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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

2504

Off. No. 2504

Date first licensed 9-25-50

Call letters W J O N

LOCATION: ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

Name of licensee WJON BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 5-31-62, EFF: 6-1-62)
xGRANITE CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location 522 Lincoln Avenue, S. E., St. Cloud, Minnesota (CP 10-7-49)

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Main studio location 522 Lincoln Avenue, S.E., St. Cloud, Minnesota (CP 10-7-49)

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div	Period From	Period To
BP-5678	10-7-49	1240	250w	Un	12-7	6-7-50
	CP for a new standard broadcast station.					
BMP-[illegible]	5-17-50	1240	250w	U	12-7	12-7-50
	Mod. of CP(5678) for ext. of completion date.					
BMP-5266	8-23-50	1240	250w	U	12-7	12-7-50
	Mod. of CP(5678 as mod) to install a new T.					
BL-4189	9-25-50	1240	250w	U	9-25	8-1-52
Lic. to cover CP(BP-5678) which auth. new std. B/C station						
BR-2504	7-2-52	1240kc	250w	Unl.	8-1-52	4-1-53
BS-2504	1-9-53	1240	250w	Un	1-9-53	4-1-53
	Mod. license to correct geog. coordinates					
BR-2504	3-4-53	1240	250w	Un.	4-1	4-1-56
BTC-1991 EFF:	6-22-55 6-23-55	Vol. trans. of Control to John P. Haerle, Jr. and 3 others				
BR-2504	3-7-56	1240kc	250w	U	4-1	4-1-59
BR-2504	3-28-59	Renewal of license			4-1	4-1-62
BTC-3791 EFF: Per	7-26-61 7-31-61 Form 323	Vol. transfer of control of licensee corporation from John P. Haerle, Miriam E. Haerle, W.T. Comstock and Mary Leone Comstock to WJON Broadcasting Company.				
BP-12,935	11-3-61	1240kc	250w-1kw-LS, Un		1-3	7-3-62
	CP to increase nighttime power & install new transmitter (GATES BC-1?) (Cond'l)					
BMP-10,135 (1)	3-13-62	Mod. of CP(BP-12,935) to change type trans. (Collins 20V-2) Cond'l				
	3-28-62	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.				
BR-2504	5-29-62	Renewal of license			5-29	4-1-65
BAPL-259 EFF: Per	5-31-62 6-1-62 Form 323	Voluntary assignment of construction permit and license to WJON Broadcasting Company				
BL-9319 (1) Cond'l	8-15-62	Lic. to cover CP (BP-12,935 as mod) which auth. incr. in day power and instl. of new trans.				
BTC-4747 Eff:	3-16-65 4-5-65	Voluntary transfer of negative control of Lic.corp. from Hart N.Cardozo,Jr.to Andrew W. Hilger				

Form BC 126 #2
June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WJON

Station location St.Cloud,Minnesota

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BR-2504	3-15-65	1240	250w-1kw	U	4-1- 4-1-68
BL-10,944	7-8-65	1240kc	250w	Aux	7-8 4-1-68
		Lic to use former Main Trans (Gates 250 Cl) as Aux Trans. for Aux purposes only			
BZ-5679 (1)	9-21-65 (Main)	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power			
BZ-5680 (1)	9-21-65 (Aux)	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power			
BR-2504(L)	3-29-68	Renewal of License & NDEA (Main & Auxiliary)			4-1-71
BZ-7144(1)	3-20-69	Direct Meas. (Main)			
BZ-7145(1)	3-20-69	Direct Meas. (Aux.)			
BR-2504(L)	5-27-71	Renewal of Main &Aux&NDEA			4-1-74
BR-2504(L)	5-27-71	Superseding Authorization to correct Antenna Description(Main & AUX.)			4-1-74
KBSA	5-25-72				
BR-2504(L)	8-22-74	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.)			4-1-77
BZ-8816(1)	5-20-75	Direct Measurement(Main trans.)			4-1-77
BTC-7808 BS-2504(1)	7/29/75 6-17-76	Vol TC EFF: 9/19/75 MI Include DM Aux. trans. 1240khz	250w,1kw-LS U 250w	(Aux)	4-1-77
BZ-9222(L)	10-15-76	Direct Measurement (Main and Auxiliary)			4-1-77
Ltr. BP-20960	8-9-77 2-14-78 CP chg. ant. sys.	Sparta SS1000A now main, Collins 20V3 former main now used as aux 1240khz	250w,1kw-LS U 250w Aux.		2-14-79
BR-2504(S)	9-26-78	Renewal (Main & Aux.)			4-1-80
BL-780905AL(L)	12-6-78	Lic. to cover BP-20960 for changes (Main and Auxiliary) 1240khz	250w-1kw-LS U		4-1-80

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BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed .....

Call Letters ..W.J.O.N.....

Station Location .....

Name .....

Transmitter Location .....

Main studio location .....

