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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL

WILL-FM 4-8-54

Date first licensed September 30, 1942

Call letters -W-I-U-C-
LOCATION: URBANA, ILLINOIS

Name of licensee UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS , BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RR#2, Willow Branch Twp., nr. Monticello, Ill.(PED 8-6-68)
xRobert Allerton Park, RR #2, Monticello, Ill.(redescrip) LED 7-21-55)
x Approx. 3.5 miles southwest of Monticello, Ill.
x 1010 South Wright Street, Urbana, Illinois (Mod. C.P. 6-17-42(Lic. 9-30-42

Transmitter location xSouth of Champaign, Illinois.(C.P. 7-16-41)

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Main studio location 1010 South Wright St. Urbana, Illinois

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From—	Period To—
B4-PED-21	7-16-41	42,900	250w Special for FM	U	9-16	3-16-42
C.P. for new non-commercial educational station.						
B4-MPED-8	3-19-42	42,900	250w Special	U	9-16	7-16-42
Mod. C.P. (B4-PED-21, which authorized new nom-commercial educ. B/C station) for ext. of completion date only.						
B4-MPED-13	6-17-42	42,900	250w Special	U	6-27	8-26-42
Mod. C.P. (B4-PED-21, as mod. & which authorized new non-commercial educ. B/C sta.) for change in transmitter location, changes in antenna, & ext. of C. & C. dates.						
B4-LED-7	9-30-42	42,900	250w Special	U	9-30	5-1-43
Lic. to cover C.P. (B4-PED-21, as mod. & which authorized new non-commercial educational broadcast station).						
B4-RED-5	4-20-43	42,900	250w	U	5-1	5-1-44
Renewal of license.						
B4-RED-5	4-25-44	Same	Same	U	5-1-44	5-1-45
Renewal of License						
B4-RED-5	4-24-45	Same	Same	Same	5-1-45	5-1-46
Renewal of License						
Letter	4-4-46	Asgd frequency of 91.5 megacycles (Ch. #218).				
B4-SED-5	4-20-46	Extension of license			5-1	7-1-46
Letter	5-8-46	Authority to operate on 42,900 kc until 9-1-46.				
B4-RED-5	8-7-46	Extension of license			8-7	5-1-47
Telegram	12-20-46	Temporary assignment is 44.7 mc effective 1-1-47 or as soon thereafter as equipment may be modified, in no event later than 2-1-47				
BPED-81	3-24-47	91.5 No. 218	100w Terr: 200'	U	By 5-24-47 to 11-24-47	
C. P. to change frequency, install new transmitter and to make changes in antenna system.						
BMED-5	4-23-47	Renewal of license			5-1-48	

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL

Date first licensed .....

Call letters ~~W-I-U-C~~ WILL-FM

Name of licensee UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Mcs Freq.	KW Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
	6-26-47	91.7	(No. 219		
	Freq. assignment	accord. D o 6758)			
Telegram	11-13-47	Relet Nov. 5. If construction complete accor. CP may file application for license and go on program tests accor. sec. 3.517 rules prior to expiration CP Nov. 24. Additional time to construct if needed should be requested on form 701. Sec. 3.252 and 3.253 rules concerning approved frequency and modulation monitor requirement waived forperiod ending Feb. 24, 1948. Form 310 application for license being mailed today.			
BRED-5	4-28-48	Renewal of licesne (based on freq. 91.7 mcs)			5-1-48 to 9-1-50
BLED-18	6-21-48	License 91.7 mc	to cover 100 w	BPED-81 200 ft.	6-21-48 to 9-1-50
BPED-161	8-23-50	89.9	320 kw Terr:	U 580 ft. to	10-23-50 4-23-51
	CP to make chg. in existing Non-Com. Ed. FM b/c sta.				
BRED-5	8-31-50	Renewal of license to			9-1-53.
BMPED-236	3-28-51	Ext. of compl. date to			8-15-51
BMPED-243	7-20-51	Ext. of compl. date to			11-15-51
BMPED-245	11-2-51	Ext. of compl. date to			5-15-52
BMPED-253	5-7-52	Ext. of compl. date to			11-15-52
BMPED258	10-17-52	Ext. of compl. date to			5-15-53
BMPED-261	4-29-53	Ext. of compl. date to			11-15-53
BRED-5	8-19-53	Renewal of license to			9-1-56
BMPED-269	10-8-53	Ext. compl. date to			5-15-54
BMPED-278	4-26-54	Extension of compl date to			11-15-54
BMPED-280	9-2-54	Mod CP to change type ant 99.9mc, 300kw, Terr 500'			11-2-54 ~~5-2-55~~

