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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 11-15-60 Call letters WDOW

Station location Dowagiac, Michigan

DOWAGIAC BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC., (AL 12-6-60; EFF: 1-1-61)
x WILLIAM KUIPER AND WILLIAM EUGENE KUIPER d/b as
Name of licensee DOWAGIAC BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location Marcellus Rd. 0.35 mi. East of Dowagiac, Michigan (BP 6-8-60) L- 11-15-60

Marcellus Road, 0.35 mi. East of Dowagiac, Mich. (BL 11-15-60)
Main studio location xTo be determined, Dowagiac, Michigan (BP 6-8-60)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq	Power	Time Day	Period From	To
BP-11457	6-8-60	1440kc	500w	Day	8-8	2-8-61
	CP for a new standard broadcast station.					
BP-11457 (1)	7-21-60	Mod. of CP(BP-11457) to assign Call Letters.				
BMP-9027 (2)	7-20-60	Mod. of CP(BP-11457) to change type transmitter (COLLINS 550-A) & make changes in transmitting equipment.				
BL-8101	11-15-60	1440kc	500w	Day	11-15	10-1-61
	Lic. to cover BP-11457 as mod) for new standard broadcast station & specify studio same as trans.location.					
BAL-4063 EFF:	12-6-60 1-1-61	Voluntary assignment of license to Bowaziac Broadcasting Company, Inc.				
BR-3921	2-5-62	1440kc	500w	Day	2-5	10-1-64
BP-14554 (COND'L)	7-18-62	1440kc	1kw	Day	9-18	3-18-63
	CP to increase power from 500w to 1kw and install new transmitter (Collins20V					
Letter	10-10-62	Oper. with non-DA, 500w between 4am and local sunrise, until final decision in Docket No. 14419 or until directed to terminate pursuant to Sec. 3.87				
BL-9707 (1)	3-26-63	Lic. to cover CP (BP-14,554) which auth. incr. power and install new trans.(spec. trans. as COLLINS 20V-3)				
BR-3921	9-14-64	1440kc.	1kw,	Day	10-	10-1-67
BR-3921	9-8-67	Renewal of License			10-1	10-1-70
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	FSA	500w			
BR-3921(S)	9-30-70	RENEWAL			10-1-73	
EBSA	6-12-72					
BR-3921(L)	9-27-73	RENEWAL			10-1-76	
BTC-7812	9/17/75	Vol asg of pos con EFF: 9/22/75				
BR-3921(S)	9-15-76	Renwal of License			10-1-79	
BR790601AM(S)	9-21-79	Renewal of license			10-1-82	

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name WILLIAM KUIPER and WILLIAM EUGENE KUIPER, d/b as DOWAGIAC BROADCASTING COMPANY
(P.O. - William Kuiper, Radio Station WFUR, Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Call Letters NEW WDOW

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-11,457 Rec'd Filed	7-15-57 7-16-57 7-16-57	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1440kc Power - 500w Hours of operation - Daytime Trans. location - ~~Dailey Road, 0.46 miles south of State Rt. 62,~~ Dowagiac, Michigan Studio location - To be determined. Dowagiac, Michigan Atty. - Harry J. Daly Engr. - Gautney & Jones	GRANTED After Hearing Docket No. 12303 Order issued.	6-8-60
AMENDMENT Rec'd Filed	11-9-57 11-12-57 11-12-57	AMENDED to change antenna-transmitter location to ~~Highway M-40 North Rt. #2,~~ Dowagiac, Mich.		
AMENDMENT Rec'd Filed(order)	2-13-58 3-7-58 4-4-58	AMENDED to change antenna-trans. location to Marcellus Road, 0.35 mi East of Dowagiac, Mich. and make changes in antenna system(decr. hght)		

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Call ~~Unassigned~~
Letters x ~~[illegible]~~ W D O W

Name WILLIAM KUIPER AND WILLIAM EUGENE KUIPER, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ d/b as DOWAGIAC BROADCASTING COMPANY - Dowagiac, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-9027 R & F	6-20-60 6-21-60	Modification of C. P. (BP-11457 which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type transmitter (Collins-550-A) & make changes in transmitting equipment. Atty's: Daly & Ehrig	GRANTED	7-20-60
BL-8101 Rec'd Filed	8-24-60 8-26-60 8-26-60	License to cover C.P. (BP-11457 as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station, and specify studio location as at transmitter site	GRANTED	11-15-60
BAL-4063 Rec'd Filed	11-11-60 11-14-60 11-14-60	Voluntary assignment of license to Dowagiac Broadcasting Company, Inc. Harry J. Daly, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	12-6-60 1-1-61
BP-14,554 Rec'd Filed	12-7-60 12-8-60 12-8-60	Construction Permit to increase power from 500w to 1kw and install new transmitter (Collins 20-V) Atty.- Daly & Ehrig Eng.- Ralph J. Bitzer, St. Louis, Mo.	GRANTED Cond'l re pre-sunrise Sect. 3.87, D-14419	7-18-62

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PRESUNRISE OPERATION USING POWER OF 500w
FILED 10-8-62

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DOWAGIAC, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3921 Rec'd&Filed	7-14-61 7-20-61	Renewal of License Leonard S. Joyce, atty.	GRANTED	2-5-62
BL-9707 R. & F.	9-26-62 9-27-62	Lic to cover CP(BP-14,554) which auth incr power and install new transmitter (specify trans. as COLLINS 20V-3) Atty- Daly & Ehrig	GRANTED Condl re presunrise precluded	3-26-63
BR-3921 Rec'd Filed	7-3-64 7-6-64 7-6-64	Renewal of license Attys. Daly & Joyce	GRANTED	9-14-64
BR-3921 R & F	6-23-67 6-27-67	Renewal of license Atty- George R. Borsari, Jr. (Daly & Joyce)	GRANTED	9-8-67

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Dowagiac, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3921 R & F #612184 $75. P.N.	6-23-70 6-30-70 6-30-70 6-30-70 JUL 15 1970	Renewal of License Atty: Leonard S. Joyce	GRANTED	9-30-70
10-2-70 Annual fee $18.00 deducted from $75.00 Renewal filing fee. $57.00 credited to 1971.				
BR-3921 R & F P.N. PRESS	6-23-73 7-3-73 7-5-73 20 JUL 1973	Renewal of License Atty.: Lawrence J. Bernard, Jr. AMENDED 8-28-73 re: equal emp. program	GRANTED	9-27-73
BTC-7838 R & F FEE PD: $200 #471004 CODE 047(INCLUDES FM) FORM 316	8-27-75 8-29-75 SEP 15 1975	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of lic corp by William E. Kuiper thru sale of stock by William Kuiper to the licensee corp. Atty - Daly, Joyce, Borsari & George	GRANTED EFF: no gr fee	9/17/75 9/22/75

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DOWAGIAC, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3921 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	5-28-76 6-1-76 " JUL 23 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE John A. Borsari, Atty.	GRANTED	9-15-76
BR790601XM PRESS JUL	16 1979	Renewal of License Atty.: Leonard S. Joyce	GRANTED	9-21-79

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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. 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 one set is known to 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.