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FM B/C

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed March 22, 1963

Call letters W D E K (EFF: 10-12-76) X W L B K - FM

Station location DeKalb, Illinois

Name of licensee DEKALB RADIO STUDIOS, INC.

West side of Illinois 23, just South of Keslinger Road, Dekalb, Illinois (PH 3-24-80)
Transmitter location X711 North First Street, DeKalb, Illinois

60115
Main studio location X Same as transmitter
711 North First Street, Dekalb, Illinois (PH 3-24-80)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPH-3294 HAAT:160'	4-5-61	99.1mcs Ch. 256	3.1-kw TPO:1-kw	Unl.	6-5-61 12-5-61
Construction permit for a new FM broadcast Station.					
BMPH-6940 (1)	10-25-61	Mod. of CP(BPH-3294) to chg. type transmitter.(ITA FM-1000C)			
BPH-3708 HAAT:160'	5-3-62	92.5mcs Ch.223	ERP:3.1kw TPO:1kw	Unl.	7-8-62 1-8-62
CP to chg. freq.; install new ant. (Andrew 1304-1, 4 section);					
BLH-2023 BLH-2131 HAAT:160'	3-22-63	92.5mcs Ch.223	ERP:3.1kw TPO:1kw	Unl.	3-22 12-1-64
Lic. to cover CP(BPH-3294, as mod.) which auth. a new FM Broadcast Station & Lic. to cover CP (BPH-3708) which auth. chg. freq. & install new ant.					
BRH - 1437	11-20-64	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-67
BTC-4733 NOT CONSUMMATED Ltr 6-9-65	4-15-65	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp.from George C.Biggar and Genevieve C.Biggar to John J. Dixon			
BTC-4847 Eff:	6-30-65	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of lic.corp.by George C.Biggar & Genevieve C.Biggar,Husband & Wife,thru purchase of stock from John J.Dixon & Louise F.Dixon			
BTC-4867 Eff: 8-30-65	8-24-65	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp.from George C.Biggar & Genevieve C. Biggar,Husband & Wife, TO Jerome F.Cerny (100%)			
BRH-1437	11-24-67	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-70
BPH-6511 HAAT: 155' Cond'l	3-11-69 (h&v)	92.5mc. ch#223 CP install new trans; new ant; chg. TPO, ERP and HAAT;	ERP: 9.5kw(h&v) TPO: 5kw		U 11-11-69

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W L B K-FM

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
LH-4595(L)	3-6-70	Lic. for changes(Main)			12-1-70
BLH-4596(L)	3-6-70	Lic. to use former Main transmitter for Aux. Purposes			12-1-70
BRH-1437	11-25-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE MAIN & AUXILIARY			12-1-73
EBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-1437(S)	1-21-74	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary)			12-1-76
EBSA	10-12-76	issued in new call sign			
BSCA-1634	8-31-76	SCA on 67 Kilohertz			12-1-79
BMSCA-482	3-2-77	Mod of SCA to mkechg in programming			
BRH-1437(L)	11-23-76	Renewal of License			12-1-79
BMSCA791025AK	11/20/79	MSCA			12/1/82
BR790802YB BRSCA"	2-29-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA			12-1-82
BPH790424AB HAAT: 490' (L)	3-24-80 (H&V)	92.5mhz ERP: 20kw (H&V) CP to incre. ERP, HAAT, and install new antenna.			3-24-81 TL, ant. sys,
BLH-800929AC HAAT:490'(H&V) (L)	11-28-80	92.5mHz ERP: 20kW(H&V) License to cover (BPH-790424AB) for changes.			12-1-82
BLH-801201AN HAAT:155'(H&V) (L)	2-20-81	92.5mHz ERP:9.5kW(H&V) License to operate formerly authorized main facilities as auxiliary.			12-1-82

FORM BC-121
AUG 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters new WLBK-FM

