WSOY-FM

FM Broadcast

OFFICIAL NO. 235

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 2-2-49

Call letters WSOY-FM
LOCATION: DECATUR, ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS BROADCASTING COMPANY (Gr. 5-23-49; Eff. 9-1-49)

Name of licensee X COMMODORE BROADCASTING, INC.

1100 East Pershing Road, Decatur, Illinois (EPH 8-24-59) (Redescription)
x Route 48 at N. Jasper St., Extension - Decatur, Illinois

Transmitter location x North side of H. 121, 0.7 miles east of U.S. #51
Decatur, Illinois

1100 East Pershing Road, Decatur, Illinois (EPH 8-24-59) (Redescription)
x Same as transmitter

Main studio location x Decatur, Illinois

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Mcs. Freq.	E.R.P. Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
B4-PH-162	10-7-46	98.7 No. 254	31.2kw	U	By 12-7-46 To 6-7-47
C.P. for new FM broadcast station					
Letter	10-15-46	STA to operate on Ch254, 98.7 mcs using RCA BTF 250A trans. with max. power of 250 w and horizontal dipole ant. mount on top of WSOY tower located at 1891 N. Oakland Ave, Decatur, Ill for purpose FM program for a period 10-15-46 to 1-12-47. Subject to submission of data after installation showing no effect on resistance or operating characteristics of WSOY ant. Power of WSOY to be determined by the indirect method in accord with Sec 3.52 of the rules pending approval of said data.			
Letter	12-17-46	EXT of STA to operate etc. period 1-13-47 to 4-12-47			
Telegram	3-21-47	Ext. of STA to operate etc. period ending 6-7-47.			
Telegram	5-29-47	Relet 4-30. Auth. ext. ending 9-7-47 operate 98.7 mcs. using RCA BTF 250A trans. max. power 250 w and horizontal dipole ant. mounted on WSOY tower for FM program service.			
BMPB-369	5-14-47	98.7 No. 254	31.2 kw Terr. 460'	U	By 12-7-46 To 9-7-47
	Modified construction.	CP to change date of completion of con- GRANTED 5-14-47			
	8-26-47 Freq.	98.7 assignment accord. Do 6768 (No. 254)			
Telegram	9-5-47	RELET 8-16. Auth ext. 12-7-47 on 98.7 (254), RCA BTF 250 A tr. 250w max. & horizontal dipole ant. on top WSOY tower to proc. per.			
BMPH-682	9-2-47	Ext. of completion date to 12-7-47			
BMPH-1085 MOD. C.P.	11-26-47 for ext. of compl. date	102.1	31.2	U	By 12-7-46 To 3-1-48

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 2-2-49

Call letters WSOY-FM

Name of licensee ~~ILLINOIS BROADCASTING COMPANY~~ (eff: 9-1-49)
X COMMODORE BROADCASTING, INC.

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
Telegram	12-10-47	Retel 8. Auth. extended interim operation period ending March 1, 1948.			
Telegram	1-8-48	Retel 6. Auth. modified period ending March 1, 1948 operate 98.7 Mcs using RCA BTF-250 trans. max. output power 250 watts and antenna specified in CP BMPH-1085 for purpose FM program service.			
Telegram	2-24-48	Retel 4. Auth. extended interim operation period ending May 1, 1948.			
BMPH-1463	2-17-48	Ext. of compl. date			to 5-1-48
Telegram	3-16-48	Retel 13. Auth. modified period ending ending May 1, 1948 operate 102.1 Mcs using RCA trans. max. output power 3 kw. and antenna specified in CP BMPH-1085 for purpose FM program service. Notify Comm. when operation has commenced on 102.1 Mcs.			
Telegram	4-30-48	Retel 29. Auth. extended interim operation period ending July 1, 1948.			
BMPH-1826	4-26-48	Ext. of completion date			to 7-1-48
Telegram	9-27-48	Retel 21. Prog. test auth. previously gr. ~~BSCF-FM~~ ext. for period ending 11-22-48.			
BLH-238 Lic. to	2-2-49 cover C. P.	102.1 Mcs. 31.2 kw. U BPH-162 Terr.	460 ft.		2-2-49 to 12-1-50
BALH-29	8-30-49	Tel. Assign. of license			
BRH-235	11-22-50	Renewal of License 12-1-50 to 12-1-51			
BRH-235	11-21-51	Renewal of license to			12-1-52 L
BRH-235	11-13-52	Renewal of license to			12-1-55 S
Letter	8-4-54	STA to opr. 4 hrs daily to			9-3-54
BRH-235	11-9-55	Renewal of license to			12-1-58 S
BRH-235	11-5-58	Renewal of license to			12-1-61
BPH-2745 TPO:9.5kw.	8-24-59	102.9mcs. Ch.275	31.2kw., Unl. HAAT: 460'		10-24-59 4-24-60
Construction permit to change frequency of station.					
BSCA-180	9-9-59	Subsidiary Communications Multiplex Tests ending			Authorization on 12-1-61.