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

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Name of licensee UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BMPED-292	4-13-55	Mod. of C.P. (BPED-161,as modified) to EXTEND completion date to			6-1-55
Wire 6-1-55 RELET ATTY 23. Interim op. re BPED-161, 10kw TPO period ending 9-1-55.					
BMPED-295 BMPED-299	6-1-55	Mod. of BPED-161 as mod. by Extension of completion date to			12-1-55
BLED-174 Tower:500ft.	7-21-55	License to cover BPED-161 as modified 90.9mc; 300kwERP-			TO 12-1-55
Wire 8-25-55 RELET ATTY 22. Auth. op with reduced power of 10kw to 12-1-55					
BRED-5	11-9-55	Renewal of license to			12-1-58 L
BRED-5	11-5-58	Renewal of license to			12-1-61
BRED-5	11-9-61	Renewal of license			12-1 12-1-64
BRED-5	11-9-64	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-67
BRED-5	11-24-67	Renewal of License & NDEA			12-1 12-1-70
BPED-915 HAAT:850'	8-6-68 (H&V) CP for chgs.	90.9mc #215	ERP:105kw(H&V) TPO:20kw	U	RC 10-6-68 4-6-69
BSCA-878	8-13-68	SCA on 67kcs through			12-1-70
BMPED-610 (1)	3-18-69	MP(BPED-915)ext. time to			10-6-69
BMPED-652 (2)	9-22-69	MP(BPED-915, as mod.) ext. time to			12-31-69
BPED-1,086 (L)	3-31-70	90.9mc TPO: 1 kw HAAT: 850' (H&V) CP install new Auxiliary trans, at Main trans. loc.; to be operated on 90.9 mc, chg. ERP:, TPO:, & HAAT For Auxiliary Purposes Only.	ERP: 5.3kw (H&V)		11-31-70 (AUX)
BLED-757 (L)	3-25-70	Lic.(BPED-915)for changes. 90.9mc, 105kw(H&V), HAAT 850' TPO 20kw			12-1-70
BLED-798 HAAT: 850'(H&V) (L)	7-24-70	90.9mc Lic.(BPED-1,086) chg. ant trans, ERP:, TPO:, & HAAT:	ERP: 5.3kw (H&V) TPO: 1 kw		12-1-70 (Aux.)
Ltr.	12-15-70	Trans: (Main) RCA BTF-20-B1			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

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Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BRED-5 BRSCA-878	11-25-70	RENEWAL MAIN&AUX.&NDEA RENEWAL OF SCA			12-1-73
EBSA BRED-5(L) BRSCA-878	5-15-72 11-28-73 11-28-73	RENEWAL OF MAIN & AUX. RENEWAL OF SCA			12-1-76
BRED-5(S) BRSCA-878	4-18-77	Renewal of License SCA			12-1-79
BRED-5{S} Trans. BRSCA-878	4-18-77	Supersedes auth. to add Aux. Main & Aux.			12-1-79
BMSCA-511	12-2-77	Mod of SCA chg programming			12-1-79
BRED- 790726UR{S} BRSCA " " "	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE MAIN & AUX. " " " SCA			12-1-82

