. RCA TT-5A) 528'<br>Filed by Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty. | GRANTED | 10-13-54 |
| BMPET-75<br>Recd. & Filed | 5-9-55<br>5-10-55            | Mod. of CP(BPET-52, which authorized a new Comm. ED TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 6-13-55 to 2-13-56.<br>Filed by Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty.  | GRANTED | 5-27-55  |
| BMPET-97<br>Recd & Filed  | 1-17-56<br>1-18-56           | Mod. of CP(BPET-52, as mod., which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 2-13-56 to 8-23-56.<br>Filed by Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty.   | GRANTED | 1-23-56  |



A.D. Ring & Associates (Howard T. Hens)  
Washington, D. C.



FORM BC-121

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FORM A-170

Call  
Letters W D I QName ALABAMA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION  
Birmingham, Alabama

| File No.                              | Dated                | Application for   | Action  |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---|---------|----------|
|                                       |                      |   | Nature  | Date     |
| BNPST-115<br>Recd & Filed<br>Ext. # 3 | 7- 5-56<br>7-12-56   | Mod. of CP (HPET-52, as mod., which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 8-13-56 to 9-1-56.<br>Filed by: Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty.  | GRANTED | 7-26-56  |
| BLET-10<br>Recd & filed               | 10-25-56<br>10-26-56 | License to cover construction permit (HPET-52, as modified) which authorized a new Non-commercial Educational TV b/c station<br>Filed by Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty.  | GRANTED | 12-31-56 |
| BPET-71<br>Recd & Filed               | 12-18-57<br>12-23-57 | CP to make changes in existing station - *<br>change ERP from Vis. 30.9 kw., Aur. 15.5 kw. to Vis. 42.2 kw., Aur. 25.3 kw.; install new antenna system; make minor equip. changes and change ant. ht. abv. aver. terrain to 1003.4 ft.<br>*change in T-L (coordinates (seconds) only).<br>Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty.<br>(Contingent on grant of BPCT-2449 WBRC-TV filed simultaneously herewith) | GRANTED | 2-13-59  |



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Call  
Letters **W F T Q**Name **ALABAMA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION**  
**Birmingham, Alabama**

| File No.                     | Dated                          | Application for  | Action  |         |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------|---------|
|                              |                                |  | Nature  | Date    |
| BPET-5<br>Recd & filed       | 12-18-57<br>12-30-57           | Renewal of license.<br>Corwin R. Lockwood, Atty.   | GRANTED | 3-19-58 |
| BMFET-211<br>Rec. & filed    | 5-18-59<br>5-22-59             | Modification of CP (BPET-71, which authorized changes in existing station) to change ERP from Vis. 44.7 kw, Aur. 26.9 kw TO Vis. 42.5 kw, Aur. 25.4 kw; type of antenna to G. E. TY-42B Modified; correct geographic coordinates (no change in site); make changes in antenna system and equipment and change antenna height above average terrain TO 1046.5 feet.<br>Filed direct | GRANTED | 6-1-59  |
| BIET-47<br>Received<br>Filed | 12-8-59<br>12-9-59<br>12-17-59 | License to cover CP (BIET-86, replacement for BPET-71, as modified) which authorized changes in Non Commercial Educational Television broadcast station.   | GRANTED | 4-28-60 |



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FORM BC-121  
Aug. 1955

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON COMMERCIAL ED. TV

Call  
Letters **WBIQ**

Name **ALABAMA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION**  
**Birmingham, Alabama**

| File No.                | Dated                | Application for  | Action  |          |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--|---|----------|
|                         |                      |  | Nature  | Date     |
| BPET-86<br>Recd.&Filed  | 12-15-59<br>12-16-59 | Construction permit to replace expired CP (BPET-71, as modified) which authorized changes in existing station<br>Filed direct  | GRANTED   | 12-17-59 |
| BPET-5<br>Recd& Filed   | 12-28-60<br>1-3-61   | RENEWAL OF LICENSE   | GRANTED   | 3-22-61  |
| BPET-135<br>Recd.&Filed | 2-11-63<br>2-13-63   | Construction Permit to change ERP from Vis. 42.5 kw, Aur. 21.4 kw to Vis. 316 kw, Aur. 158 kw; type of transmitters to G.E. TT-6D and G.E. T <sup>9</sup> -5; modify the antenna system; resdescribe transmitter location as Atop Red Mountain, Birmingham, Alabama and change antenna height above average terrain to 1046.3 feet<br>A.H. Renfro Jr., ENGR; 2151 Highland Avenue<br>Birmingham, Alabama | GRANTED<br>SUBJECT COMPLIANCE<br>WITH SECTION 3.640 of<br>RULES | 3-7-63   |



Form BC-121  
Aug. 1955

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMM. ED. TV

Call  
Letters W B I Q

Name ALABAMA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION

CH. 10 Birmingham, Alabama

zip 35205

| File No.      | Dated    | Application for                                 | Action                  |         |
|---------------|----------|---|-------------------------|---------|
|               |          |   | Nature                  | Date    |
| BLET-89       | 12-11-63 | License to cover CP (BPET-135) which authorized | GRANTED                 | 11-2-64 |
| Recd. & Filed | 12-13-63 | changes in existing station.                    |                         |         |
| BLET-68       | 2-17-66  | Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from        | GRANTED                 | 2-28-66 |
| R & F         | 2-21-66  | 158 kw to 31.6 kw                               |                         |         |
| BRET-5        | 12-20-66 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE                              | GRANTED                 | 3-23-67 |
| R & F         | 1-3-67   |   |                         |         |
| BRET-5        | 12-10-69 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE                              | GRANTED                 | 6-24-70 |
| R & F         | 12-31-69 |   |                         |         |
| PN Recd.      | "        |   | See Back                |         |
| PRESS         |          |   | GRANT RESCINDED & set   |         |
|               |          |   | for hearing pursuant to |         |
|               |          |   | Memo. Opinion & Order   |         |
|               |          |   | adopted 2-8-72 D-19423  |         |
|               |          |   | Designated for Hearing  |         |
|               |          |   | Min.                    | 2-8-72  |