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

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Station location .....

Name of licensee .....See page 1.....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div	Period From	To
BLH-1539 (1)	5-31-60 (BPH-2745)	License to cover construction permit which authorized change in frequency				
BPH-3361 HAAT:450 ft.	5-19-61	102.9mc Ch. 275	54kw TPO: 9.5kw	Unl.	7-19-61 1-19-62	
CP to install new antenna, incr. ERP & decr. HAAT.						
	11-29-61	Action on Renewal Deferred.				
BLH-1897	9-7-61	Lic. to cover ant., incr. ERP and decr. HAAT.				
BRH-235 BRSCA-189	2-28-62 Renewal	102.9mc of SCA	54kw Ch.275,	U HAAT:450ft.	2-28	12-1-64
BTC-3980 EFF:	3-2-62 5-11-62	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers, Inc. to F. M. Lindsay, Jr., et al All Stockholders.				
BRSCA-189	11-16-64	Subsidiary Communications Authorization on Multiplex Basis			to	12-1-67
BRH-235	11-16-65	Renewal of License			12-1	12-1-67
BRH-235	11-24-67	Renewal of License & NDEA			12-1	12-1-70
BRSCA-189	11-24-67	Renewal of SCA			12-1	12-1-70
BRH-235	11-25-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L)				12-1-73
BRSCA-189	"	RENEWAL OF SCA & NDEA				
Ltr.	2-23-72	Trans: GATES-FM-20H3, now installed.				
EBSA	5-25-72					
BRH-235(L)	11-28-73	RENEWAL				12-1-76
BRSCA-189	11-28-73	RENEWAL OF SCA				
BPH-8796	2-15-74	CP chg. ant. sys. & chg. TPO				2-14-75
BLH-6605(L)-4-28-75-Lic.(BPH-8796)-Changes HAAT: 450'(H&V)-ERP: 54kw(H&V)						12-1-76
BRH-235(S) BRSCA-189	11-15-76	Renewal of License SCA				12-1-79
BRH790730UQ BRSCA "	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)				12-1-82

Form 94

HIGH FREQUENCY (FM)

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters ~~KMW~~ WSOY-FM

ILLINOIS BROADCASTING COMPANY (Gr. 8-20-49; Eff. 9-1-49

Name ~~KOMMODORE BROADCASTING, INC.~~

357 North Main St., - Decatur, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B4-PH-162 Recd.	1-21-44 2-11-44	Construction permit for new high frequency (FM) broadcast station. Frequency: 46,500 (or other available freq.) Coverage: ~~15,708 Sq. Mi.~~ Studio location: Decatur, Ill.(to be determined) Transmitter location: ~~No. side of Illinois Terminal Railroad 1 mi. W. of Cerro Gordo, Ill.~~ (RCA FM - 10-A Max. 10kw) Frank Stollenwerck, Att'y.)	Granted type station type 1 - 6-18-46.	6-13-46 for Met. - Cond. Letter mailed
			Basic Engr. approved 9-30-46	
			Program Plan approved 9-30-46	
			C.P. issued 10-7-46	
			Frequency:	Ch#271 102.1 mcs.
Amended Rec'd Filed	9-20-45 10-5-45 10-5-45	AMENDED to change location of transmitter from No. side of Ill. Terminal Railroad 1 mi. W. of Cerro Gordo, Ill., to roof of the Citizens Bldg at No. Water & Williams Sts. in downtown Decatur, Ill.; ~~change coverage from 15,708 to 10,000 sq. mi.~~ Amended re Comm. letter of 9-7-45 recd. 10-5-45 Balance sheet, program plans. (Metropolitan)		

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

CARD #2

Call Letters W S O Y - FM

Name ILLINOIS BROADCASTING COMPANY
x CONCORDE BROADCASTING, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B4-PH-162	(cont)	Program analysis rec'd. 4-8-46 Engr. info. rec'd. 9-3-46 changing frequency; type of transmitter; transmitter location; specifying population; coverage and making changes in antenna system.		
BMPH-369 Rec'd Filed	5-3-47 5-5-47 5-5-47	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-162 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 6-7-47 to 9-7-47. Filed by Carl H. Butman, Attorney	GRANTED	5-14-47
BMPH-682 Rec'd Filed	8-8-47 8-12-47 8-12-47	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-162 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 9-7-47 to 12-7-47.	GRANTED	9-2-47

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CARD #3

Call Letters W S O Y - FM

ILLINOIS BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name x COMMODORE BROADCASTING, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-1085 Rec'd Filed	11-14-47 11-17-47 11-17-47	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-162 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 12-7-47 to 3-1-48.	GRANTED	11-26-47
BMPH-1462 Rec'd Filed	2-4-48 2-6-48 2-6-48	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-162 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 3-1-48 to 5-1-48.	GRANTED	2-17-48
BMPH-1826 Recd. Filed	4-15-48 4-16-48 4-16-48	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-162 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 5-1-48 to 7-1-48.	GRANTED	4-26-48
BLH-238 Rec'd Filed	6-30-48 7-2-48 7-2-48	License to cover C.P. B4-PH-162 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station	GRANTED	2-2-49