Form BC-126
December 1978

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BR791129VJ(S)	3-25-80	Renewal of License	4-1-83

Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WJON New

Name Granite City Broadcasting Company ~~MAX H. LAVINE~~

(PO ~~[illegible] East Eighth Street, Superior, Wisconsin~~) 413 East St. Germaine St., St. Cloud, Minnesota- (Amend. 9-26-47)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
			Docket # 8130	
BP-5678 Rec'd Filed	1-8-47 1-31-47 1-31-47	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1240kc Power: 250w Hours of operation: Unlimited Trans. location: 522 Lincoln Avenue S.E., St. Cloud, Minnesota Studio location: Same (Filed by Joseph F.Zias,Atty.)	Granted Order Issued	10-7-49
AMENDED Recd. Filed	9-8-47 9-26-47 10-3-47	AMENDED to change name of applicant from Max H. Lavine to Granite City Broadcasting Company		

Transmitter-RCA BTA-250 L

Charles B.Persons,Engr.
WEBC Building,
Duluth,Minnesota

FCC Form 94 #2

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WJON

Name GRANITE CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-5128 Rec'd Filed	5-4-50 5-8-50 5-8-50	Mod. of C. P. (BP-5678 which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 6-7-50 to 12-7-50 (Arthur W. Scharfeld, Atty.)	GRANTED	5-17-50
BMP-5268 Rec'd Filed	8-1-50 8-3-50 8-3-50	Modification of construction permit (BP-5678, as modified, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to install a new transmitter (Gates 250-C-1). Arthur W. Scharfeld, Atty. C. B. Persons, Duluth, Minnesota.	GRANTED	8-23-50
BL-4189 Rec'd Filed PTA	9-1-50 9-5-50 9-5-50 9-8-50	License to cover construction permit (BP-5678, as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. Arthur W. Scharfeld, Atty. Charles B. Persons, Engr. Duluth, Minnesota.	GRANTED	9-25-50

FORM A-170 # 3
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W.J.O.N.

Name GRANITE CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2504 Rec'd Filed	3-29-52 4-25-52 4-25-52	Renewal of license Filed by Arthur W. Scharfeld, Atty.	GRANTED	7-2-52
BR-2504 Rec'd Filed	12-2-52 12-19-52 12-19-52	Renewal of License Filed by Arthur W. Scharfeld, Atty.	GRANTED	3-4-53
BTC-1991 Rec'd Filed	5-11-55 5-17-55 5-17-55	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Max H. Levine, Frances H. Levine, John M. Levine and Roy H. Westman to John P. Haerle, Jr., Miriam E. Haerle, William T. Comstock and Mary Leone Comstock. Arthur W. Scharfeld, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	6-22-55 6-23-55

FORM BC-121 #4
FORMERLY FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WJON

Name GRANITE CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2504 Rec'd Filed	12-10-55 1-3-56 1-3-56	Renewal of License SCHARFELD & BARON, ATTY'S.	GRANTED	3-7-56
BR-2504 Rec'd&Filed	12-10-58 1-2-59	Renewal of license. Scharfeld & Baron, Attys.	GRANTED	3-25-59
BP-12,935 Rec'd Filed	2-12-59 3-20-59 3-20-59	Construction permit to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw and install a new transmitter (Gates BC-1T) Atty.- Scharfeld & Baron Engr.- Charles E. Brennan & Assoc. Milwaukee, Wisconsin	GRANTED (Cond'l re accept inter. other 250w, Class IV stations, inc. pwr.) (AFTER HEARING D-13134)	11-8-61

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FORM BC-121 #5
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WJON

Name GRANITE CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY
St. Cloud, Minnesota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-3791 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	5-24-61 5-29-61 6-21-61 6-26-61 6-26-61	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from John P. Haerle, Miriam E. Haerle, W. T. Comstock and Mary Leone Comstock to WJON Broadcasting Company. Theodore Baron, Atty.	~~RETURNED 6-5-61 - 2 exhibits dated after applr. & applr. incomplete.~~ GRANTED EFF:	 7-26-61 7-31-61
BAPL-259 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	12-21 1-16-62 2-1-62 2-5-62 2-5-62	Voluntary assignment of construction permit and license to WJON Broadcasting Company	Per Form 323 ~~RETURNED 1-22-62 - Not properly dated.~~ GRANTED EFF:	 5-31-62 6-1-62
BR-2504 Rec'd Filed	12-29-61 1-2-62 1-2-62	Renewal of license	Per Form 323 GRANTED	 5-29-62

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955 # 6

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters .....W.J.O.N.....

