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B-G 1786

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

SEE CARD #2 FOR NAME

Date first licensed 12-18-47

Call letters W F R L

LOCATION: Freeport, Ill.

x TRIAD STATIONS, INC. (BML 3-10-64) 9-2-59
x TRIAD TELEVISION CORPORATION (AL-3581) EFF: 10-9-59
x FREEPORT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC (AL 10-14-48) EFF: 11-1-48
x VINCENT S. BARKER and GLADYS J. BARKER, a partnership d/b as

Name of licensee FREEPORT BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location Approx. 1-3/4 mi. N.E. center of Freeport, Illinois (MP 2-27-47)
(Lic. 12-18-47)

Suite 10,
50 W.Douglas St.,/Freeport, Ill. 61032
9 North Chicago Ave., Freeport, Ill. (Lic. 12-18-47)

ZIP 61032

Main studio location xTo be determined, Freeport, Illinois (MP 2-27-47)

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	To
BL-P-3904	1-30-47	1570	1kw	Daytime		
Order issued - CP for new station granted subject to filing MP for approval of T site and antenna (Conditional Clause)						
B4-P-3904 BMP-2476	2-27-47	1570	1kw	Daytime	4-27	10-27-47
Mod. CP(3904) for change in T equipment and approval antenna and T site						
BMP-3260	10-30-47	1570	Mod. CP (3904 as mod.) for extension of completion date.		4-27	11-10-47
BL-2771 BZ-2612	12-18-47	1570	1kw	Daytime	12-18	5-1-48
Lic. to cover CP (3904 as mod.) for a new station, specify studio site and determine operating power by direct method.						
BR-1786	4-8-48	1570	1 kw	Daytime	5-1	5-1-51
BAL-779	10-14-48	Vol. assignment of license from Vincent S. Barker and Gladys J. Barker, A Partnership d/b as Freeport Broadcasting Company to Freeport Broadcasting Company, Inc.				
EFF:	11-1-48					
Tele.	5-22-50	Auth. to reduce hrs. of operation during months May 1950 thru August 1950 in order to sign off at 6:30 pm. CST.				
BZ-3198	8-29-50	1570	1kw	Daytime	8-29	5-1-51
Determine operating power by direct method						
~~BL-2000~~ BR-1786	4-12-51	1570	1 kw	Daytime	5-1-51 to 5-1-54	
Tele.	5-8-51	Auth. to reduce hours during May thru Aug. in order to sign off at 6:30 pm. CST.				
~~Telegram~~ Letter	5-5-52	Auth. to reduce hrs. of oper. during May thru Aug., 1952, to sign-off at 6pm, CST				
Letter	3-25-53	Autth. sign off 6 p.m. during months April through August, 1953				
BRS-137 (1)	10-13-53	Mod. of license to operate trans. by R. Control from 9 North Chicago Ave., Freeport, Ill.				

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters .....WPRL.....

ILLINOIS BROADCASTING COMPANY.(AL 10-30-80,EFF:12-1-80

Name of licensee BRADFORD-ROSS ASSOCIATES, INC. (AL gr 4/22/77 EFF: 5/31/77

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-
BP-9089	1-5-54	1570	250w	Aux.	3-5-54 9-5-54
CP install new trans. for aux. purposes.					
BR-1786	4-21-54	1570	1kw	D	5-1 12-1-55
Telegram	3-31-54	Waiver Sec. 3.71 sign-off at 6 pm during months April thru August, 1954			
BL-5265	5-5-54	1570	250w	Aux.	5-5 12-1-55
Lic. cover C.P.		(9089) for a new T as an Aux.			
Telegram	4-1-55	Waiver 3.71 sign-off 6 pm April thru August, 1955			
BR-1786	11-9-55	RENEWAL OF LICENSE MAIN & AUXILIARY			12-1 12-1-58
TELEGRAM	3-26-56	SIGN-OFF 6 PM April thru August 1956			
TELEGRAM	4-8-57	SIGN-OFF 6:00 PM period end. Aug. 31,'57			
TELEGRAM	3-2-58	SIGN-OFF 6:00 PM period end. Aug. 31,'58			
BR-1786	11-12-58	RENEWAL OF LICENSE to MAIN AND AUX			12-1 12-1-61
Wire	3-26-59	Sign-off 6PM period 4-1 thru 8-31-59.			
BAL-3581	9-2-59	Voluntary assignment of license to			
EFF:	10-9-59	Triad Television Corporation.			
BP-13866	10-25-61	1570kc	5kw-DA-D	Day	12-25 6-25-62
CP to increase power to 5kw, install directional antenna system (DA-D), make changes in transmitting equipment and ground system and delete remote control (Cond'l).					
Commission took no action on Renewal Application.					
BPM-10332 (1)	7-19-62	Modification of CP -13866 for extension of Completion date to 12-26-62			
BMP-10426	9-6-62	1570kc	5kw-DA-D	Day	12-25 12-26-62
Mod. of CP(BP-13,866 as mod.) to install one instead of two new towers, retain old tower and antenna system, dec. height of new tower, and make changes in ground system.(Cond'l).					
BR-1786	11-28-62	1570kc	1kw 250w	D Aux.	11-28 12-1-64

