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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD (HIGH FREQUENCY)

Official No. #303

~~WKOX~~ X WJOI (EFF: 3-4-74)

SEE CARD NO. 2 FOR CALL SIGN

X WMAQ-FM

Date first licensed 4-1-49

Call letters W-62-C-

LOCATION: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Name of licensee NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter location

John Hancock Center 875 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago, Ill (BPH-10-6-69)

X 20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

X Wacker Drive & Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois

~~20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois (Mod. C.P. 7-3-41~~

Main studio location

Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago, Illinois

X North Bank Drive, Chicago, Illinois (60654)

X 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

~~222 N. Bank Dr., Chicago, Illinois~~

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Service Power Area (Sq. Mi.)	Time Div.	Period From— To—
(Letter B4-PH-31)	12-5-40	46,300	10,800	Subject filing Mod.	
	C.P. for transmitter and antenna system				
For new H.F.B. Station at Chicago, Illinois					
B4-PH-31, B4-MPH-23	7-3-41	46,300	10,800	U	9-3 3-3-42
	C.P. & Mod. C.P. for changes in antenna system and transmitter for new H.F.B. station at Chicago.				
B4-MPH-69	2-26-42	same	same	U	3-[illegible] 12-3-42
	Mod. of C.P. (B4-PH-31) as modified & which authorized a new H.F.B. station, for ext. of completion date only, from 3-3-42 to 12-3-42.				
B4-PH-137 CP issued	6-14-47	101.1	25 kw	U	By 8-14-47 to 2-14-48
BLH-317	4-1-49	Lic. to cover C.P. (BPH-137 as mod).			4-1-49 to 12-1-50
C.P. CANCELLED & CALL LETTERS DELETED AS OF 7-21-42 IN ACCORDANCE PERMITTEE'S LETTER OF 6-29-42 IN RETURNING C.P. FOR CANCELLATION.					
BMPH-1369	1-23-48	Ext. of completion date to			5-15-48
BMPH-1443	3-24-48	101.1 mc Ch#266	24 kw. Terr: 610'	U	By 8-14-47 to 5-15-48
MOD of C.P. to change ERP, ant. hgt. above terrain, and make changes in ant. system					
BMPH-1858	5-4-48	Ext. of completion date			to 7-14-48
BMPH-2177	6-30-48	Ext. of completion date to			10-14-48
Subj. to cond. that constr. be completed or interim op. be commenced on or before exp. date.					
BLH-317	4-1-49	Lic. to cover C.P. (BPH-137 as mod).			4-1-49 to 12-1-50.
Telegram	3-31-49	STA transmit multiplex facsimile with waiver Sec. 3.266 prescribing max. 3 hr. operation limitation between 7 am and Midnight purpose of testing and operatin facsimile equip. during NAB convention for period 4-1-49 to 4-15-49.			

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Card #2

W K Q X (EFF: 1-6-77)

Date first licensed

Call letters X W M A Q-FM

Name of licensee NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

John Hancock Center 875 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago, Ill (BPH-10-6-69)

Transmister location X 20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois
X WACKER DRIVE & MADISON STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

North Bank Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Main studio location X 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BLH-317	4-1-49	Lic. to cover C. P. (BPH-137 as Mod.) (Correcting geographic coordinates)			4-1-49 to 12-1-50
BSH-303	11-29-50	Extension of license.			12-1-50 to 3-1-51.
BSH-303	2-21-51	Extension of license			to 6-1-51.
BRH-303	5-29-51	Renewal of license to			12-1-51.
BRH-303	11-21-51	Renewal of license 12-1-51 to 12-1-52			
BRH-303	11-13-52	Renewal of license to			12-1-55
BPH-1811 ERP 24 kw ;640'-Terr.;	5-6-53	CP to change type ant. Freq: 101.1 Mcs.			7-6-53 1-6-54
BMPH-4879	12-9-53	Ext. compl date to			8-1-54
BLH-287 BPH-1968	8-13-54 9-10-54	License to cover CP(BPH-1811) CP to make changes - install aux ant. 101.1mc 8.0kw, Terr 550'			12-1-55 11-[illegible]-54 5-10-55
BLH-1087	10-27-54	Lic. cover CP(BPH-1968)			12-1-55
BRH-303	11-9-55	Renewal of license MAIN			to 12-1-58 S
BRH-303	11-9-55	Renewal of license (Auxiliary antenna)			S to 12-1-58
BRH-303	11-25-58	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
	12-27-59	101.1mcs. 24kw	U		12-22 12-1-61
HAAT:	640'	Main & Auxiliary Antenna			(Condl)
BSCA-246	6-15-60 (67kcs.)	Subsidiary Communications Multiplex Basis to.			Authority on 12-1-61.
	11-29-61	Action on Renewal Deferred.			
BRH-303	7-13-64	Renewal of License			7-13 12-1-64
BRSCA-246	7-13-64	Subsidiary Communications on Multiplex Basis to			Authorization 12-1-64
BRH-303	12-14-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-14 12-1-67
BRH-303	11-24-67	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-70
BPH-6869 HAAT:1,170'	10-6-69	101.1mcs TPO:4.4kw Ch#266 ERP:6kw CP trans loc., trans. ant. TPO, ERP, HAAT.			12-6 6-6-70