WJON BROADCASTING COMPANY
Name x Granite City Broadcasting Company
St. Cloud, Minn.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-10,135 Rec'd Resubm'd Filed	1-27-62 2-1-62 2-9-62 2-12-62	Mod of CP (BP-12935 which auth incr day power and install new trans) to chg type trans (Collins 20V-3).	~~RETURNED~~ ~~2-6-62~~ ~~Applic name wrong & signed by gen manager~~ GRANTED	3-13-62
BL-9319 R. & F.	4-13-62 4-17-62	Lic to cover CP(BP-12,935 as mod) which auth incr in daytime power and installation of a new transmitter.	GRANTED re: accept interference	8-15-62
AMENDMENT R & F	8-8-62 8-10-62	AMENDED to change name to "WJON BROADCASTING COMPANY" (BAPL-259 gr 5-31-62)		
BP- Rec'd	9-23-64 9-28-64	CP to install former trans.(GATES 250-C1) as an auxiliary trans.	RETURNED as unnecessary	11-16-64
BTC-4747 R & F	1-15-65 1-18-65	Voluntary transfer of negative control of licensee corp. from Hart N. Cardozo, Jr. to Andrew W. Hilger	GRANTED Eff:	3-16-65 4-5-65

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FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters WJON

Name WJON BROADCASTING COMPANY
ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2504 R & F	1/4/65 1/11/65	Renewal of license Atty. Scharfeld, Bechhoefer, Baron & Stambler	GRANTED	3-15-65
BL-10,944 Rec'd Filed	3-24-65 3-29-65 4-1-65	License to use former Main transmitter (Gates 250-C1) as Auxiliary transmitter for Auxiliary purposes only.	GRANTED	7-8-65
BZ-5679 R & F	7/19/65 7/21/65	Auth. to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Main)	GRANTED	9-21-65
BZ-5680 R & F amended	7/19/65 7/21/65	Auth. to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Aux.)	GRANTED	9-21-65
BR-2504 R & F FEB 9 1968	12-29-67 1-2-68	Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary)	GRANTED	3-29-68

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FORM BC-121 #8
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

1240kc

Call Letters WJON

Name WJON BROADCASTING COMPANY
St. Cloud, Minnesota 56301

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BZ-7144 Rec'd #487748 $30 RESUB: R & F DM MAR 19 1969	2/24/69 1/31/69 1/31/69 2/27/69 3/6/69	Direct Meas. (Main) Refunded 2/4/69	~~RETURNED~~: ~~Sectr-I~~ GRANTED	~~2/4/69-mo~~ 3-20-69
BZ-7145 Rec'd RESUB:R&F DM MAR 19 1969	2/24/69 1/31/69 2/27/69 3/6/69	Direct Meas. (Aux.)	~~RETURNED~~: ~~Sectr-I~~ GRANTED	~~2/4/69-mo~~ 3-20-69
BR-2504 R & F P.N. PRESS FEB 10 1971	12-30-70 1-4-71 1-4-71	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) AMENDED 4-14-71 re: commercial policy	GRANTED	5-27-71

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Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W J O N

Name WJON BROADCASTING COMPANY
ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2504 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	12-29-73 1-2-74 1-21-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) AMENDED 3-15-74 re: EEO	GRANTED	8-22-74
BZ-8816 R & F DM $100 returned - not necessary PRESS APR 18 1975	3-4-75 3-12-75 4-8-75 4-17-75	Direct Measurement(Main & Auxiliary)	GRANTED	5-20-75
BTC-7808 R & F FEE PD: $200 #449416 (INCLUDES FM WMJO)CODE047 (FORM 316) JUL 25 1975	6-30-75 7-14-75	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of lic corp by Andrew W. Hilger thru sale of stock by Richard K. Power to the licensee corporation Atty - Dempsey & Koplovitz(F. Walton, Jr.)	GRANTED EFF: no gr fee req	7/29/75 9/19/75

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1240khz

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters WJON

Name WJON BROADCASTING COMPANY
St. Cloud, Minnesota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BZ-9222 R & F DM PRESS SEP 20	8-11-76 8-16-76 9-9-76 1976	Direct Measurement Atty: Frederick H. Walton, Jr.	GRANTED	10-15-76
BR-2504 R & F P.N. PRESS	11-24-76 11-29-76 11-29-76 FEB 17 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) AMENDED 4-15-77 re: programming & commercial matter	GRANTED	9-26-78
BP-20,960 R & F PRESS DEC 5	5-20-77 5-31-77 1977	CP to install new tower, increase nighttime radiation efficiency Atty. Frederick H. Walton, Jr. MAJOR ENVIORMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 OF COMMUMISSION RULES	GRANTED Cond1 re PT	2-14-78

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1240khz

Call Letters W J O N

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Name WJON BROADCASTING COMPANY
St. Cloud, Minnesota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-780905AL R & F PTA PRESS	9-5-78 9-14-78 OCT 20 1978	Lic. to cover BP-20960 for changes Atty: Christopher J. Reynolds(Dempsey & Koplovitz)	GRANTED	12-6-78
BR791129VJ PRESS JAN	22 1980	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) Atty. Frederick H. Walton, Jr. (Dempsey & Koplovitz)	GRANTED	3-25-80

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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 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. 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.