

# Station Authorizations, Applications (As Compiled by B • T)

June 3 through June 9

Includes data on new stations, changes in existing stations, ownership changes, hearing cases, rules & standards changes and routine roundup.

**Abbreviations:**

CP—construction permit. DA—directional antenna. ERP—effective radiated power. STL—studio-transmitter link, synch. amp.—synchronous amplifier. vhf—very high frequency. uhf—ultra high frequency. ant.—antenna. aur.—aural. vis.—visual. kw—kilowatts. w—watts. mc—

megacycles. D—day. N—night. LS—local sunset. mod.—modification. trans.—transmitter. unl.—unlimited hours. kc—kilocycles. SSA—special service authorization. STA—special temporary authorization. (FCC file and hearing docket numbers given in parentheses.)

**FCC Commercial Station Authorizations  
As of May 31, 1954 \***

	AM	FM	TV
Licensed (all on air)	2,552	528	101
CPs on air	23	21	†296
CPs not on air	111	18	176
Total on air	2,575	549	397
Total authorized	2,686	567	573
Applications in hearing	129	4	183
New station requests	158	5	45
Facilities change requests	139	15	20
Total applications pending	670	98	230
Licenses deleted in March	0	2	0
CPs deleted in March	3	1	10

\* Does not include noncommercial educational fm and tv stations.

† Authorized to operate commercially.

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**Am and Fm Summary through June 9**

	On Air	Licensed	CPs	Appls. Pending	In Hearing
Am	2,583	2,557	155	167	129
Fm	558	535	40	5	4

**Television Station Grants and Applications**

Since April 14, 1952

Grants since July 11, 1952:

	vhf	uhf	Total
Commercial	240	308	548 <sup>1</sup>
Educational	13	17	30

**Total Operating Stations in U. S.:**

	vhf	uhf	Total
Commercial on air	257	121	378
Noncommercial on air	2	3	5

**Applications filed since April 14, 1952:**

	New	Amend.	vhf	uhf	Total
Commercial	919	337	712	525	1,238 <sup>2</sup>
Educational	54		27	26	54 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>1,291<sup>4</sup></b>

<sup>1</sup> Eighty-four CP's (14 vhf, 70 uhf) have been returned.

<sup>2</sup> One applicant did not specify channel.

<sup>3</sup> Includes 30 already granted.

<sup>4</sup> Includes 578 already granted.

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## ACTIONS OF FCC

### New Tv Stations . . .

#### GRANTS

† Fort Smith, Ark.—American Television Co. granted vhf ch. 5 (76-82 mc); ERP 50 kw visual, 25 kw aural; antenna height above average terrain 645 ft., above ground 448 ft. Estimated construction cost \$338,600, first year operating cost \$300,000, revenue \$300,000. Post office address 15-17-19 Court St., Fort Smith, Ark. Studio location 417 Garrison Ave. Transmitter location 5.3 mi. NNE of center of Fort Smith. Geographic coordinates 35° 27' 11" N. Lat., 94° 22' 26" W. Long. Transmitter and antenna RCA. Legal counsel Cohn & Marks, Washington. Consulting engineer Weldon & Carr, Washington. Principals include President H. S. Nakdimen (33 1/3%), owner of 525 out of 1,500 shares of stock and secretary-treasurer of KWHN Fort Smith, 75% stockholder and President of following: City National Bank, Fort Smith, City National Co. (real estate), Fort Smith, and Oklahoma-Arkansas Telephone Co., Poteau, Okla.; Vice President Dick Allis (33 1/3%), Dick Allis & Co. (food broker), Fort Smith, and Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Fern Rice (33 1/3%), secretary. Grant was made possible by dismissal of competitive bid of George T. Herbreich who receives option to purchase 50% interest in new tv venture. Granted June 4.

Mansfield, Ohio—Fergum Theatres Inc. granted uhf ch. 36 (602-608 mc); ERP 17 kw visual, 9.1 kw aural; antenna height above average terrain 715 ft., above ground 542 ft. Estimated construction cost \$236,360, first year operating cost \$200,000, revenue \$180,000. Post office address Madison Theatre, Mansfield, Ohio. Studio location to be determined. Transmitter location on Alta Vista Road (No. 147), 4 mi. SW of Mansfield. Geographic coordinates 40° 41' 11" N. Lat., 82° 35' 59" W. Long. Transmitter RCA, antenna RCA. Legal counsel Lyon, Wilner & Bergson, Washington. Consulting engineer Vandivere, Cohen & Wearn, Washington. Principals include President William N. Skirball (40%), 50% owner

of Skirball Bros. (theatre management), Cleveland, and 25% to 50% interest in various other theatre and retail candy companies; Vice President Jack H. Skirball (40%), independent motion picture producer, Hollywood; Grace Skirball (6%), retired; Mildred Skirball (6%), retired; Rose Skirball (6%), retired, and Secretary-Treasurer Joseph Lisauer, general manager of Fergum Theatres Inc., Mansfield, and Skirball Bros., Cleveland. Granted June 4.

#### APPLICATION AMENDED

Jackson, Mich.—Tv Corp. of Mich. Inc. amends bid for new tv station on vhf ch. 10 to specify Onondaga, Mich. Filed June 7.

#### APPLICATIONS DISMISSED

Jackson, Mich.—Jackson Bestg. & Tv Corp. FCC dismissed bid for new tv station on vhf ch. 10 at request of attorney. Dismissed June 1. Jackson Bestg. & Tv simultaneously filed new application for same facilities (B•T, June 7).

Parma, Mich.—WIBM Inc. FCC dismissed bid for new tv station on vhf ch. 10 at request of attorney. Dismissed June 2.

