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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

AUTHORITY GRANTED 11-25-68 for on-the-air I.D: "MOLINE-ROCK ISLAND"

WQUA (8-6-46)

Date first licensed 11-14-46 SEE CARD #2 Call letters x WHOI

LOCATION: MOLINE, ILLINOIS

Name of licensee

X RADIO MOLINE, INC., (AL 1-20-60; EFF: 2-1-60)

x WQUA, INC. (AL 11-9-55, EFF: 11-18-55)

xQUAD-CITY BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL 4-11-51 Eff: 4-30-51)

x MOLINE BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL 2-20-47, EFF 2-28-47)

x BRUFF W. OLIN, JR., G. DECKER FRENCH and HOWARD P. ECKERMAN, a partnership, d/b as MOLINE BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location 7th St. extension just beyond Moline city limits, So. Moline Twp., Ill. (MP 8-2-46) (Lic. 11-14-46)

1801-6th Ave., Moline, Ill. (Ltr. 9-4-68)

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Main studio location X 1319 Fifth Ave., Berglund Bldg., Moline, Ill. (MP 8-2-46) (Lic. 11-14-46)

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
B4-P-3678	4-10-46	1230	250w	U	
Letter 6-17-46 C.P. for new station granted subject to approval of T site and antenna (Conditional Clause)					
B4-P-3678 B4-MP-1946	8-2-46 MOD. C.P.(3678) for approval of antenna and T & S sites	1230	250w	U (Conditional Clause)	10-2 4-2-47
B4-MP-2105	10-1-46 type of transmitter	Mod.C.P.(3678 as mod.) for change in		(Conditional Clause)	10-2 4-2-47
B4-L-2096 B4-Z-1914	11-14-46 Lic. to cover CP (3678) as modified for a new station and determine operating powery by direct measurement.	1230	250	U (Cond'l Clause)	11-14 2-1-49
B4-AL-576 EFF 2-28-47	2-20-47	Voluntary assignment of license to Moline Broadcasting Corporation			
BS-1320	1-30-47 Mod. Lic. to delete waiver 3.55(b) from cond'l. clause	1230	250w	U (Conditional Clause)	1-30 2-1-49
BZ-2373 Determine operating power by direct method.	7-21-47	1230	250w	U	7-21 2-1-49 (Cond. Clause)
BR-1320	1-18-49	1230	250w	U	2-1 2-1-52
BTC-910 EFF: 5-12-50	5-12-50 Vol. TC of lic. corp. thru sale of 2050 shares common stock and 90 shares preferred stock				
AL-1165 Eff: 4-30-51	4-11-51 Vol. AL from Moline B/c Corp. to Quad-City B/c Corp.				
BR-1320	1-16-52	1230	250w	U	2-1 12-1-52
BR-1320	11-5-52	Renewal of license			12-1 12-1-55
BRC-224 (1)	11-13-53 Mod. of lic. to operate Trans. by R.C. from 1319 Fifth Ave., Moline, Ill.				
BTC-2005 EFF:	7-13-55 7-30-55	Vol. trans. of control to WQUA, Inc.			
BAL-2148 EFF:	11-9-55 11-18-55	Vol. assignment of license to WQUA, INC			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 11-14-46

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MID AMERICA BROADCASTING, INC. (EML 7-12-66)