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



SEE WAIQ for Petitions

DECISION adopted 12-17-74, released 1-8-75, FCC 74-1385 29210: ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, That the above-captioned applications of the Alabama Educational Television Commission for renewal of licenses of Stations WAIQ, WBIQ, WCIQ, WDIQ, WEIQ, WFIQ, WGIQ, WHIQ, and for a license to cover the construction permit for Station WTIQ ARE DENIED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the Alabama Educational Television Commission IS AUTHORIZED to file applications for licenses for the above-captioned stations or for any of them; and that, on the Commission's own motion, Section 1.519 of the Rules IS WAIVED for this purpose. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the filing of competing applications for the above-captioned stations or for any of them IS INVITED; and that, in order to receive Commission consideration, a substantially complete application for each of the said stations SHALL BE TENDERED FOR FILING at the offices of the Commission in Washington, D. C. by the close of business on April 1, 1975. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the Alabama Educational Television Commission IS GRANTED interim authority to operate each of its stations pending final action on the new applications to be filed ~~for~~ for ~~said~~ said stations or until further order of the Commission. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That these proceedings ARE TERMINATED.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 3-31-75 by Robert J. Stein on behalf of Alabama Citizens for Responsive Public Television.

OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 4-4-75 by the Alabama Educational Television Commission

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 4-11-75 BY Robert J. Stein on behalf of Alabama Citizens for Responsive Public Television, Inc.

AFFIDAVITS filed 4-11-75 by Gardner Gillespie on behalf of Alabama Educational TV Comm.

AFFIDAVIT filed 4-16-75 by R.J. Stein on behalf of Alabama Citizens for Responsive Public Television, Inc.











BPET-517 thru BPET-525

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 5-31-75 by Robert J. Stein on behalf of Alabama Citizens for Responsive Public Television.

OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 4-4-75 by the Alabama Educational Television Commission.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 4-11-75 by Robert J. Stein on behalf of Alabama Citizens for Responsive Public Television, Inc.

AFFIDAVITS filed 4-11-75 by Gardner Gillespie on behalf of Alabama Educational TV Commission.

AFFIDAVIT filed 4-16-75 by R. J. Stein on behalf of Alabama Citizens for Responsive Public Television, Inc.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 5-14-75, released 5-29-75 FCC 75-563 35027:  
Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the motion of Alabama Citizens for Responsive Public Television for extension of time in which to file applications for facilities previously licensed or granted to the Alabama Educational Television Commission until August 1, 1975, IS GRANTED.

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO FILE APPLICATIONS filed 6-30-75 by Alabama Citizens for Responsive Public Television, Inc.

AFFIDAVIT filed 7-15-75 in connection with the above mentioned petition for reconsideration filed 6-30-75

OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO FILE APPLICATION filed 7-15-75 by Alabama Citizens for Responsive Public Television, Inc.

AFFIDAVIT BY JESSE STEWART filed 7-17-75 on behalf of Alabama Citizens for Responsive Public Television, Inc.

OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR STAY, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 7-17-75 by The Alabama Educational Television Commission

Ltr. 7-18-75 from Robert Jay Stein on behalf of Alabama Citizens for Responsive Public TV, Inc. re "....the motion for stay may be dismissed as to the 6 freq. for which AC does not plan

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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters NEWName ALABAMA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA CH 10

| File No.   | Dated | Application for   | Action |      |
|--|-------|---|--------|------|
|  |       |   | Nature | Date |
| BPET-517 CONT'D  |       | ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPLY TO OPPOSITION filed 7-25-75 by ALABAMA CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIVE PUBLIC TELEVISION, INC. |        |      |
| Wire 8-1-75 to Wm. J. Baxley, Attorney General, State of Alabama, Montgomery: Re your mailgram of 29 July 1975. On Wednesday, July 30, 1975 the Commission considered and denied your petition for reconsideration on its merits. Alabama Educational Television Commission has also joined with the Commission in requesting dismissal of the appeal pending before the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. In view of this action, the Commission extended the deadline for filing applications for the Birmingham, Montgomery and Demopolis facilities until August 29, 1975. Oral argument on petitions for reconsideration is not provided by the Commission's Rules or the Communications Act, and the Commission sees no useful purpose to be served by your appearance before the Commission en ban. Accordingly, your request is denied. |       |   |        |      |



Ltr. 1-19-76 from Marvin J. Diamond submitting copies of notices of employment discrimination  
- to Clay Pendarvis 1-21-76.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER issued 1-14-80, released 1-15-80 FCC 80M-P-76 25268: In light of the foregoing, IT IS ORDERED that (1) the settlement Agreement between the parties IS APPROVED; (2) the pending applications of Alabama Citizens for construction permits for Channel 41, Demopolis and Channel 10, Birmingham, ARE DISMISSED; (3) AETC's Motion for Leave to Amend IS GRANTED and its tendered amendment IS ACCEPTED. Finally IT IS ORDERED that AETC's applications for construction permits for Channel 26 in Montgomery, Alabama, Channel 41, in Demopolis, Alabama, and Channel 10 in Birmingham, Alabama ARE GRANTED and this proceeding IS TERMINATED

Eff: 2-14-80







## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