Clarksburg, W. Va.—Timothy P. Beacom et al. d/b as Beacom & Assoc. FCC dismissed bid for new tv station on uhf ch. 22 at request of applicant. Dismissed June 4.

### Existing Tv Stations . . .

#### ACTION BY FCC

WUSN-TV Charleston, S. C.—Southern Bestg. Co. granted mod. of CP for vhf ch. 2 to change ERP to 100 kw visual, 53.7 kw aural; antenna height above average terrain 790 ft. Granted June 4; announced June 7.

#### STATIONS DELETED

WTVX (TV) Goldsboro, N. C.—Goldsboro Tv Corp. FCC deleted tv station on uhf ch. 34 at request of applicant. Deleted June 3.

WIP-TV Philadelphia, Pa.—Pennsylvania Bestg. Co. FCC granted request for cancellation of CP for new tv station and deletion of call letters on uhf ch. 29. Deleted June 4; announced June 7.

KTRE-TV Lufkin, Tex.—Forest Capital Bestg. Co. FCC granted request for cancellation of CP for new tv station and deletion of call letters on vhf ch. 9. Deleted June 4; announced June 7.

#### CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED

WTDV (TV) Durham, N. C.—Durham Broadcasting Enterprises Inc., vhf ch. 11. Changed from WTIK-TV.

WFMJ-TV Youngstown, Ohio—The Vicindicator Printing Co., uhf ch. 21. Changed from WUTV (TV).

KCTL (TV) Seattle, Wash.—Seattle Construction Co., uhf ch. 20.

#### APPLICATIONS

WTOP-TV Washington, D. C.—WTOP Inc. seeks mod. of CP for vhf ch. 9 to change ERP to 316 kw visual, 175 kw aural; antenna height above average terrain 530 ft. Filed June 7.

WQXI-TV Atlanta, Ga.—Robert W. Rounsaville seeks mod. of CP for uhf ch. 36 to change transmitter location to rear of 525 Bishop St., Atlanta; ERP to 220.7 kw visual, 117.5 kw aural; antenna height above average terrain 440.6 ft. Filed June 7.

WDXI-TV Jackson, Tenn.—Dixie Bestg. Co. seeks mod. of CP for vhf ch. 9 to specify vhf ch. 7 (174-180 mc); change ERP to 40.95 kw visual, 20.48 kw aural; antenna height above average terrain 633 ft. Filed June 8.

### New Am Stations . . .

#### ACTION BY FCC

Hillsboro, Ore.—Harold G. Singleton tr/as Hillsboro Bestrs. granted 1360 kc, 1 kw daytime. Post office address 4488 W. W. Council Crest Drive, Portland, Ore. Estimated construction cost \$14,065, first year operating cost \$45,000, revenue \$52,000. Mr. Singleton is vice president-52% owner KTEL Walla Walla, Wash.; secretary-treasurer-9.9% stockholder KGAL Lebanon, Ore., and president-60% stockholder KJUN Redmond, Ore. Granted June 9.

#### APPLICATIONS

Portland, Ore.—Robert E. Bollinger, 1290 kc, 1 kw daytime. Post office address 612 S. E. Manchester Place, Portland. Estimated construction cost \$22,040, first year operating cost \$40,000, revenue \$50,000. Mr. Bollinger is amusement park owner. Filed May 24.

Sevierville, Tenn.—Smoky Mountain Bestg. Corp., 930 kc, 1 kw daytime. Post office address % William W. Birchfield, P. O. Box 187, Sevierville. Estimated construction cost \$25,655, first year operating cost \$23,000, revenue \$30,000. Applicant is composed of 14 local business and professional men, each holding 7.1% interest. Some of these are: Fred C. Atchley, auto dealer; Clyde C. Blalock, builder; Robert A. Broady, physician; Norman L. Burchfiel, contract hauler, and William W. Burchfiel, insurance. Filed June 4.

San Benito, Tex.—Burdette D. Johnson, 1100 kc, 500 w daytime. Post office address P. O. Box 736 San Benito. Estimated construction cost \$16,737, first year operating cost \$38,000, revenue \$42,000. Mr. Johnson is staff announcer at KBOR Brownsville, Tex. Filed June 4.

Salt Lake City, Utah—Ralph Elwood Winn tr/as Seagull Bestg. Co., 1100 kc, 1 kw daytime. Post office address P. O. Box 1634, Salt Lake City. Estimated construction cost \$15,960, first year operating cost \$38,000, revenue \$60,000. Mr. Winn is distributor of brake linings and tires. Filed June 4.

### Existing Am Stations . . .

#### ACTIONS BY FCC

WPNX Phenix City, Ala.—Community Bestg. Co. granted CP to change on 1460 kc 1 kw from DA-1 to DA-N. Granted June 9.

KINY Juneau, Alaska—Alaska Bestg. Co. granted CP to change from 1290 kc to 800 kc using present 5 kw unlimited. Granted June 9.

WNAW North Adams, Mass.—Cecil F. Clifton granted permission to operate from 7 a.m. to 12 noon week days and 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays for a period of 60 days beginning June 1 for financial reorganization. Granted June 3; announced June 7.

WCRB Waltham, Mass.—Charles River Bestg. Co. granted CP to increase hours of operation from day to unlimited, directional on 1330 kc 1 kw. Granted June 9.

KCUL Ft. Worth, Tex.—East-West Bestg. Co. granted CP to change from 1 kw night, 5 kw daytime, unlimited, directional to 1 kw night, 10 kw daytime, unlimited, directional on 1540 kc. Granted June 9.

WNVA Norton, Va.—Blanfox Radio Co. granted CP to change from 1450 kc 250 w unlimited to 1050 kc 1 kw daytime. Granted June 9.

#### APPLICATIONS

WPLA Plant City, Fla.—W. A. Smith seeks BROADCASTING • TELECASTING

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