Form 94 #1

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL

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Name University of Illinois, Board of Trustees (400 S. Wright St., University Campus, Urbana, Ill.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B4-PED-21 Rec'd	3-18-41 4-14-41	Construction permit for a new non-commercial educational broadcast station to be operated on 42,900 kilocycles, 250 watts, unlimited hours and special emission for frequency modulation.	GRANTED	7-16-41
B4-MPED-8 Rec'd.	2-6-42 2-16-42	Modification of C.P. (B4-PED-21), which authorized a new non-commercial educational broadcast station, for extension of completion date only, from March 16, 1942 to July 16, 1942.	GRANTED	3-19-42

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Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B4-MPED-13 Rec'd	5-21-42 5-27-42	Mod. of C.P. (B4-PED-21, as mod. & which authorized new non-commercial educational B/C sta.) for change in transmitter location from South of Champaign, Illinois to 1010 S. Wright St., Urbana, Illinois, for change in antenna system and for ext. of C. & C. dates from 9-16-41 and 7-16-42 to 10 days after grant hereof and 60 days thereafter, respectively.	GRANTED	6-17-42
B4-LED-7	8-19-42	License to cover C.P. (B4-PED-21, as mod. & which authorized new non-commercial educational broadcast station).	[redacted] GRANTED	9-30-42
B4-RED-5 Recd Resubmitted	2-26-43 3-1-43 3-31-43	Renewal of license	~~Ret. 3-18-43, Form 313 Ter.~~ GRANTED	4-20-43

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL
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Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B4-RED-5 Recd Resubmitted Recd	2-17-44 2-21-44 2-17-44 3-1-44	Renewal of license.	~~Ret. 2-23-44; Form 319 not submitted.~~ GRANTED	4-25-44
B4-RED-5 Recd. Filed	3-6-45 3-9-45 3-31-45	Renewal of license	GRANTED	4-24-45
B4-RED-5 Recd. Filed	2-26-46 3-4-46 3-12-46	Renewal of license Filed by Clair L. Stout	GRANTED	8-7-46
BPED-81 Recd Filed	2-4-47 2-11-47 2-11-47	C.P. to change frequency from 42.9 mc to 91.5mc, emission to A3, and install new transmitter, and antenna system. (Raytheon Mfg. Co., Type RF-250, 250watts)	GRANTED	3-24-47

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL B/C

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Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRED-5 Recd Filed	2-26-47 3-6-47 3-6-47	Renewalof licmnse Filed by Thomas W.Wilson,Atty.	GRANTED	4-23-47
BLED-18 Rec'd Filed	11-21-47 11-26-47 11-26-47 66	License to cover C. P. (BPED-81 which authorized changes in noncommercial educational broadcast station). Filed by Thomas W. Wilson, Attorney	GRANTED	6-21-48
BRED-5 Rec'd Filed	2-26-48 3-1-48 3-1-48	Renewal of License Filed by Thomas W. Wilson, Att'y.	GRANTED	4-28-48
BPED-161 Recd & Filed	6-9-50 6-15-50	Construction permit to make changes in existing Non-Comm. Educa. FM b/c station to change frequency from 91.7 mc. to 89.9 mc.; operating power from 250 watts to 50 kw.; transmitter site from 1010 South Wright St., Urbana , Ill. to RFD, Monticello, Ill.; type of transmitter to RCA, BTF-50A, 50 kw. & make changes in antenna system Filed by Thomas Wilson, Atty.	GRANTED	8-23-50

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Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRED-5 Recd & Filed	6-19-50 6-27-50	Renewal of license. Filed by Francis McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED	8-31-50
BMPED-238 Recd Filed	3-19-51 3-21-51 3-21-51	Mod. of CP (BPED-161) which authorized changes in Non-Commercial Educational FM b/c station for extension of completion date from 4-23-51 to 8-15-51 Filed by John P. Carr, Att'y	GRANTED	3-28-51
BMPED-343 Rec'd Filed	7-6-51 7-13-51 7-13-51	Mod. of CP (BPED-161) which authorized changes in Non-Commercial Educational FM b/c station for extension of completion date from 8-15-51 to 11-15-51.	GRANTED	7-20-51
BMPED-245 Recd & Filed	10-18-51 10-23-51	Mod. of C.P. (B PED-161) which authorized changes in Non-Commercial Educational FM b/c station for extension of completion date from 11-15-51 to 5-15-52. Filed by John P. Carr, Atty.	GRANTED	11-2-51