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Card #3

Date first licensed .....

Call letters ....W M A Q-FM....

Station location ....CHICAGO, ILLINOIS....

Name of licensee .....NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.....

Transmitter location .....John Hancock Center 875 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago, Ill (BPH-10-6-69)

Main studio location .....North Bank Drive, Chicago, Illinois

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BMPH-10,929 (1) HAAT: 1,170'	1-28-70	101.1mc	ERP: 6kw (maximum) TPO: 3.2 kw		
	MP(BPH-6869), chg. TPO:, ERP:, & transmission line.				
BLH-4710(L) HAAT: 1170'	5-18-70	101.1mc	ERP:6kw(maximum) 3 kw (RMS) TPO: 3.2 kw		12-1-70
		Lic.(BPH-6869 as mod) for chg. ant, trans, ERP:, TPO:, & HAAT:			
BLH-4710(L)	5-18-70	SUPERSEDING AUTHORIZATION TO CORRECT TYPE OF ANTENNA (ADD FM to call letters			
BRH-303 BPH-7345(L) HAAT: 1170'(H&V)	12-7-70 2-4-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE 101.1mc	ERP: 6kw(H&V) TPO: to be determined		12-1-73 2-4-72
	CP chg. trans., ant., ERP & TPO.				
BLH-5154(L) HAAT:	7-22-71 1170' (H&V)	101.1	ERP: 6kw (H&V) TPO: 6.15kw		12-1-73
	Lic (BPH-7345) for changes.				
BS-303(1)	4-10-72	ML to show TPO: 6.6kw			
EBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-303(L)	11-30-73	RENEWAL			12-1-76
BSCA-1535	6-4-76	SCA	67 khz		
BRCH-1305 (1)	11-8-76	Mod. of license to change SL and operate by RC			12-1-76
COMTEL	11-2-76	RCA BTF-20E1 Alt Main Trans			
BRH-303(L) BRSCA-1535	11-17-76 " " "		RENEWAL " " "		12-1-79 " " "
EBSA	1-6-77	issued in new call sign			
BSH-303(L)	1-6-77	ML to correct transmitters & change call letters.			

Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W 63 C
~~x~~ new

Name NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.,
P.O. % RCA Frequency Bureau, ~~90 Rockefeller~~
60 Broad Street, ~~Plaza~~, New York, N.Y.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
B4-PH-31 Rec'd	8-23-40 8-24-40	C.P. for new high frequency broadcast station Frequency: 43,300 kilocycles Coverage: 12,520 square miles Population: 5,241,300 Location: studio: 222 N. Bank Drive, Chicago, Ill. Transmitter: 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill. (RCA, Type FM 50-A, Max. 50kw)	Granted 46,300 kcs. 10,800 square miles Subj.filing Mod.C.P. for trans. & antenna system Letter written	12-5-40
B4-MTH-23 Rec'd Filed	4-14-41 4-16-41 4-16-41	Mod. of C.P. (B4-PH-31, which authorized new H.F.B. Station) for changes in antenna system and to change type of transmitter. (RCA, Type FM-10-A, Max. 10kw) Population: 4,869,900	GRANTED	7-3-41

Form 94 CARD #2

HIGH FREQUENCY BROADCAST (FM)

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W 63 C

Name NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B4-MPH-69 Rec'd	1-30-42 1-31-42	Mod. of C.P. (B4-PH-31, as modified & which authorized new H.F.B. station) for extension of completion date from 3-3-42 to 12-3-42.	GRANTED	2-26-42

C.P. CANCELLED & CALL LETTERS DELETED AS OF 7-21-42 IN ACCORDANCE PERMITTEE'S LETTER OF 6-29-42 IN RETURNING C.P. FOR CANCELLATION.