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June 1954 #3

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

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Station location .....

Name of licensee ....See Card #1.....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	To
BMP-10678 (1)	12-18-62	Mod. of CP(BP-13,866 as mod.) for extension of completion date to 2-26-6				3
BML-2071 (1)	3-10-64	Mod. of lic. to chg. name of licensee to TRIAD STATIONS, INC. (Main & Aux.)				
BL-10085	2-17-64	1570kc	5kw-DA-D	Day	2-17	12-1-64
	Lic to cover CP(BP-13,866 as mod.) which auth. incr. power; make chgs. in trans. equip.; install DA-D; make chgs. in ground system.					
BR-1786	11-16-64	1570kc,	5kw,	Day	12-1	12-1-67
BP-16,399	12-10-64	1570kc	1kw DA-D	Aux	2-10	3-10-65
	CP to install a Composite trans. at main trans. loc. to be operated on 1570kc, 1kw, DA-D for auxiliary purposes only.					
BS-1786 (1)	4-12-65	Mod. of license to change operating specifications (Memo).				
BL-11,085	11-10-65	1570kc	1kw-DA-D	Aux	11-10	12-1-67
		Lic to cover CP(BP-16,399) which auth install Composite Trans to be used as an Aux trans for Aux purposes only.				
Ltr 9-22-67, rec'd 9-25-67 giving notification per Sect. 73.48 (a)(6) of Comm Rules that a new Gates-BC-5H main trans is now installed and in operation.						
BR-1786	11-24-67	1570kc	5kw	Day	12-1	12-1-70
		Renewal of License(Aux.)			12-1	12-1-70
BS-1786(1)	3-21-69	Memo chg. oper. specs.				
PSA	11-23-70	500 watts				
BR-1786	11-25-70	RENEWAL MAIN & AUX.			12-1-73	
BS-1786(1)	1-11-72	ML chg. studio location				
EBSA	6-12-72					
BR-1786(L)	11-14-74	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.)			12-1-76	
BRC-3727(L)	3-13-75	ML to operate trans. by RC from SL (Main & Aux.			12-1-76	
BS-1786(1)	[illegible]-76	ML to correct commonpoint day to 10.[illegible] amperes				

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BC-126
June 1975

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W F R L

Station location .....

Name of licensee See Card #1

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
COMTEL	4-19-76	DELETE obstruction marking and lighting.			
BAL-8913	4/22/77	Vol AL EFF: 5/31/77			
BR-1786	2-8-78	(L) REN. OF LICENSE MAIN & AUX.			12-1-79
BR-1786	2-8-78	Same as above			
Superseded	4-3-78	to delete obstruction markings.			12-1-79
Comlet	Pick up	Corrected SR&SS hrs when next issued.			
BR790801YQ(S)	2-22-80	Renewal of License			12-1-82
BAL800820HK	10-30-80	VOL AL:		EFF:	12-1-80
BZ-781017AA(L)	10-10-80	DIRECT MEASUREMENT			12-1-82
COMTEL	9-9-80	AUTHORITY & TERMS COMTEL EXTENDED THROUGH			2-15-80 11-31-80

Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name VINCENT S. BARKER and GLADYS J. BARKER, A Partnership, d/b as FREEPORT BROADCASTING COMPANY
(P.O. Temp.-9 Prospect St., Great Neck, L.I., N.Y.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
B4-P-3904 Rec'd Filed	5-8-45 8-8-45 8-8-45	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: ~~1400-kc~~ 1570 kc Power: ~~250w~~ 1kw Hours of Operation: ~~Unlimited-time~~ Daytime Trans. Location: ~~State-Highway-#26-and-Pecatonica-River,-North-of~~ Freeport, Ill. Studio Location: To be determined, Freeport, Ill. (Filed by Chas. V. Wayland, Atty.; A.D. Ring, Engr.)	Docket No. 7064 GRANTED AFTER HEARING Order B-301 1-30-47 subject to filing MP for approval of T site and antenna and Conditional re waiver 3.55(b) & 3.60	
AMENDED Recd. Filed	11-10-45 11-13-45 11-13-45	AMENDED to change frequency from 1400kc to 1570kc, power from 250w to 1kw, hours of operation from Unlimited to Daytime, changes in transmitting equipment and change transmitter location from State Highway No. 26, Pecatonica River, North of Freeport, Ill. to Site to be determined, Freeport, Ill.	Issued with MP-2476	

COMPOSITE Transmitter

Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters WFRL

Name VINCENT S. BARKER & GLADYS J. BARKER, A Partnership d/b as FREEPORT BROADCASTING COMPANY.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-2475 Rec'd Filed	12-18-46 1-2-47 1-2-47	Mod. of C.P. (B4-P-3904, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna, to make change in transmitting equipment, and for approval of transmitter location at Approximately 1-3/4 mi. N. E. center of Freeport, Illinois (Charles F. Duvall, Atty. - A. D. Ring, Engr.)	GRANTED	2-27-47
BMP-3260 Rec'd Filed	10-22-47 10-24-47 10-24-47	Mod. of C.P. (B4-P-3904, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from: 10-27-47 to: 11-10-47. (Charles F. Duvall, Atty.)	GRANTED	10-30-47

Form 94

#3

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WFRL

Name VINCENT S. BARKER & GLADYS J. BARKER, A Partnership d/b as FREEPORT BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-2771 Rec'd Filed	10-21-47 10-24-47 10-24-47	License to cover C.P. (B4-P-3904, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and specify studio location as 9 North Chicago Avenue, Freeport, Illinois. and	granted	12-18-47
BZ-2612 Rec'd Filed	10-21-47 10-24-47 10-24-47.	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Charles F. Duvall, Atty.)		
BR-1736 Rec'd.	2-20-48 2-26-48	Renewal License (Chas. F. Duvall, Atty.)	Granted	4-2-48

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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FREEPORT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (AL 10-14-48)

Call Letters WFRL

Name x VINCENT S. BARKER AND GLADYS J. BARKER, A Partnership d/b as FREEPORT BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAL-779 Rec'd Filed	9-25-48 9-28-48 9-28-48	Voluntary Assignment of License from Vincent S. Barker and Gladys J. Barker, A Partnership d/b as Freeport Broadcasting Company to Freeport Broadcasting Company, Inc. (Filed by Charles F. Duvall, Atty.)	GRANTED EFF:	10-14-48 11-1-48
BTC-948 Rec'd Filed	5-11-50 5-19-50 5-19-50	Voluntary acquisition of control of licensee corporation thru sale of 1 share of common stock from Gladys J. Barker to Vincent S. Barker. Charles F. Duvall, Atty.	GRANTED EFF: 10-14-48 (eff. prior to grant)	6-1-50
BZ-3198 Rec'd Filed	8-16-50 8-21-50 8-21-50	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. John P. Southmayd, Atty.	GRANTED	8-29-50

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WFRL

Name FREEPORT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-1786 Rec'd	2-26-51 2-28-51	Renewal of license filed by Charles F. Duvall, Atty.	GRANTED	4-12-51
BRC-197 Rec'd Filed	10-1-53 10-5-53 10-5-53	Modification of license to operate transmitter by Remote Control from 9 North Chicago Ave., Freeport, Illinois. Fisher, Wayland, Duvall & Southmayd, Attys.	GRANTED	10-13-53
BP-9089 Rec'd Filed	12-4-53 12-7-53 12-7-53	Construction permit to install a new transmitter (Composite) as an auxiliary transmitter at approx. 1-3/4 mi. N.E. center of Freeport, Illinois (present location of the main transmitter)to be operated on 1570kc with power of 250w, for auxiliary purposes only. Fisher, Wayland, Duvall and Southmayd,Attys.	GRANTED	1-5-54

