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FREQUENCY MODULATION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

W L A X(Eff. 9-1-74)

Date first licensed MAY 14, 1965 SEE CARD #2 Call letters x W I Z Z-FM
(EFF:5-23-66)

x STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND, Station location STREATOR, ILLINOIS
MORRIS E. KEMPER and JOHN R.HALLSTROM dba STREATOR BROADCASTING COMPANY (ALH 4-29-66
x STEPHEN P.BELLINGER,JOEL W.TOWNSEND,BEN H.TOWNSEND,MORRIS E.KEMPER, T. KEITH 7-1-6
COLEMAN and JOHN R. HALLSTROM dba STREATOR BROADCASTING COMPANY(BAPH-5-25-65;EFF:
x STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, CHARLES VANDEVER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND,
Name of licensee MORRIS E. KEMPER AND T. KEITH COLEMAN d/b as STREATOR BROADCASTING CO.

Transmitter location Intersection of State Routes #23 and #18, approximately 2½ miles from center of Streator, Illinois (PH 4-15-64) (LH 5-14-65)

Main studio location Intersection of State Routes #23 and #18, approximately 2½ miles from center of Streator, Illinois (PH 4-15-64) (LH 5-14-65)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-4279 HAAT:145' (Cond'l)	4-15-64 CP for a	97.7mcs Ch.#249 new Class	ERP:2.70kw TPO:1kw A FM broadcast	Unl. station.	6-15-64 12-15-64
BMPH-7847 (1)	6-11-64	Mod. of (Andrew 2.95kw;	CP(BPH-4279) to chg. type ant. 1304, 4 secs.); incr. ERP to & decr. HAAT to 140'.		
BLH-2636 HAAT:140'	5-14-65	97.7mcs Ch.#249	ERP:2.95kw TPO:1kw	Unl.	5-14-65 12-1-67
	Lic. to cover CP(BPH-4279, as mod.) which auth. a new FM broadcast station.				
BAPH-364 EFF:	5-25-65 7-1-65	VOLuntary assignment of lic.to Stephen P Bellinger,Joel W.Townsend,Ben H.Townsend Morris E.Kemper,T.Keith Coleman & John R.Hallstrom dba Streator Broadcasting Company			
BALH-885 EFF:	4-29-66 5-23-66	Voluntary assignment of license to STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND, MORRIS E. KEMPER and JOHN R. HALLSTROM, d/b as STREATOR BROADCASTING COMPANY			
BALH-947 EFF:	2-17-67 3-1-67	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend Ben H. Townsend and John R. Hallstrom dba STREATOR BROADCASTING COMPANY.			
BRH-1671	11-24-67	97.7mc	2.95kw	U	12-1 12-1-70
BRH-1671(S)	11-25-70	Renewal of license			12-1-73
BALH-1251	12-29-70	VOL. AL EFF: 2-4-71			
EBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-1671(L)	11-30-73	RENEWAL			12-1-76
BALH-1962	2-26-74	VOL ALH EFF:		2-28-74	
BSH-1671(L)	7-29-74	ML to change call letters			
BRH-1671(L)	1-31-77		RENEWAL		12-1-79

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Date first licensed .....

Call letters ...W.I.Z.Z-FM.....

STREATOR BROADCASTING CORPORATION (ALH 2-26-74 EFF: 2-28-74)
xSTEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND AND BEN H.
TOWNSEND d/b as STREATOR BROADCASTING COMPANY(AL 12-29-70 EFF: 2-4-71)

Station location .....

xSTEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND AND JOHN R. HALL-
Name of licensee STROM dba STREATOR BROADCASTING COMPANY (ALH 2-17-67 EFF: 3-1-67)

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	Period To
BRH790730WA (S)	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE SUPERSEDING AUTH. TO CORRECT EXPIR DATE				12-1-82

FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WIZZ-FM new-FM

Name Stephen P. Bellinger, Charles Vandever, ~~[illegible]~~, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend, Morris E. Kemper and T. Keith Coleman d/b as STREATOR BROADCASTING Co.
Streator, Illinois (P. O.-c/o Joel W. Townsend, 526 Market St., Mt. Carmel, Ill.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-4279 R. & F.	12-6-63 12-19-63	CP for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 97.7mc CH 249 ERP: 2.712 kw Type transmitter: Gates FM-1C TPO: 1 kw Type antenna: Gates FMA-3 (3 sections) HAAT: 145 ft. Trans. location: Approx. 2½ mi. N from center of Streator, Ill. Studio location: Same as Transmitter (Same as WIZZ, AM) Atty: Arnold, Fortas & Porter Engr: Ralph J. Bitzer	GRANTED Cond'l to WIZZ submit 302s	4-15-64
AMEND R&F	3-4-64 3-6-64	AMENDED to change applicant name to: Stephen P. Bellinger, Charles Vandever, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend, Morris E. Kemper and T. Keith Coleman d/b as STREATOR BROADCASTING CO.		

FORM BC-121 #2
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WIZZ-FM

Name Stephen P. Bellinger, Charles Vandever, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend, Morris E. Kemper and T. Keith Coleman d/b as Streator Broadcasting Co.
Streator, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-7847 R & F	5-18-64 5-21-64	Mod. of CP (BPH-4279 which auth a new FM B/C station) to chg type ant (Andrew-1304, 4 sect) and incr ERP to 2.945kw.	GRANTED	6-11-64
BLH-2636 R&F PROG. TEST 9-11-64	8-31-64 9-1-64	License to cover CP (BPH-4279 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station. Atty: Arnold, Fortas & Porter	GRANTED	5-14-65
BAPH-364 R & F (Form 316)	4-29-65 5-7-65	Voluntary assignment of CP(BPH-4279) to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend, Morris E. Kemper, T. Keith Coleman and John R. Hallstrom dba Streator Broadcasting Company Atty - Thomas G. Fisher	GRANTED EFF: (issued as assignment of license)	5-25-65 7-1-65
BALH-885 R & F (Form 316)	3-10-66 4-7-66	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend, Morris E. Kemper and John R. Hallstrom dba STREATOR BROADCASTING COMPANY	GRANTED EFF:	4-29-66 5-23-66

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FORM BC-121 #3
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WIZZ-FM

Name Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend, ~~Morris B. Kemper~~ and John R. Hallstrom dba STREATOR BROADCASTING COMPANY
Streator, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BALH-947 R & F (Form 316)	1-11-67 1-19-67	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend, and John R. Hallstrom, dba STREATOR BROADCASTING COMPANY Atty - Putbrese & Fisher	GRANTED EFF:	2-17-67 3-1-67
BRH-1671 R. & F. SEP 2 1 1967	7-28-67 8-21-67	Renewal of license. atty	GRANTED	11-24-67
BALH-1351 R & F (FORM 316 - SEE AM FOR fee paid) FILED	2-20-70 3-24-70 5-11-70	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend and Ben H. Townsend dba STREATOR BROADCASTING COMPANY Atty - Putbrese & Fletcher (Partnership Agreement filed 5-11-70)	GRANTED EFF:	12-29-70 2-4-71

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Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WLAX x WIZZ-FM

Name STREATOR BROADCASTING CORPORATION and
X STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND
d/b as STREATOR BROADCASTING COMPANY
STREATOR, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-1671 R & F PN Recd. PRESS OCT 2 1970	8-24-70 9-2-70 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Robert W. Healy, Atty.	GRANTED	11-25-70
BRH-1671 R & F PN Recd. PRESS 27 AUG 1973	8-16-73 8-17-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Keith E. Putbrese, Atty.	GRANTED	11-30-73
BALH-1962 R & F FEE PD: $250 #277315 CODE 049 (Form 316) ALSO SEE AM FEB 20 1974	1-21-74 2-7-74	Voluntary assignment of license to STREATOR BROADCASTING CORPORATION Atty - Keith Putbrese	GRANTED EFF:	2-26-74 2-28-74

Form BC-121 #5
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W L A X

Name STREATOR BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Streator, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-1671 R & F PN PRESS	7-19-76 7-22-76 7-22-76 OCT 12 1976	Renewal of license Atty- Richard F. Kennedy AMENDED 10-13-76 re: original signature	GRANTED	1-31-77
BRH790730WA PRESS OCT 15 1979		Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-30-79

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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.