W B H W (TV)

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

CH 55

First licensed March 17, 1980

Call Letters W B H W

Station Location SPRINGFIELD, IL

Name WINDMILL BROADCASTING COMPANY, A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
(WILL WINGERTER, B. B. H & J., INC., AND GERALD A. BROWN, GENERAL PARTNERS)

Transmitter Location Sangamon Avenue at Interstate 55, Springfield, IL

3440 E. CLEAR LAKE, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

Main studio location X Sangamon Avenue at Interstate 55, Springfield, IL

Form BC-126
December 1978

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPCT-5037 AH:450' MSL:1040' CP for New Commercial Television Broadcast Station. Call Letters W B H W effective 1-15-79	9-22-78	Ch-55, 716-722MHz ERP:V-12kW, A-2.40kW Unl.	11-22-78 3-22-80
BLCT-790516KE AH: 450'MSL: 1040' V-12.0; A-1.20KW KW	3-17-80	LIC. TV COVER NEW STATION. CH-55; UNL. 716-722;	12-1-82
BRCCT-791025KH (1)	4-8-80	Remote Control Authority	

Form BC-121
May 1975

COMMERCIAL TV

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters (NEW) W B H W

Name WINDMILL BROADCASTING COMPANY, A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (WILL WINGERTER, B. B. H. & J., INC., AND GERALD A. BROWN, GENERAL PARTNERS)

CH-55 SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS (PO c/o Will Wingerter, 3217 S. 6th Street Rd., Springfield, IL 62703)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-5037 R & F PRESS: PNB REC'D:	3-22-77 4-4-77 MAY 19 1977 6-20-77	CP for new TV on: Freq.: Ch-55, 716-722MHz ERP: Vis. 12.13kW, Aur. 2.427kW HAAT: 453.66 ft. TL: Sangamon Ave. at Interstate #55, Springfield, Ill. (39-49-38.3 89-35-43.5) SL: Same as TL Trans.: Emcee TTU-1000B Ant.: Bogner B16U0 MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION Atty.: Cohen and Berfield Engr.: Melvin E. Lawson, Jr. (Falls Church, Va.) Amended 1-23-78 re legal or business interests Amended 3-27-78 re legal Amended 6-8-78 re additonal information	GRANTED (Call Ltrs. eff:1-15-79)	9-22-78

CUT OFF DATE

SEP 12 1977

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

FORMAL OBJECTION TO BPCT-5037 filed 9-16-77 by Richard R. Zaragoza on behalf of WMAY Inc.

Ltr. response to above objection filed by Windmill Broadcasting Company on 9-29-77

Ltr. response to above objection filed by WMAY, Inc. on 10-5-77

Ltr. response to above objection filed by Windmill Broadcasting Company

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Ltr. response to above objection filed by WMAY, Inc. on 10-20-77

BPCT-5037 grtd. 9-22-78 - condition: Permittee shall notify, in writing, WMAY, Inc., licensee of standard broadcast station WMAY, at least thirty (30) days prior to commencing construction of the supporting tower authorized herein and shall again notify WMAY, Inc., in writing, immediately following construction of said tower and installation of appertances thereon.

CARD#2

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W B H W

Name: WINDMILL BROADCASTING COMPANY, A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (WILL WINGERTER, B. B. H. & J., INC., AND GERALD A. BROWN, GENERAL PARTNERS)

CH-55

Station Location: SPRINGFIELD, IL

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BLCT-79C516KE R & F PRESS: PTA:	5-15-79 5-16-79 6-1-79	Lic. to cover (BPCT-5037) for New Station.	GRANTED 3-17-80
BRCCT-791025KH R & F PRESS:	10-19-79 5-26-80	Request authority to chg. SL to 3440 East Clear Avenue, Springfield, IL, and operate trans. by remote control from SL.	GRANTED 4-8 -80
BALCT-810615LD R&F Form 314	6-15-81	Voluntary assignment of License to Jackson Telecasters, Inc. Amended 8-14-81 re publication Robert A. Bernstein, Atty.	

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March 1979

PETITION TO DISMISS OR DENY OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, HOLD IN ABEYANCE
7-31-81 by Carl R. Ramey for WICS-TV, INC.

FURTHER REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME- Filed 8-20-81 by Robert A. Bernstein on behalf of WINDMILL BROADCASTING COMPANY

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.