Name of licensee SEE CARD # 1

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-	To-
BR-1320	11-30-55	1230	250w	U	12-1	12-1-58
BP-11291	5-23-57	1230	250w	U	7-23	1-23-58
	CP to install a new transmitter (Collins 300J).					
BL-6770 (1)	10-4-57	License to cover construction permit (BP-11,291) which authorized installation of a new transmitter (Collins 300-J)				
BR-1320	11-19-58	1230	250w	U (RC)	12-1	12-1-61
BAL-3749 EFT:	1-20-60 2-1-60	Voluntary assignment of license to Radio Moline, Inc.				
BP-14996	8-21-61	1230kc	250w	Un	10-21	4-21-62
	CP to install new type trans(Collins 20V-3).					
	11-29-61	Action on Renewal Deferred.				
BP-13151	11-8-61	1230kc	250w,1kw	U	1-8	7-8-62
	CP to increase daytime power to 1kw and install a new transmitter (COLLINS 20-V) (Cond'l). (and correction of coordinates)					
BR-1320	1-25-62	Renewal of License.			1-25	12-1-64
BL-8973 Main	5-22-62	1230kc	250w	U	5-22	12-1-64
	License to cover CP(BP-14996) which auth. install new type trans.					
BL-8990			250w,1kw	U	(Cond'l)	
	License to cover CP(BP-13151) which auth. incr. in daytime power and install new trans.(Collins20V2)					
BL-8989 Aux.	5-22-62	1230kc	250w	Aux.	5-22	12-1-64
	License to use old main trans. (Collins 300-J) as aux. trans for aux. purposes only with remote control from studios.					
BR-1320	1-25-62	Superseding authorization; Issued on wrong form				
BZ-4963 (1)	7-2-63 (MAIN)	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.				
BR-1320 AUX	11-9-64	1230kc. 250, 1kw,SU			12-1	12-1-67
	Renewal of License			to		12-1-67
BZ-5728 (1)	10-25-65 (Main)	Auth. to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.				

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

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Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BZ-5905 (1)	12-1-65 (Aux.)	Auth. to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.			
BML-2164 (2)	7-12-66	Mod. of license to change name to MID AMERICA BROADCASTING, INC. (Main & Aux.)			
BZ-6117	9-16-66 Auth. meas.	1230kc 250w, 1kw-LS U to determine operating power by direct of antenna power (Main)			12-1-67
BZ-6118	9-16-66 Auth. to meas. of	1230kc 250w Aux. determine operating power by direct antenna power (Auxiliary).			12-1-67
BR-1320	11-24-67	Renewal of license (Main and Auxiliary) Renewal of NDEA			12-1 12-1-70
Ltr. 9-4-68 - SL & RC pt. now 1801-6th Ave., Moline, Ill.					
Ltr. 1-2-69 transmitter Collins 820D-1					
BTC-5909	5-15-69	Vol. TC			
BR-1320	11-25-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSES & NDEA MAIN & AUX.			12-1-73
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-1320(S)	11-28-73	RENEWAL OF MAIN & AUX.			12-1-76
BZ-8452(L)	1-15-74	Direct Measurement			12-1-76
BR-1320(S)	11-15-76	Renewal of License			12-1-79
BTC-8515	11-22-77	Vol TC	EFF:	12-8-77	
ltr.	2-7-77	Main Trans: Harris [illegible]-1			
BTC780829EF	9-15-78	Vol. TC	EFF: 9-29-78		
BR790723UQ (S)	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-82

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Name BRUFF W. OLIN, JR., G. DECKER FRENCH and HOWARD P. ECKERMAN, A PARTNERSHIP, d/b as MOLINE BROADCASTING COMPANY
(P.O. 28 Arnold Road, Poughkeepsie, New York)
220 Everett Street, Stratford, Connecticut

FILE No.	DATED	APPLICATION FOR—	ACTION Nature	Date
B4-P-3678 Rec'd Filed	8-18-44 8-18-44 8-18-44	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1230 kc Power: 250w Hours of Operation: Unlimited time Trans. & Studio Locations: To be determined, Moline, Ill. (Geo. B. Porter, Atty.; John D. Woodward, Engr.)	Docket No. 6699 * GRANTED (subject to approval of T site and antenna - Conditional re waiver 3.55(b) and 3.60) Letter 6-17-46 *Order issued granting petition for reconsideration and grant Issued with MP 1946	4-10-46

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Call Letters WQUA
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Name BRUFF W. OLIN, JR., G. DECKER FRENCH AND HOWARD P. ECKERMAN, A Partnership, d/b as MOLINE BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B4-MP-1946 Rec'd Filed	5-27-46 5-27-46 5-27-46	Mod. of C.P. (B4-P-3678, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna and approval of transmitter and studio locations at 7th. Street extension just beyond Moline City limits, South Moline Twnp, Illinois and 1310 Fifth Avenue(Berglund Building) Moline, Illinois, respectively. (Filed by George E. Porter, Atty.; Garo Willard Ray, Engr.)	GRANTED CA 8-2-46 (Conditional re waiver 3.55(b) and 3.60)	