Form 94 #2A

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters ~~-NEW-~~ WNAC-FM

Name NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. 60 Broad Street,
P.O. c/o RCA Frequency Bureau, ~~30 Rockefeller Plaza~~, New York, N. Y.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B4-PH-137 Recd	5-11-43 5-15-43	Construction permit for new high frequency (FM) broadcast station . (formerly W 63 C) Frequency ~~46,300 kcs~~ Coverage: ~~10,800 sq.mi.~~ Transmitter: 20 North Wacker Dr.,Chicago,Ill. Studio: " " " " "	GRANTED	6-14-47
Amended Recd. Filed	9-6-45 9-26-45 9-26-45	Amended to change frequency from 46.3 mcs. to Ch.#55, 98.9 mcs.		
Amended Recd. Filed	10-18-45 10-22-45 10-22-45	Amended to change coverage from 10,800 sq.mi. to 10,400 sq.mi.; type of transmitter from (RCA, Type FM-10-A, Max. 10kw.) to (RCA BTF-10B Max. 10kw.); [redacted] and make changes in antenna system.		

Form 94 CARD #3

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMAQ-FM

Name NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-1369 Rec'd Filed	1-12-48 1-19-48 1-19-48	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-137 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 2-14-48 to 6-15-48.	GRANTED Ext. only	1-23-48 to 5-15-48
BMPH-1443 Rec'd Filed	1-28-48 2-3-48 2-3-48	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-137 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station to change antenna height above average terrain to 610 feet; make changes in antenna system and change completion date from 5-15-48 to 180 days from date of grant.	GRANTED C & C dates not incl.	3-24-48
BMPH-1858 Recd. Filed	4-20-48 4-22-48 4-22-48	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-137as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 5-15-48 to 7-14-48.	GRANTED	5-4-48
BMPH-2177 Recd. Filed	6-14-48 6-17-48 6-17-48	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH- 137 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 7-14-48 to 9-20-48.	GRANTED 10-14-48 Subj. to cond. that constr. be comp'd. or int. be commenced on or before exp. date.	6-30-48 Ext. to

CARD #4

Form-94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMAQ-FM

Name NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLH-317 Rec'd. Filed	10-13-48 10-13-48 10-13-48	License to cover construction permit (BPH-137 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station.	GRANTED	4-1-49 to 12-1-50.
BRH-303 Recd & Filed	9-29-50 10-2-50	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	5-29-51
BRH-303 Recd & Filed	8-31-51 9-4-51	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-21-51
BRH-309 Recd. & Filed	8-29-52 9-2-52	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	11-13-52
BPH-1811 Rec'd & Filed	11-19-52 11-28-52	C.P. to make changes in licensed station to change type of ant. from RCA to Collins, 32M 4-section; overall height above ground and average terrain; 610' to 656' 625' to 758'	GRANTED	5-6-53

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMAQ-FM

Name NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-4879 Recd&Filed	11-30-53 12-1-53	Mod. CP (BPH-1811 which authorized changed in licensed station) for extension of completion date from 1-6-54 to 8-1-54. Filed by Samuel Miller, Atty	GRANTED	12-9-53
BLH-987 Recd & Filed	7-19-54 7-21-54	License to cover C.P. (BPH-1811 as mod., which author. changes in licensed station.)	GRANTED	8-13-54
BPH-1968 Recd & Filed	9-1-54 9-2-54	C.P. to make changes in licensed station - to install auxiliary antenna. Freq: 101.1 mc; Power: 5.0 kw; Terrain: 541½ ft.	GRANTED	9-10-54 Terr 550'
BLH-1007 Recd. & Filed	10-11-54 10-18-54	License to cover C.P. (BPH-1968 which authorized changes in licensed station to install auxiliary antenna, etc).	GRANTED	10-27-54
BRH-303 Recd & Filed	8-26-55 9-1-55	Renewal of license (Main)	GRANTED	11-9-55
BRH-303 Recd Filed	8-26-55 9-1-55 9-30-55	Renewal of license (Auxiliary antenna) Signed copy recd. 9-30-55	Held pending amend. re sig. GRANTED	11-9-55

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

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FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMAQ-FM