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name ILLINOIS BROADCASTING COMPANY
x COMMODORE BROADCASTING, INC.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BALH-29 Recd Filed	8-5-49 8-10-49 8-10-49	Voluntary assignment of license from Commodore Broadcasting, Incorporated to Illinois Broadcasting Company	GRANTED Eff.	8-30-49 9-1-49
BRH-235 Recd & Filed	9-28-50 10-2-50	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	11-22-50
BRH-235 Recd. Filed	8-18-51 8-23-51 8-23-51	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-21-51
BRH-235 Recd. & Filed	8-28-52 9-2-52	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	11-13-52
BRH-235 Recd & filed	8-22-55 8-29-55	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-9-55
BRH-235 Rec'd Filed	8-22-58 8-29-58 8-29-58	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	11-5-58

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters W S O Y-FM

Name ILLINOIS BROADCASTING COMPANY
DECATUR, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-2745 Rec'd Filed	8-3-59 8-6-59 8-6-59	Construction permit to change frequency from 102.1 mc CH 271 to 102.9 mc CH 275.	GRANTED	8-24-59
BSCA-189 R & F	8-3-59 8-6-59	Request to establish a newSCA, Multiplex basis, to be operated on subcarrier freq. of 67 and 42kc.	GRANTED	9-9-59
BLH-1539 Rec'd Filed	2-12-60 2-15-60 2-26-60	License to cover construction permit (BPH-2745) which authorized change in frequency. Carl H. Butman, Radio Consultant	GRANTED	5-31-60
BPH-3361 Rec'd&Filed	4-11-61 4-17-61	Construction permit to install a new antenna (RCA,BFA-7A); incr. ERP from 30 to 54kw and decr. HAAT from 460' to445'.	GRANTED	5-19-61

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters [illegible]

Name ILLINOIS BROADCASTING COMPANY
DECATUR, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLH-1897 R & F	6-28-61 6-30-61	Lic. to cover CP(BPH-3361) to install new antenna, incr. ERP, and decr. HAAT.	GRANTED	9-7-61
BRH-235 R & F	8-16-61 8-25-61	Renewal of License	GRANTED	2-28-62
BRSCA-189 R & F	8-16-61 8-25-61	Renewal of License (S C A)	GRANTED	2-28-62
BTC-3980 Rec'd Filed	2-12-62 2-14-62 2-14-62	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers, Inc. to F. M. Lindsay, Jr., et al All Stockholders. Arthur H. Schroeder, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	3-2-62 5-11-62

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

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WSOY-FM

Name ILLINOIS BROADCASTING COMPANY
Decatur, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-235 BRSCA-189 R. & F.	8-21-64 8-21-64 9-1-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE & SCA. 12-1-64 Atty- Miller & Schroeder	GRANTED	11-16-64
BRH-235 BRSCA-189 R & F	8-31-67 8-31-67 9-5-67	Renewal of license and SCA. Atty: Miller & Schroeder	GRANTED	11-24-67
SEP 20 1967				
BRH-235 BRSCA-189 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	8-31-70 " 9-2-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA Arthur H. Schroeder, Atty. (Miller & Bankson)	GRANTED	11-25-70
SEP 21 1970				

Annual filing fee $24.00 paid 11-20-70 #644472.

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

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WSOY-FM

Name ILLINOIS BROADCASTING COMPANY
Decatur, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-235 BRSCA-189 R & F P.N. PRESS	8-16-73 8-24-73 8-24-73 SEP 5 1973	Renewal of License and SCA Atty.: Arthur H. Schroeder	GRANTED	11-28-73
BPH-8796 R & F #273907 $50 Code 057 Press	1-24-74 1-28-74 1-30-74 FEB 8 - 1974	CP to install a new antenna (Gates FMC-7, 7 sects. (H&V); change TPO and add circular polarization to ERP. Atty: Arthur H. Schroeder(Miller and Schroeder)	GRANTED Cond. submit 302 for AM	2-15-74
BLH-6605 R & F W 388193-$50. PTA PRESS	1-22-75 1-31-75 1-31-75-057 3-17-75	Lic.(BPH-8796)-Changes. Transmitter: GATES, BC-20H. Atty: Miller and Schroeder	GRANTED	4-28-75

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

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WSOY-FM

Name ILLINOIS BROADCASTING COMPANY
DECATUR, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-235	7-6-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	Granted	11-15-76
BRSCA-189	"	RENEWAL OF SCA		
R & F	7-20-76			
PN Recd.	"	Arthur H. Schroeder, Atty.		
PRESS	SEP 29 1976			
BRH790730UQ		Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-30-79
BRSCA790730UQ		Renewal of SCA		
PRESS	SEP 14 1979	Atty. William M. Barnard		

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.