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Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPED-253 Recd.&Filed	4-8-52 4-11-52	Mod. of C.P. (BPED-161) which authorized changes in Non Comm. Ed. FM B/c station for extension of completion date from 5-15-52 to 11-15-52. Filed by Thomas W.Wilson, Atty.	GRANTED	5-7-52
BMPED-258 Recd.&Filed	10-2-52 10-7-52	Mod. of C.P.)BPED-161 which authorized changes in Non-Com. Ed. FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 11-15-52 to 5-15-53. Filed by John P. Carr, Atty.	GRANTED	10-17-52
BMPED-261 Recd&Filed	4-11-53 4-20-53	Mod. of C.P. (BPED-161 which authorized changes in Non-Com. Ed. FM B/c Sta) for extension of completion date from 5-15-53 to 11-15-53. Filed by Alfred C. Cordon Jr.,Atty	GRANTED	4-29-53
BRED-5 Recd. & Filed	5-18-53 5-26-53	~~Renewal of license.~~ Filed by John P. Carr, atty	GRANTED	8-19-53

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Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPED-269 Recd&Filed	9-24-53 9-28-53	Mod. of CP (BPED-161 as mod. which authorized changes in Non-Comm ED FM Bc Sta) for extension of completion date from 11-15-53 to 5-15-54. Filed by Alfred C. Cordon, Jr. Atty.	GRANTED	10-8-53
BMPED-278 Recd&Filed	3-25-54 4-5-54	Mod. of CP (BPED-161 as mod.) for extension of completion date from 5-15-54 to 11-15-54 Filed by Alfred C. Cordon, Jr. Atty.	GRANTED	4-26-54
BMPED-280 Recd & Filed	8-6-54 8-11-54	Mod. of CP (BPED-161 as mod., which auth. changes in Non-Comm ED FM B/cg Sta.) change freq. fm 89.9 mcs. to 90.9 mcs.; ERP from 320 kw to 301 kw; Discription of Trans. location to Allerton Park, Univ. of Ill., 3.5 mi. s.w. of Monticello.; Chg. Ant. Ter. fm 580 ft. to 498.6 ft.; and type of ant. to Andrew,01308, 8 section.	GRANTED	9-2-54 ERP 300kw
BMPED-292 Recd. & filed 4-5-55	3-31-55	Mod. of C. P. (BPED-161 as mod.which authorized changes in Educa. B.c Station) for extension of compeltion date to 6-1-55.	GRANTED	4-13-55

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Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPED-295 Recd. & filed	5-11-55 5-23-55	Mod. of C. P. (BPED-161 as mod. which authorized changes in Educational FM B/c station) for extension of completion date from 6-1-55 to 12-1-55. Al Gordon, atty	GRANTED	6-1-55
BLED-174 Recd & filed	5-11-55 6-16-66	License to cover C.P. (BPED-161 as Mod. which authorized changes in licensed station) A. Gordon, atty (	GRANTED	7-21-55
BRED-5 Recd & filed	8-29-55 9-2-55	Renewal of license Dow, Lohnes, & Albertson, atty	GRANTED	11-9-55
BRED-5 Rec'd Filed	8-27-58 9-5-58 9-5-58	Renewal of License. Francis X. McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED	11-5-58

