WCFC-TV

PRODUCT OF

Remington Rand

MADE IN U.S.A.

LIBRARY BUREAU DEPARTMENT
BRANCHES EVERYWHERE

REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE

CATALOG NO. 4550L 1/5

Form BC 126 #1 PTA 5-27-76
June 1954

COMM.TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

WCFC-TV(Eff.: 5-25-78
X W C F C (Eff: 5-26-76

Date first licensed December 28, 1976 (#789)

Call letters XWCFL-TV

Station location CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Name of licensee CHRISTIAN COMMUNICATIONS OF CHICAGOLAND, INC. (BAPCT-516 gr. 1-16-76 EFF 2-2-76)
XCHICAGO FEDERATION OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL

Transmitter location JOHN HANCOCK BUILDING, 875 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (BMPCT-7022 11-14-69
XMARINA CITY BUILDING, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Main studio location 20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois (Ltr. 9-8-77)
XTO BE DETERMINED, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPCT-3439	6-5-68	CH. 38	V-832 kw	U	8-5-68
DOC. NO. 15708		614-620	A-166 kw		2-5-69
AH: 930' MSL:1549'. CP FOR A NEW COMM.TV B/C STATION.					
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ISSUED WITHOUT CALL LETTERS					
BPCT-3439	7-24-68	(1) CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED			2-5-69
BMPCT-7022	11-14-69	Ch. 38	V-1260 kw DA	U	
BMPCT-6965	"	614-620	A-25.1 kw DA		5-14-70
AH:1250' MSL:2049'. MP (3439) chg.ERP,TL,type trans.type of antenna and AH.extend completion date.					
BMPCT-7183	4-23-70	MP(BPCT3439 as mod) to ext. date.			10-23-70
BMPCT-7255	2-16-71	MP(BPCT-3439 as mod) to ext. date			8-16-71
EBSA	5-15-72				
BAPCT-516	1-16-76	VOL ASSN OF CP			
BMPCT-7336 3	9-17-75	MP(BPCT-3439 as mod) to ext date			7-16-76
WIRE	5-28-76	Re tend. lic. appl., auth grted. oper. on PTA accord. sec. 73.629 rules and CP BMPCT-7022 & BMPCT-6965.			
BLCT-2429	12-28-78	Ch. 38	V. 1260 kW DA		12-1-79
AH: 1250' MSL: 2049' 614-620 A. 250 kW DA Lic(BPCT-3439. as mod) for a new station.					
BRCTV-415 (1)	9-28-78	remote control			
BRCT-790730KH	12-31-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			12-1-82

FORM RC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WCH

Name CHICAGO FEDERATION OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL
c/o WILLIAM A. LEE, PRESIDENT, 666 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, 60611

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-3439 R & F	10-10-64 10-13-64	Construction permit for a new Commercial Television broadcast station: Channel ~~38, 614-620~~ mcs. ERP: Vis. 836kw (Horiz), Aur. ~~418kw (Horiz)~~. Unlimited hours Transmitter location: Marina City Building, Chicago, Illinois Studio location: To be determined, Chicago, Illinois STATION LOCATION: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (RCA TTU-50B) AH: ~~928 feet~~ Eugene L. Burke-atty Walter F. Kean-engr. 19 E. Quincy St., Riverside, Illinois	GRANTED	JUN 5 1967
			Pursuant to Order adopted in Docket 15708	
AMENDED Received Filed	8-4-65 8-5-65 8-23-65	Amended pursuant to Supplement #1 to Fourth Report and Order in Docket 14229 on 6-16-65 to specify ~~CH#50, 686-692 mcs.~~ instead of CH#38, ~~614-620mcs.~~; change Aural ERP to ~~162kw (Horz)~~; and antenna height above average terrain to ~~930.25 feet~~. ATTY: Wilner and Bergson (James E. Greeley)		

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

CONDITION

The transmitter specified herein has not been type-accepted. Accordingly, prior to licensing, acceptable data shall be submitted for type acceptance in accordance with the requirements of Section 73.640 of the Rules.

CARD #2 CONDI. TV B/C

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WCFL-TV

Name CHICAGO FEDERATION OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL

CH. 38 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-3439	(CONT'D)			
AMENDED	3-21-66	AMENDED Pursuant to Fifth Report and Order in Docket #14229, to DELETE amendment filed 8-23-65 for CH. 50, 686-692 Mcs.; change in Aural ERP and antenna height above average terrain AND TO REINSTATE previous proposal for CH. 38, 614-620 Mcs.; with ERP Vis. 836 kw(Horz.), Aur. [illegible]); and antenna height above average terrain [illegible]	GRANTED	6-5-68
Recd.	3-24-66			
Filed	3-29-66			
AMENDED	6-30-66	AMENDED to reduce Aural ERP to 167kw(Horiz.) and change antenna height above average terrain to 930.25 feet.		
Rec'd	7-3-66			
Filed	7-11-66			
AMENDED	9-15-66	AMENDED to change members of the board.		
Rec'd	9-20-66			
Filed	9-26-66			

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

3

COMM. TV.

