WDDD

CARD NO. 1

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

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First licensed .....

Call Letters WDDD-TV

Station Location MARION, ILLINOIS

Name DENNIS F. DOELITZSCH

Transmitter Location .2 MILE N. OF MARION, ILLINOIS

Main studio location .2 MILE N. OF MARION, ILLINOIS

Form BC-126
December 1978

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPCT-780720IC AH: 530' MSL; 589' CP FOR NEW STATION	6-25-80	CH-27; 548-554; V.151KW; A. 27.5KW;	12-25-81 Unl.
BPCT-780720IC	6-25-80	CALL LETTERS & EBSA	
BAPCT-810202KF	4-22-81	VOL. AP	

Form BC-121
May 1976

COMMERCIAL TV

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WDDD-TV (NEW)

Name DENNIS F. DOELITZSCH
CH-27 MARION, IL (PO Rte. #1, Marion, IL 62959)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-780720IC Received Filed* PRESS: PN REC'D: OCT 20 1978 *Sect. III filed	7-18-78 7-20-78 8-25-78	CP for New TV on: Freq.: Ch-27, 548-554MHz ERP: Vis. 152kW, Aur. 27.3kW HAAT: 529 ft. TL: State Rte. #37, 0.2 mi. N. of city limits of Marion, IL (37-45-54 88-56-03) SL: Same as TL Trans : RCA TTU-10A Ant.: Bogner B16-U-0 Atty.: None; Engr.: Applicant	GRANTED BY COMMISSION ACTION	6-25-80 (LETTER)
BMPCT-801208KK R&F PN REC'D	12-8-80 2-19-81	MP(BPCT-780720IC) to chg. ERP to Vis. 2570kW (Max), Aur. 257kW(Max); chg. TL to 2.2 mi. W. of Goreville, Ill.; chg. Trans. to RCA TTU-50 and make chgs. to the antenna system. (37-33-26 89-01-24).	Gr.	4-27-81

ACCEPTED JAN 23 '81

CUT-OFF MAR 6 '81

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

INFORMAL OBJECTION 3-10-80 by John L. Tierney for Turner-Farrar, Inc.

APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters: WDDD-TV

Name: DENNIS F. DOELITZSCH

CH-27

Station Location: MARION, IL.

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BAPCT-810202KF (Form 316)		Vol. Assignment of construction permit to CHANNEL 27, INC.	GRANTED 4-22-81

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 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 television station history.