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name ...UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, BOARD OF TRUSTEES.....
Urbana, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRED -5 R. & F.	7-17-61 8-30-61	Renewal of License. Atty: Dow, Lohnes and Albertson	GRANTED	11-9-61
BRED-5 R&F	8-18-64 8-27-64	Renewal of license. Atty: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED	11-9-64
BRED-5 R & F SEP 1 3 1967	8-14-67 8-22-67	Renewal of license Atty- Daniel W. Toohey	GRANTED	11-24-67
BSCA-878 R & F JUL 3 0 1968	7-15-68 7-16-68	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kcs. Atty - Daniel W. Toohey(Dow, Lohnes etc.)	GRANTED	8-13-68
BPED-915 R & F JUL 3 0 1968	7-15-68 7-16-68	CP install new trans(RCA-BTF-20E); new ant (RCA-BFC-12, 12 sects); make chg.in ant. system(incr. hght); chg. TPO 20kw; chg. ERP 107kw; operate with vert. ERP 107kw; chg. HAAT 851 ft; chg. trans. loc. to RR#2 nr. Monticello, Ill. & operate trans. by RC from studio. Atty - Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes etc.) Engr: William V. Weakley	GRANTED	8-6-68

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Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, BOARD OF TRUSTEES
URBANA, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BMPED-610 R & F MAR 11 1969	2-28-69 3-3-69	MP(BPED-915) ext. time to ___ (FOR CHGS.)	GRANTED to	3-18-69 10-6-69
BMPED-652 R & F No Fee Required SEP 16 1969	9-8-69 9-10-69	MP (BPED-915, as mod) ext. time to 12-31-69. (For Changes) Atty: Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED to	9-22-69 12-31-69
BLED-757 R & F PTA PRESS	11-21-69 11-24-69 12-4-69	Lic.(BPED-915) for changes. Atty: Daniel W. Toohey(Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	3-25-70

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Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, BOARD OF TRUSTEES
URBANA, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPED-1,086 Rec'd FEE NOT REQUIRED PRESS: MAR 26 1970	3-10-70 3-16-70	CP install new Auxiliary Trans(RCA-BTF-1E2); at Main Trans. locat on; to be operated on 90.9mc #215, TPO: 1kw; ERP: 5.34kws; operate with vert; ERP: 5.34kws; HAAT: 851 feet. For Axuiliary Purposes Only. Atty: Daniel W. Toohey(Dow, Lohnes Etc).	GRANTED	3-31-70
BLED-798 R & F FTA PRESS JUL 14 1970	4-21-70 4-27-70 5-4-70	Lic.(BPED-1.086) for Auxiliaty Transmitter Atty: Earl R. Stanley(Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	7-24-70
BRED-5 BRSCA-878 R & F PN Recd. PRESS OCT 12 1970	8-20-70 " 8-26-70 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) RENEWAL OF SCA Daniel W. Toohey,Atty.(Dow,Lohnes,Albertson)	GRANTED	11-25-70

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ED FM 90.9 mc

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Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, BOARD OF TRUSTEES
URBANA, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRED-5	8-27-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY)	GRANTED	11-28-73
BRSCA-878	"	RENEWAL OF SCA		
R & F	9-4-73	Daniel W. Toohey, Atty. (Dow, & Albertson)		
PN Recd.	"			
PRESS	OCT 10 1973			
BRED-5	7-28-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY)		
BRSCA-878	"	RENEWAL OF SCA	Granted	4-18-77
R & F	8-2-76			
PN Recd.	"	RESPONSE TO INFORMAL OBJECTION TO APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENSE filed 11-12-76 by Daniel W. Toohey, Counsel on behalf of University of Illinois, Board of Trustees		
PRESS	SEP 8 1976	AMENDED 11-19-76 re: programming		

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name University of Illinois, Board of Trustees
Urbana, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMSCA-511 R & F PRESS: NOV 21 1977	10-14-77 10-26-77	Modification of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to make changes in programming. REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTIONS 73.503(d) and 75.593(a) OF THE COMMISSION RULES. Atty: Fredrick D. Cooke, Jr. (Dow, Lohnes,)	GRANTD	12-2-77
BRED 790726 BRSCA " PRESS SEP	UR 14 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) RENEWAL OF SCA Frederick D. Cooke,Jr.,Atty.	GRANTED	11-30-79

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.