Name DEKALB RADIO STUDIOS, INC.
DeKalb, Illinois (P.O. - 711 North First Street, DeKalb, Ill)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-3294 Rec'd Filed	2-15-61 2-17-61 2-17-61	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 99.1mc CH 256 ERP - 3.14kw Type transmitter - GATES FM 1B Type antenna - ANDREW 1304-2 (4 section) HAAT 159.4 ft Trans. location - 711 North First Street DeKalb, Illinois Studio location - Same as transmitter Atty. - Robert M. Booth, Jr. Engr. - Walter F. Kean, Riverside, Ill.	GRANTED HAAT: ERP: Cond'l re power determination of WLBK	4-5-61 160' 3.1-kw
BMPH-6940 Rec'd&Filed	9-13-61 9-15-61	Modification of CP(BPH-3294 which auth. a new FM Broadcast station) to change type transmitter to an ITA, FM-1000C r/p 1kw. Robert M. Booth, Jr.	GRANTED	10-25-61

FORM BC-121 #2
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W L B K-FM

Name DeKALB RADIO STUDIOS, INC.
DeKalb, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-7037 R & F	11-24-61 11-29-61	Modification of CP(BPH-3294, as mod., which auth. a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 12-5-61 to 2-5-62. Atty. - Robert M. Booth, Jr.	DISMISSED as moot	2-12-62
BLH-2023 R & F	12-2-61 12-4-61	License to cover C.P. (BPH-3294 as modified) which authoriz ed a new FM Broadcast Station. Atty. Booth	GRANTED Issued with BLH-2131	3-22-63
BPH-3708 R & F	3-28-62 3-30-62	Construction permit to change frequency from 99.1mc CH 256 to 92.5mc CH 223; install new antenna(ANDREW 1304-1, 4 section) change HAAT to 158.9 ft Atty. - Robert M. Booth, Jr. Engr. - Walter F. Kean, Riverside, Ill.	GRANTED	5-8-62

FORM BC-121 #3
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WIBK-FM

Name DEKALB RADIO STUDIOS, INC.
DeKalb, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLH-2131 R & F	5-29-62 5-31-62	Lic to cover CP (BPH-3708) which auth a chg in frequency, install of new antenna, and chg in HAAT Atty: Robert M. Booth, Jr.	GRANTED Issued with BLH-2023	3-22-63
BRH-1437 Rec'd Filed	9/3/64 9/14/64 10/12/64	Renewal of license Atty. Booth & Lovett	GRANTED	11-20-64
BTC-4733 R & F	12-18-64 12-23-64	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corp. from George C. Biggar and Genevieve C. Biggar to John J. Dixon Atty - Robert M. Booth, Jr.	GRANTED NOT CONSUMMATED LTR 6-9-65	4-15-65

FORM BC-121 #4
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters W L B K-FM

Name DEKALB RADIO STUDIOS, INC.
DeKalb, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-4847 R & F (Form 316)	6-12-65 6-14-65	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corp. by George C. Biggar & Genevieve C. Biggar, Husband & Wife, thru purchase of stock from John J. Dixon & Louise F. Dixon Atty. - Booth & Lovett	GRANTED EFF:	6-30-65
BTC-4867 R & F	7-10-65 7-20-65	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from George C. Biggar and Genevieve C. Biggar, Husband & Wife, TO Jerome F. Cerny (100%) Atty. Booth & Lovett for transferor Dempsey & Koplovitz for transferee	GRANTED Eff:	8-24-65 8-30-65
BRH-1437 R & F SEP 21 1967	8/15/67 9/5/67	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-24-67

F.C.C. · WASHINGTON, D. C.