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Call Letters WQUA

Name BRUFF W. OLIN, JR., G. DECKER FRENCH AND HOWARD P. ECKERMAN a partnership d/b as MOLINE BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B4-MP-2106 Rec'd Filed	8-31-46 9-3-46 9-3-46	Modification of C.P. (B4-P-3678, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter (COLLINS 300G). Charles E. Thompson, Att'y.	GRANTED Conditional re waiver 3.55(b) and 3.60	10-1-46
B4-L-2096 Rec'd Filed B4-Z-1914 Rec'd Filed	9-14-46 9-17-46 9-17-46 9-14-46 9-17-46 9-17-46	License to cover C.P. (B4-P-3678, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Charles E. Thompson, Atty.) no longer atty 2-17-48 Mrs. Nutt	GRANTED (Cond'l re waiver 3.55(b) & 3.60)	11-14-46

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MOLINE BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Name X BRUFF W.OLIN,JR., G.DECKER FRENCH AND HOWARD P.ECKERMAN, a partnership d/bas MOLINE BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B4-AL-576 Rec'd Filed	12-30-46 1-2-47 1-2-47	Voluntary Assignment of License to Moline Broadcasting Corporation.	GRANTED EFF 2-23-47	2-20-47
BZ-2373 Rec'd Filed	7-7-47 7-9-47 7-9-47	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED cond. re waiver 3.60	7-21-47
BP-6269 Rec'd Filed	7-18-47 8-4-47 8-4-47	Construction Permit to make changes in vertical antenna and mount FM antenna on AM Tower.	DISMISSED	5-2-49 since FM station was deleted
BR-1320 Rec'd	11-29-48 12-2-48	Renewal of license	GRANTED	1-18-49

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name QUAD-CITY BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL 4-11-51)
MOLINE BROADCASTING CORPORATION

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-910 Rec'd Filed	3-10-50 3-15-50 3-15-50	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Bruff W. Olin, Jr. and Elizabeth L. Olin to Quad-City Broadcasting Corporation. 2050 shares common stock - 85% 90 shares preferred stock - 17.5% Charles E. Thompson, Atty - Transferors. David E. Tolman, Atty - Transferees.	GRANTED EFF:	5-12-50 5-16-50
BAL-1165 Rec'd Filed	3-19-51 3-22-51 3-22-51	Voluntary assignment of license from Moline Broadcasting Corporation to Quad-City Broadcasting Corporation. David E. Tolman, Atty.	GRANTED Eff:	4-11-51 4-30-51
BR-1320 Rec'd Filed	10-26-51 10-30-51 10-30-51	Renewal of license	GRANTED	1-18-52

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Name QUAD-CITY BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-1320 Rec'd Filed	8-29-52 9-2-52 9-2-52	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-5-52
BRC-224 Rec'd Filed	10-27-53 11-2-53 11-2-53	Modification of license to operate transmitter by Remote Control from 1319 Fifth Avenue, Moline, Illinois.	GRANTED	11-13-53
BTC-2005 Rec'd Filed	5-26-55 6-3-55 6-3-55	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Dalton LeMasurier to WQUA, Inc. Seymour Chase, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	7-13-55 7-30-55
BR-1320 Recd Resub Recd Filed	8-29-55 8-30-55 8-29-55 10-20-55 10-20-55	Renewal of license (Contingent on grant of BAL-2148)	~~Returned 9-9-55~~ ~~Filed in wrong area~~ GRANTED	 11-30-55