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WFRL

Name FREEPORT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-1786 Rec'd Filed	1-18-54 1-26-54 1-26-54	Renewal of License Filed by Charles F. Duvall, Atty.	Granted	4-21-54
BL-5265 Rec'd Filed	3-26-54 3-29-54 3-29-54	License to cover construction permit (BP-9089) which authorized installation of a new transmitter as an auxiliary transmitter Filed by Charles F. Duvall, Atty.	GRANTED	5-5-54
BR-1786 Recd Filed	8-10-55 9-1-55 9-1-55	Renewal of license (Main) Charles F. Duvall, Atty.	GRANTED	11-9-55
BR-1786 Recd Filed	9-14-55 9-20-55 9-20-55	Auxiliary transmitter		

FORM BC-121 #7
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WFRL

Name x FREEPORT BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-1786 Rec'd&Filed	8-23-58 9-2-58	Renewal of licenses (Main and Auxiliary) Charles F. Duvall, attorney	GRANTED	11-12-58
BAL-3581 Rec'd. Filed	7-27-59 7-28-59 7-28-59	Voluntary assignment of license to Triad Television Corporation. John P.Southmayd,Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	9-2-59 10-9-59
BP-13,866 Rec'd Filed	11-19-59 1-25-60 1-25-60	Construction Permit to increase power from 1kw to 5kw; install directional antenna system (DA-D); make changes in transmitting equipment and ground system and delete remote control Warren E. Baker (Let 5-5-61). Atty.- ~~Fisher,- Wayland Duvall and Southmayd~~ Engr.- Goutney and Jones	GRANTED Cond'l re: Phase Mon., Field meas. equip., DA & complete non-DA proof. Submission by the permittee of data made in accordance with Sections 3.48 and 2.524 of the Rules.	10-25-61

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955 #8

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W F R L

Name TRIAD TELEVISION CORPORATION
Freeport, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-1786 R & F	8-16-61 8-21-61	Renewal of License (aux. & main)	GRANTED	11-28-62
[illegible] R. & F.	[illegible] [illegible]	Modification of CP (BP-13,[illegible] to increase power from 1kw to 5kw; install directional antenna system (DA-D); make changes in transmitting equipment and ground system and delete remote control) for extension of completion date from 6-26-62 to _____. Attys: Chadbourne, Parke, Whiteside & Wolf	GRANTED: to	7-19-62 12-26-62

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

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955 #9

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WFRL

Name TRIA-TELEVISION CORPORATION
FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-10,426 R & F	6-26-62 6-28-62	Modification of CP(BP-13,866 as modified, which auth. inc. in power, DA-N, change in trans. equipment and ground system, and delete remote control) to install one instead of two new towers, retain old tower and antenna system, decrease height of new tower, and make changes in ground system. Atty.- Warren Baker Engr.- Robert A. Jones	GRANTED Cond'l re: Phase Mon., Field meas. equip., DA & complete non-DA proof. Before prog. tests may be authorized, suf. data shall be submitted in accordance with Sections 3.48 and 2.525.	9-6-62
BMP-10,678 R. & F.	11-2[illegible]-62 11-29-6[illegible]	Mod. of CP(BP-1[illegible], [illegible] as mod., which auth. incr. power; install DA-[illegible]; chgs in trans-mitting equip. and ground system; delete remote control) for extension of completion date from 12-2[illegible]-62 to 2-2[illegible]-63.	GRANTED to	12-18-62 2-26-63

