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FREQUENCY MODULATION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed APRIL 21, 1982

Call letters W Q R X

Station location Benton, Illinois

Name of licensee CARROLL L. OWENS, GERALD D. OWENS, dba REND LAKE BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location County Rd., 0.4 mile south of State Route 34, southeast of center of Benton, Illinois. (PH-4-10-73)

Main studio location 315 Wood Building, Benton, Illinois
X 3rd Floor, 207 Public Square, Benton, Illinois (Tele 6-18-73)
To-be-determined, Benton, Illinois (PH-4-10-73)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPH-7826	4-10-73	106.3mhz.	ERP:	3kw(H&V)	4-10-74
HAAT: 300' (H&V)		#292	Class A	(RC)	
		CP for New FM Station.			
BPH-7826 (1)	5-3-73	Call letters assigned.			
EBSA	5-7-73				
Tele.	6-18-73	SL & RC: 3rd Floor, 207 Public Square, Benton, Illinois.			

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WQRX XNEW-FM

Name Carroll L. Owens, Gerald D. Owens, Bert W. Beaty, John M. Beaty, d/b/a Rend Lake Broadcasting Company
Benton, Illinois(PO 113 East Washington Street, Benton, Illinois 62812)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-7826 R & F #020946 $100 CODE: 013 PRESS: MAR 22 1972 PN REC'd:	11-16-71 11-19-71 11-19-71 11-30-71	CP for New FM on: 106.3mc. #292 ERP: 3kw(h&v) HAAT: 300'(h&v) Trans: CCA-FM-3000DS; Ant:CCA-FMC-LP-3, 3 sects.(h&v). TL: On County Rd., 0.4 mi. S. of State Rte. 34 on SE side of Benton, Illinois. SL-RC: To be determined, Benton, Illinois 37° 59' 17" - 88° 53' 34" Atty - -- Engr- Ralph J. Bitzer(St. Louis, Mo.) REQUEST WAIVER SECTION 83.207 COMMISSION'S RULES.	Waiver granted and application ACCEPTED by Commission Order 3-8-72. GRANTED req. grant fee: $900.00 Pd 014 5-21-73 W188386	 4-10-73
AMENDED	7-17-72	Sections II, III, IV-A		
AMENDED	10-24-72	Community Problems and Financial Data		
AMENDED	3-19-73	Sections I, II and III.		
BLH-5943 R & F W 228454-$50. PTA PRESS	8-28-73 8-30-73 8-30-73-AC-057 9-6-73 OCT 12 1973	Lic.(BPH-7826, as mod.)New FM B/c Sta.-SL & RC: 315 Wood Bldg., Benton, Illinois.	GRANTED	4-21-82

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

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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.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) 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 12th 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 radio station history.