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name WQUA, INC. (AL 11-9-55 EFF: 11-18-55) x QUAD-CITY BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Call Letters WQUA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAL-2148 Rec'd Filed	9-27-55 10-20-55 10-20-55	Voluntary assignment of license to WQUA, Inc. Seymour Chase, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	11-9-55 11-18-55
BP-11,291 Rec'd Filed	4-30-57 5-13-57 5-13-57	Construction Permit to install a new transmitter (Collins 300J). Atty: Seymour Chase.	GRANTED	5-23-57
BL-6770 Rec'd Filed	8-5-57 8-15-57 8-15-57	License to cover construction permit BP-11291 which authorized installation of a new transmitter. Segal, Smith & Hennessey(Marmet), Atty.	GRANTED	10-4-57
BR-1320 Rec'd Filed	8-25-58 8-28-58 8-28-58	Renewal of License. Seymour M. Chase, Atty.	GRANTED	11-19-58

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Call Letters WQUA

Name X WQUA, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-13,151 Rec'd Filed	5-8-59 5-15-59 5-15-59	Construction Permit to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw and install a new transmitter (Collins 20-V) (Requests waiver of Sec. 3.28(c) of the Rules) Atty.- Seymore M. Chase Engr.- Silliman, Moffet & Rohrer	GRANTED Cond'l re: Permittee shall accept such interf. as may be caused by other existing 250w Class IV stations.	11-8-61
SEE AMENDMENT BELOW				
BAL-3749 Rec'd Filed	12-22-59 12-24-59 12-24-59	Voluntary assignment of license to Radio Moline, Inc. Ben C. Fisher, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	1-20-60 2-1-60
BP-13,151 (cont'd) AMENDMENT Rec'd Filed (ORDER)	3-2-60 3-10-60 3-14-60	AMENDED to change applicant name to RADIO MOLINE, INC. as auth. by BAL-3749 gr 1-20-60		

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Call Letters WQUA

Name Radio Moline, Inc.
Moline, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-14996 R&F	7-25-61 7-26-61	CP to install new type trans. (Collins 20V-3) Atty: Seymour M. Chase	GRANTED	8-21-61
BR-1320 Rec'd Filed	8-29-61 8-30-61 8-30-61	Renewal of license Atty.: Seymour M. Chase	GRANTED	1-25-62
BL-8973 R. & F.	10-27-61 11-9-61	Lic to cover CP(BP-14,996) which auth. install. of a new type trans. atty- Seymour M. Chase	GRANTED (Issued with BL-8990)	5-22-62
BL-8989 R. & F.	11-29-61 11-30-61	Lic to use old main trans. (Collins 300J) as an aux. trans. at main trans. loc. to be operated on 1230kc, 250w for aux. purposes only, with remote control from studio .	GRANTED	5-22-62
BL-8990 R. & F.	11-28-61 11-30-61	Lic to cover CP(BP-13,151) which auth. incr. in daytime power and installation of new trans. Atty-Seymour M. Chase	GRANTED Cond'l: accept interference from other 250w Class IV stations if granted incr. in power (Issued with BL-8973)	5-22-62

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CARD # 10

Call Letters W Q U A

Name RADIO MOLINE, INC.
MOLINE, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BZ-4963 R & F	5-16-63 5-17-63	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Main) Ben C. Fisher, Atty.	GRANTED	7-2-63
BR-1320 R&F	8-1-64 8-28-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN) BEN C. FISHER, ATTY.	GRANTED	11-9-64
BR-1320 Rec'd Resub. R & F.	10/23/64 10/14/64 10/26/64 10/26/64	Renewal of license (Auxiliary Trans.)	GRANTED	~~Returned 10/20/64 rec'd dates.~~ 11-9-64
BZ-5728 R & F	8/18/65 8/30/65	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. (Main) Atty: Chas. F. Duvall	GRANTED	10-25-65

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Aug. 1955

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Call Letters WQUA

Name MID AMERICA BROADCASTING, INC.
XRADIO MOLINE, INC.
Moline, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BZ-5905 Rec'd Filed	9/23/65 9/27/65 10/14/65	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. (Aux.) Attys: Fisher, Wayland, Duvall & Southmayd	GRANTED	12-1-65
BML-2164 R.& F.	5-26-66 5-31-66	Mod. of lic. to change name to MID AMERICA BROADCASTING, INC. ATTY: Fisher, Wayland, Duvall and Southmayd (Ben C. Fisher)	GRANTED	7-12-66
BZ-6117 R & F	7/26/66 7/28/66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. (Main) Atty: Fisher, Wayland, Duvall & Southmayd	GRANTED	9-16-66
BZ-6118 R & F	8/5/66 8/9/66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. (Auxiliary) Atty: Fisher, Wayland, Duvall & Southmayd	GRANTED	9-16-66
BR-1320 R & F SEP 20 1967	8-16-67 8-29-67	Renewal of License (Main and Auxiliary) Atty: Ben C. Fisher	GRANTED	11-22-67

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PETITION FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 73.117 OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS filed 11-15-68 by Fisher on behalf of Mid America Broadcasting, Inc.