Name NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-303 Recd Filed	8-28-58 9-2-58 9-2-58	Renewal of license (Main Transmitter and Auxiliary Antenna)	GRANTED	12-22-59
BSCA-246 R & F	4-8-60 4-12-60	Request to establish a new SCA, multiplex basis to be operated on sub-carrier frequency of 67kc	GRANTED	6-15-60
BRSCA-216 Rec'd Filed	8-28-61 9-5-61 9-5-61	Renewal of Subsidiary Communications Authorization	GRANTED	7-13-64
BRH-303 Rec'd Filed	8-28-61 9-5-61 9-5-61	Renewal of license (~~[illegible]~~)	GRANTED	7-13-64
BRH-303 R & F	8/31/64 9/2/64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	12-14-64

CONTINGENT REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF EFFECTIVE DATE OF SECTION 73.242 filed 6-25-65 by Monderer for NBC

FORM BC-121 #7
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W M A Q-FM

Name NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
Chicago, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-303 R & F OCT 10 1967	9-1-67 9-5-67	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-24-67
BPH-6869 R & F #540740 $30 PRESS: SEP 30 1968	9-5-69 9-8-69 9-8-69	CP trans loc. to John Hancock Center 875 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill., trans(RCA-BTF-5E1); ant(RCA-TBF-1A, 1 sect.) make chgs. in ant(System(incr. hght); TPO 4.40kw; ERP? 4.1kw (Max 6.0kws); HAAT 1167 ft. 41° 53' 55.5" - 87° 37' 23" Atty - None	GRANTED	10-6-69
N BMPH-10,929 R & F #569094 $30 PRESS: JAN 19 1970	1-5-70 1-7-70 1-7-70	MP(BPH-6869) TPO 3.21kws. And Make changes in transmission line.	GRANTED	1-28-70

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Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMAQ-FM

Name NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
Chicago, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLH-4710 Rec'd #577413 $30. Amended & F PTA PRESS	2-10-70 2-11-70 2-11-70 2-26-70 3-2-70 MAY 12 1970	Lic.(BPH-6869, as mod.) for changes. Engr. data.	GRANTED	5-18-70
BRH-303 R & F PN Recd. PRESS SEP 18 1970	8-31-70 9-1-70 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	12-7-70
BPH-7345 R & F #651698 $50. CODE 061 PRESS: TA-2-11-71	12-16-70 12-21-70 12-21-70 13 JAN 1971 TA-5-1-71	CP install Trans(RCA-BTF-10E1); Ant(Alford Mfg, Co., Inc. 7472, 2 horiz. & vert. sects); chg. TPO: 8.13kw. chg. ERP: 6kw(h&v) and HAAT: 1173.5 feet(h&v). Atty-None. P TA - 6-25-71	GRANTED Condl	2-4-71

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

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Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

101.1 mc
WNIS-FM
Call xWJOI
Letters XWMA Q-FM

Name NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
Annual filing fee $80.00 paid 11-19-70 #645037.				
BLH-5154 R & F #W 508730$501 AC-068 PTA PRESS	6-15-71 6-16-71 6-16-71 6-25-71 JUL 9 1971	Lic.(BPH-7345) for changes.	GRANTED	7-22-71
BRH-303 R & F RN Recd. PRESS	8-14-73 8-30-73 " 27 SEP 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-30-73
BSCA-1535 R & F #493546$100 Code 001 PRESS AMENDED	10-29-75 10-31-75 11-4-75 NOV 11 1975 11-13-75	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67khz. Paragraph 7	GRANTED	6-4-76

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Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W K Q X
KWNIS-FM

Name NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
Chicago, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-303 R & F P.N. PRESS	7-23-76 7-30-76 7-30-76 OCT 1 1976	Renewal of License AMENDED 8-30-76 re: programming	GRANTED	11-17-76
BRSCA-1535 R & F	7-23-76 7-30-76	Renewal of SCA		
BRCH-1305 R & F #626879$100 PRESS	10-15-76 10-18-76 10-20-76 NOV 8 1976	Mod. of license to change studio location to and operate by remote control from: Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago, Illinois.	GRANTED	11-8-76
BRH 790731 BRSCA " PRESS	VI OCT 1 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA PETITION TO DENY filed 11-1-79 by Arnold S. Rosenberg, Counsel on behalf of Latino Committee on the Media. (OVER)	GRANTED	4-14-82

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

731128 Call sign change
PHASE 1 REFUND ACTION
761112 Call sign change
794354 (751029) Call sign change
750414 Call sign change

TRANS. CODE
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INITIALS
D.H.T.

(BRH790731VI) OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 12-14-79 by National Broadcasting Company, Inc.

OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT AND AMEND PETITION TO DENY filed 2-29-80 by Stanley S. Kaufman, Counsel on behalf of National Broadcasting Company, Inc.

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.