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WCFL-TV

Name CHICAGO FEDERATION OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL
CH-38 Chicago, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-6965 R & F Press #481356 $30. OVER!	1-3-69 1-6-69 JAN 13 1969 1-6-69	Mod.(BPCT-3439) to extend completion date to October, 1969. Wilner, Scheiner & Greeley, Atty. AMENDED 3-17-69 re financial.	GRANTED Issued with BMPCT-7022	11-14-69
BMPCT-7022 Rec. & filed $30 #515390 PRESS PN RECD.	5-16-69 5-19-69 5-19-69 MAY 28 1969	MP (BPCT-3439) chg. ERP to Vis. 2500 kw (Horz), Aur. 500 kw (Horz); transmitter location to John Hancock Center, Chicago, Ill (41 53 55.5 87 37 23); type of transmitters to RCA TTU-110A; type of antenna to RCA Vee-Zee, DA Special; and inc. ant. hgt. above average terrain to 1250.7 ft. Wilner, Scheiner & Greeley, Atty.	GRANTED See back of card for condition issued with BMPCT-6965	11-14-69
AMEND. R&F	11- 69	Re Sect. III.		
BMPCT-7183 R & F $30 #592092 PRESS	4-8-70 4-10-70 "	MP (BPCT-3439,as mod.)to extend completion date to December 1970. ENGR. DATA FILED 5-1-70	GRANTED	4-23-70

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

BMPCT-6965 - AMENDED 5-19-69 to show application on file for sight change.

BMPCT-7022 Condition: Authority to operate with visual ERP in excess of 1000 kw may be terminated by the Commission after 7-1-71, in the event Canada refuses to consent to a further extension.

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

Form BC-121 CARD#4
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WCFL-TV

Name CHICAGO FEDERATION OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL
CH-38 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT-7253 R & F #635200 $50 AC: 069 PRESS:	9-24-70 10-6-70 10-6-70 OCT 1 3 1970	MP(BPCT-3439 as mod.) to extend completion date to April 1971. Atty.: Wilner, Scheiner & Greeley	GRANTED	2-16-71
BAPCT-488 R & F #022201 $1000 AC: 051 PRESS: PN REC'D: GRANT FEE: GRANT FEE PAID: See Card #5 for Petitions	8-3-71 8-5-71 8-5-71 AUG 19 1971 9-2-71	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Zenith Radio Corporation. Attys.: Wilner, Scheiner & Greeley (Assignor) William S. Green (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)(Assignee) Amended 8-27-71 to submit affidavits. Amended 9-10-71 re citizenship of company's stockholders. AMENDED 9-15-71 re Assignor's legal expenses. Amended 9-27-71 to submit affidavid from Bernard J. Sullivan, CPA re financial data for assignor AEE OVER	DISMISSED COMMISSION ACTION	6-13-73

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

BAPCT-488 - Amended 11-26-71 re financial.

Amended 2-16--72 re financial.

AMENDED 5-18-72 re financial.

Amended 6-21-72 re other business interests.

Amended 9-1-72 re financial.

Amended 10-30-72 to submit affidavit of CPA re expenses of Assignor.

Ltr. from Zenith 11-24-72 re Pay Television Corporation's financing arrangements with respect to BAPCT-488.

AMENDED 12-18-72 re Sellers's Statement per requirements of Sect. 1.597(a)(3)(I) of the Rules.

AMENDED to comply with Sec. 1.597 of the Rules(12-27-72)

COMMERCIAL TV

Form BC-121 CARD#5
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters XWCFL-TV

Name CHICAGO FEDERATION OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL
CH-38 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BSTV-4 R & F #022200 $1000 AC: 071 PRESS: PN REC'D:	8-3-71 8-5-71 8-5-71 AUG 19 1971 10-15-71	Request Subscription Television Authorization CONTINGENT ON GRANT OF BAPCT-488 TO ZENITH RADIO CORPORATION. Atty.: William S. Green (Pierson, Ball & Dowd) Amended 10-28-71 re info Teco's Right Offering.	DISMISSED COMMISSION ACTION	6-13-73
BMPCT-7336 Received Filed #023922 $50 AC: 069 PRESS: Over for Petitions	8-9-71 8-11-71 8-12-71 8-12-71 AUG 19 1971	MP(BPCT-3439 as mod.) to extend completion date to January 1972. Atty.: Wilner, Scheiner & Greeley Amended 10-27-71 to submit affidavits from David Sandine & Thomas E. Haviland re fees for professional services. Atty. ltr. 11-16-72 submitting Engineering Statement re chg. site. Amended 11-7-73 re to update info.	~~DISMISSED 11-18-74 Per Sec. 1.534(a) of the Rules.~~ Ltr. 2-14-75 requesting reinstatement. ~~Designate for hearing~~ Min. MAR 12 1975 520386 GRANTED	9-17-75

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

BAPCT-488 & BMPCT-7336
PETITION TO DENY filed ~~by~~ 9-20-71 by Fletcher, Heald on behalf of Thomas L. Davis and Frederick B. Livingston.

SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION TO DENY filed 9-21-71 by Robert L. Heald for Thomas L. Davis & Frederick Livingston.

OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 10-4-71 by James E. Greeley for WCFL

OPPOSITON OF ZENITH RADIO CORPORATION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 10-4-71 by William S. Green

---

REPLY TO OPPOSITIONS TO PETITION TO DENY filed 10-15-71 by Thomas L. Davis & Frederick B. Livingston.

Ltr. 8-29-72 From Davis & Livington req. petition to deny be withdrawn.

DECISION adopted 7-24-75, released 8-8-75 FCC 75R-289 53367: ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, That the application for extension of time within which to complete construction of Station WCFL-TV, Chicago, Illinois (BMPCT-7336), filed August 11, 1971, by Chicago Federation of Labor and Industrial Union Council, IS GRANTED, and the construction permit for said station is extended for a period of six (6) months from the date of favorable Commission final action on Chicago Federation of Labor and Industrial Council's application for assignment of its construction permit to Christian Communications of Chicagoland, or in the event that said assignment application is withdrawn by the parties or dismissed by the Commission, that the construction permit of Chicago Federation of Labor and Industrial Union Council is extended for a period of six (6) months from the date of such withdrawal or disapproval. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the grant of Chicago Federation of Labor and Industrial Union Council's application for extension of time within which to complete construction of Station WCFL-TV, Chicago, Illinois (BMPCT-7336), filed on August 11, 1971, IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE to any action the Commission deems appropriate as a result of the Commission's resolution of the misrepresentation issued designated by the Commission (in its Order, FCC 74-529, released May 31, 1974) with regard to the application for renewal of license for Chicago Federation of Labor and Industrial Union Council's AM station, WCFL, Chicago, Illinois.

Form BC-121 #6
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters WCFL-TV

Name CHRISTIAN COMMUNICATIONS OF CHICAGOLAND, INC.
XXCHICAGO FEDERATION OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL
CH-38 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BSTV-4	Cont. from card #5	Ltrs. 12-14-71 from Zenith Radio Corporation pertaining to the withdrawal of Teco, Inc. of its registration statement pertaining to a Rights Offering described in that registration statement. Ltr. 11-24-72 from Zenith with respect to Pay Television Corporation's financing arrangements with respect to BSTV-4. Ltr. 11-21-72 from atty. submitting sketch to be associated with Engr. statement of 11-16-72		

Form BC-121 Card #7
September 1969

COMMERCIAL TV

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters W C F C
XWCFL-TV

CHRISTIAN COMMUNICATIONS OF CHICAGOLAND, INC.
Name XChicago Federation of Labor and Industrial Union Council
Ch-38 Chicago, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAPCT-516 R & F PN Recd. $452641 $200. AC 047 7-25-75 PRESS: (Form 314) FEE PAID AC-048	7-18-75 7-22-75 8-18-75 1 AUG 1975 2-4-76	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Christian Communications of Chicagoland, Inc. Attys.: Assignor-Greeley, Bernard & Tierney Assignee-Cohen & Berfield Ltr. 8-13-75 from James E. Greeley on behalf of WCFL-TV submitting copy of Decision in CHicago Federa tion of Labor and Industrial Union Council. Amended 8-29-75 re community needs. Amended 12-11-75 re financial. Amended 12-8-75 re financial. Amended 12-30-75 re financial. AMENDED 1-14-76 re financial Canadian Consent to 7-1-77	GRANTED EFF: 2-2-76	1-16-76

Affidavits filed 12-23-75 by James E. Greeley on behalf of WCFL-TV
Ltr. 12-23-75 re Affidavit of David N. Sandine
Ltr. 12-31-75 re Affidavit filed by James E. Greeley

8

Form BC-121
September 1969

COMM. TV

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WCFC-TV
XWCFC

Name CHRISTIAN COMMUNICATIONS OF CHICAGOLAND, INC.
Ch-38 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLCT-2495 R&F #569698$100 AC: 001 PRESS	5-16-76 5-20-76 5-21-76 8 SEP 1976	Lic. to cover (BPCT-3439, as mod.) for a new station. Atty.: Morton L. Berfield(Cohen & Berfield)	GRANTED	12-28-76
BRCTV-415 R&F PRESS	7-3-78 7-7-78 AUG	Request for auth. to oper. trans. by remote control from Kemper Insurance Building, 20 North Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill.	GRANTED	9-28-78

Canadian Consent to 7-1-79

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

CARD NO. 8

APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: COMM. TV WCFC

Name: CHRISTIAN COMMUNICATIONS OF CHICAGOLAND, INC.
CH-38

Station Location: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRCT 790730KH R & F PN REC'D PRESS '79 08 30	7-17-79 7-30-79 7-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: MORTON L. BERFIELD {COHEN AND BERFIELD}	g 12-31-79 GRANTED 12-31-79
BMLCT-800925KJ		Mod. of License to reduce Aur. ERP to 500kW (Max.), 250kW(H).	

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 radio 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.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. 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 television station history.