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Call Letters WQUA

Name MID AMERICA BROADCASTING, INC.
Moline, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL- Rec'd	10/1/68 10/3/68	License to use former auxiliary transmitter Collins 300-J2 as an auxiliary day and alternate-main night trans. Atty: Martin R. Leader	RETURNED: 11/12/68 per appl. request for dismiss	
BTC-5909 R & F FEE PD: $30 -#503449 (Form 316 - Also see WIRL APR 1 1 1969	3-25-69 4-1-69 etc	Vol. transfer of control of lic. corp. from Kankakee Daily Journal Company to Burrell L. Small Atty - Ben C. Fisher	GRANTED Eff:	5-15-69 7-28-69
BR-1320 R & F P. N.	7-27-70 8-31-70 8-31-70 SEP 1 0 1970	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Atty: Charles V. Wayland AMENDED 9-29-70 re: 9-29-70	GRANTED	11-25-70

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

PETITION TO HOLD RENEWAL APPLICATIONS IN ABEYANCE, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO DENY filed 11-15-68 by Frank Fletcher on behalf of Norwood J. Patterson.

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WQUA

Name MID AMERICA BROADCASTING, INC.
MOLINE, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
Annual filing fee $208.00 paid 11-16-70 #644029.				
BR-1320 R & F PN PRESS	8-17-73 8-27-73 8-27-73 SEP 20 1973	Renewal of License(Main & Auxiliary) Atty: Richard R. Zaragoza AMENDED 11-13-73 re: EEO prog.	GRANTED	11-28-73
BZ-8452 R & F DM PRESS 9 JAN 1974	10-29-73 10-31-73 11-12-73	DIRECT MEASUREMENT (Main & Auxiliary)	GRANTED	1-15-74
BR-1320 R & F P.N. Press SEP 29 1976	7-9-76 7-27-76 7-27-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) Atty: Richard R. Zaragoza (Fisher,Wayland,Southmayd & Cooper)	Granted	11-15-76

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W.Q.U.A.

Name MID AMERICA BROADCASTING, INC.
MOLINE, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-8515 R & F FORM 316 Also see WKAN,etc	10/13/77 10/21/77 NOV 11 1977	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Burrell L. Small to Burrell L. Small, Trustee of the Burrell L. Small Revocable Trust Atty - Fisher, Wayland,etc(R. Zaragoza)	GRANTED EFF:	11-22-77 12-8-77
BTC780829EF FILED Form 316 (Also seeKIOA & KMGK-FM) PRESS SEP 12 1978	8-25-78 9-8-78	Vol. TC from Burrell L. Small, Trustee of the Burrell L. Small Revocable Trust, et al (all stockholders) to MID AMERICA AUDIO-VIDEO, INC. Atty - Richard R. Zaragoza(Fisher,Wayland)	GRANTED EFF:	9-15-78 9-29-78
BR 790723 UQ Q PRESS SEP 7 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY R.R.Zaragoza,Atty.	GRANTED	11-30-79

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BTC780829EF Amended 9-8-78 re: clarification of transferors listed in Exh. #1 and #10

APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WQUA

Name: MID AMERICA BROADCASTING, INC.

Station Location: MOLINE, ILLINOIS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BTC810319GS Form 315 APR 28 1981 PRESS Also see WKAN(am) et al PN FILED 5-15-81		Invol. TC from Burell L. Small, Deceased Trustee of The Burell L. Small Revocable Trust to Reva G. Small, Trustee of The Reva Arlene Small Trust Atty Richard R. Zaragoza	

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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 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.