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

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955 #10

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WFRI

Name x TRIAD STATIONS, INC.
TRIAD TELEVISION CORPORATION
Freeport, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-10,085 R. & F.	2-5-63 2-7-63	Lic to cover CP(BP-13,866 as mod) which auth incr power; make chgs in trans equip; install DA-D; make chgs in ground system.	GRANTED	2-17-64
BML-2071 R & F	2-12-64 2-20-64	Mod. of lic to chg name of licensee from Triad Television Corporation to Triad Stations, Inc.	GRANTED	3-10-64
BP-16,399 Rec'd Resub. R.& F.	9-3-64 9-17-64 9-21-64	CP to install a Composite transmitter at main transmitter XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX location to be operated on 1570kc, 1kw, DA-D, for auxiliary purposes only. Engr-Robert A. Jones	~~Returned~~ ~~Not signed or dated~~ GRANTED	~~9-11-64~~ 12-1[illegible]-64
BR-1786 R&F	8-31-64 9-3-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-16-64
BP-				

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

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters W F R L

Name TRIAD STATIONS, INC.
Freeport, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-11,085 R & F	8/9/65 8/11/65	Lic. to cover CP (BP-16,399) which auth. install Composite trans. to be used as an auxiliary trans. for auxiliary purposes only.	GRANTED	11-10-65
BP- Received	8-26-67 8-30-67	CP to install new transmitter at main ant-trans. location. (GATES BC-5H)	Returned: 9-18-67 unnecessary.	
BR-1786 R & F SEP 28 1967	9-1-67 9-6-67	Renewal of license (main & auxiliary)	GRANTED	11-24-67
BR-1786 R & F P.N. SEP 10 1970	8-27-70 9-1--70 9-1-70	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) AMENDED 10-11-70 re: programming	GRANTED	11-25-70

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September 1969

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1570 khz.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W F R L

Name BRADFORD-ROSS ASSOCIATES, INC.
x TRIAD STATIONS, INC.
Freeport, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-1786 R & F P.N. PRESS	9-1-73 9-6-73 OCT 18 1973	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) AMENDED 12-3-73 re: business interests; commercial policy; EEO AMENDED 1-2-74 re: business interests	GRANTED	11-14-74
BRC-3727 R & F $50-343200 AC-056 SEP 19 1974 Amended 10-9-74 re:ratio submitted	9-6-74 9-9-74 9-9-74	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 50 W. Douglass (State Bank Center), Freeport, Illinois (Main)	GRANTED	3-13-75
BR-1786 R & F P.N. Press	7-30-76 8-2-76 SEP 17 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) AMENDED 6-2-77 to change name of applicant to "Bradford-Ross Associates, Inc." JUN 15 1977	GRANTED	2-8-78
BAL-8913 R & F ALSO SEE FM (Form 314)	1-17-77 1-21-77 Pub notice filed 2-8-77	Voluntary assignment of license to BRADFORD-ROSS ASSOCIATES, INC. Atty - Victor E. Ferrall, Jr. AMENDED 3-21-77 - bank ltr re loan	GRANTED EFF:	4/22/77 5/31/77

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WFRL 1570khz

ILLINOIS BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name: X Bradford-Ross Associates, Inc.

Station Location: Freeport, Illinois

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR790801YQ PRESS OCT 5 1979		Renewal of License (Main & Aux. Trans.) Atty.: Peter F. Garvin, III	GRANTED 2-22-80
BZ 781017AA R & F AMEND DM PRESS SEP 30 1980	10-17-78 5-7-80 1-25-80	DIRECT MEASUREMENT Atty: Linda K. Smith(Crowell & Moring)	GRANTED 10-10-80
BAL800820HK FORM 314 PRESS SEP 17 1980 PN FILED 9-15-80 (ALSO SEE WXXQ-FM)		Voluntary AL to Illinois Broadcasting Company. Atty: Assignor: Victor E. Farrall, Jr. (Crowell & Moring) Assignee: William M. Barnard (Kenkel & Barnard)	GRANTED 10-30-80 EFF: 12-1-80
BP810804AP PRESS(O)		CP to incr. DA-D hgt. of East Tower No.1 from an overall hgt. of 203 ft. to an overall hgt. of 513 ft.,maintaining the present electrical hgt. of 115 degrees. Atty: William M Barnard Major Envir. Action.	

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March 1979

BAL-800820HK Amended 10-7-80 re: Purchase Agreement assignor's Exhibit I-3, paragraph 2 Assignee has elected the term sale option & Financial plan II enclosed.

AMENDED 11-3-80 re: Financial Data.

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 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. 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.