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AUG. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WLBK-FM

Name DEKLAB RADIO STUDIOS, INC.
DEKALB, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-6511 R&F #471930 $75 DEC 4 1968	9-24-68 11-13-68 11-13-68	CP install new trans(Gates-FM-5H); install new antenna (~~Gates-FMC-4A, 4 sector~~); chg. ERP 9.5kw; and HAAT 154 feet.: TPO: 5kw.(circularly polarized)	GRANTED Cond'l submit 302's for WLBK	3-11-69
AMENDMENT R & F PRESS: JAN 21 1969 over	1-2-69 1-6-69	Re chg. type ant. (Gates FMC-4A).		
BLH-4595 R & F #531596 $30. PTA Amended	7-22-69 7-28-69 7-28-69 8-5-69 8-19-69	Lic.(BPH-6511)for changes, Main Transmitter. re HAAT	GRANTED	3-6-70

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

SPH-6511 - AMENDED 2-17-69 in resp. to Comm. ltr. 1-15-69 re Sect. IV A.

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W L B K-FM

Name DEKALB RADIO STUDIOS, INC.
DeKalb, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLH-4596 R & F #531597 $30. PTA AMENDED	7-22-69 7-28-69 7-28-69 8-5-69 8-19-69 MAR 2 1970	License to use former Main Trans. (ITA ELEC. CORP., FM-1000C) for Auxiliary Purposes Only. re ERP.	GRANTED	3-6-70
BRH-1437 R & F P.N.	7-31-70 8-11-70 8-11-70 AUG 18 1970	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) AMENDED 9-28-70 re: programming: commercial practices	GRANTED	11-25-70
Annual filing fee $202.96 paid 11-9-70 #642208. Credit $169.12 to FM fees 1971.				
BRH-1437 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	8-20-73 8-30-73 " 14 SE. 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY)	GRANTED	1-21-74

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May 1976
12-63

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

92.5 mgc

Call Letters W D E K
X WLBK-FM

Name DEKALB RADIO STUDIOS, INC.
DEKALB, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-1437 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-28-76 8-2-76 AUG 20 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) AMENDED 11-15-76 re: prog. & commercial matter.	Granted	11-23-76
BSCA-1634 Rec'd Filed 596871$50 604738$50. CODE 001 PRESS	7-21-76 7-26-76 8-20-76 7-30-76 8-20-76 AUG 24 1976	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 KHz Atty-----	GRANTED	8-31-76

No. 8 92.5MHz

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W D E K

Name Dekalb Radio Studios, Inc.
Dekalb, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMSCA-482 R & F PRESS	1-24-77 FEB 21 1977	Modification of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to make changes in programming and equipment Atty---- V	GRANTED	3-2-77
BPH 790424AB PRESS: ACCEPTED OCT 2-'79	CUT OFF NOV 15 '79	Construction permit to incr ERP: 20KW H&V ; HAAT:487.5'H&V; chg TL: West side of Ill. 23, just So. of Keslinger Rd., DeKalb,Illinois install new ant (HARRIS FMH-6AE,6 sections H&V; make chgs in ant sys (incr hght); oper by remote control from main studio loc:711 North First St., DeKalb,Illinois 41 52 33 88 45 16 MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305	GRANTED	3-24-80

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92.5 mhz

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W D E K

Name: DeKALB RADIO STUDIOS, INC.

Station Location: DeKALB, ILLINOIS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRH 790802 YB BRSCA 790802 YB PRESS SEP 21 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA	GRANTED 2-29-80
BMSCA791025AK PRESS (0) NOV 15 1979		Mod. of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to make changes in Programming and Equipment..	GRANTED 11/20/79
BLH-800929AC PTA PRESS OCT 24 1980		License to cover (BPH-790424AB) for changes. Atty:--	GRANTED 11-28-80

Form BC-121
March 1979

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WDEK

Name: DEKALB RADIO STUDIOS, INC.

Station Location: DEKALB, ILLINOIS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BLH-801201AN PTA PRESS	JAN 2 1981	License to operate formerly authorized main facilities as auxiliary transmitter. Atty: ---	GRANTED 2-20-81

Form BC-121
March 1979

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.