

K R F O



REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE

Cat. No. 4550L

Patent No. 1390199



Date first licensed 12-18-50

K R F O (4-13-56, Eff.  
Call letters ~~x K O B K~~ 5-1-56)

LOCATION: OWATONNA, MINNESOTA

Name of licensee OWATONNA BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location On State Aid Rd. #4, 5/8 mi. east of city limits of Owatonna, Minn.

(MP 9-13-50)

204 1/2 East Pearl St., Owatonna, Minn. (Ltr. 11-3-69)

x 301 North Cedar Street, Owatonna, Minnesota (BEC-961)

x On State Aid Rd. #4, 5/8 mi. E of city limits of Owatonna, Minnesota

Main studio location x 109 1/2 North Cedar, Owatonna, Minn. (MP 9-13-50)

/MP 12-18-50)



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
MP-7347	5-12-50	1390	500w	Day	
	Ltr. 5-13-50. CP for a new station granted subj. to filing MP for approval of site & antenna.				
BTC-970	9-6-50	Voluntary transfer of control of permit-tee corp. from Nicholas, Victor, J., Albert S. and Antonio Tedesco to William F. Johns, Jr.			
EFF: 9-6-50					
MP-7347	9-13-50	1390	500w	Daytime	By 11-13-50
MP-5229					to 5-13-51
Cond. C1)	Mod. CP (BP-7347) for appr. site & ant. & specify location				
BMP-9410	12-18-50	1390	500w	Daytime	11-13 5-13-51
	Mod. CP (7347, as mod.) to chg. studio location (Conds)				
BL-4264	12-18-50	1390	500w	Daytime	12-18 11-1-53
	Lic. cover CP (7347, as mod.) which auth. new std B/C station (Conds)				
BTC-1290	6-11-52	Transfer of control from WM.F. JOHNS, JR. to MYLES H. JOHNS			
EFF	7-11-52				
Telegram	10-29-53	Action on renewal deferred 10-28-53 and continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal.			
BR-2543	12-2-53	1390	500w	Day	12-2 4-1-56
BTC-1881	2-23-55	Vol. trans. of control to Harry Bulow, Jr.			
EFF:	3-26-55				
BR-2548	3-28-56	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-59
BTC-2179	4-4-56	Vol. transfer of control to Robert W. Behling, Gerald J. Boos & Duane Allen			
EFF:	5-1-56				
BRC-961	5-11-56	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 301 North Cedar Street, Owatonna, Minn.			
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WIRE	5-21-57	SIGN OFF 7 PM CST to 8-31-57			
WIRE	5-28-58	SIGN OFF 6 PM CST for period ending 9/30/58			
BR-2548	3-25-59	1390	500w	Day (Re/	4-1 4-1-62
BR-2548	3-23-62	Renewal of license			4-1 4-1-65
BR-2548	3-12-65	Renewal of license			4-1 4-1-68
BS-2548	8-2-66	Mod. of Lic to chg coordinates (Memo)			
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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

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Station location .....

Name of licensee SEE CARD #1

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From.. To.
32-6377 (1)	4-13-67	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power.			
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
BR-2548(L)	3-29-68	Renewal of License			4-1-71
Tr.	11-3-69	Studio:	204 1/2 E. Pearl St.	Owatonna, Minn.	
		Also RC:			
BR-2548(L)	3-25-71		RENEWAL		4-1-74
EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-2548(s)	5-3-74		RENEWAL		4-1-77
BR-2548(L)	3-15-77		RENEWAL		4-1-80
BR791203VM(S)	3-25-80	Renewal of License			4-1-83



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

 Call K O B K  
 Letters xNew
Name OWATONNA BROADCASTING COMPANY(PO ~~% Victor J. Tedesco, 498 North Street, St. Paul, Minnesota~~)William F. Johns, Jr., 1391-W 1st Nat. Bank Bldg., St. Paul, Minn. (Ltr. ~~2-7-50~~ Act 50)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BP-7347	9-3-49	Construction permit for a new standard broad-	Docket 9529	
Rec'd	9-8-49	cast station to be operated on	GRANTED	5-12-50 after
Filed	9-8-49	Frequency: 1390kc.	being rec'd fr. hearing	
		Power: 500w	subj. to filing MP for	
		Hours of operation: Daytime	approval of site and	
		Trans. location: To be determined-	antenna.	
		Owatonna, Minnesota	Ltr. 5-12-50	
		Studio location: To be determined-		
		Owatonna, Minnesota		



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Nathan Williams, Engr.  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name OWATONNA BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-5229 Rec'd Filed	7-8-50 7-10-50 7-10-50	Mod. of C. P. (BP-7347 which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna and transmitter location as 5/8 mile east of Owatonna city limits on State Aid Road #4, Minnesota, and specify studio location as 109½ North Cedar, Owatonna, Minn., and change type of transmitter (Collins 20V).	GRANTED Subj. cond. prior to commencement program tests permittee submit results measurements showing T meets requirements - Sec. 12 of Rules	9-13-50



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters K O B KName OWATONNA BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-970 Rec'd Filed	7-10-50 7-19-50 7-19-50	Voluntary transfer of control of permittee corporation from Nicholas Tedesco, Victor J. Tedesco, Albert S. Tedesco and Antonio Tedesco to William F. Johns, Jr. (400 shares - 40%) (Contingent on grant of BTC-971)	GRANTED EFF:	9-6-50 9-6-50
BL-4264 Rec'd Filed	10-24-50 10-25-50 10-25-50	License to cover construction permit (BP-7347 as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.  Nathan Williams, Engr. Oshkosh, Wisconsin	GRANTED Waiver	12-18-50 3.30(a)



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters K.O.B.K.

Name OWATONNA BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-5410 Rec'd Filed	11-17-50 11-20-50 11-20-50	Modification of construction permit (BP -7347, as modified, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change the main studio location from 109 1/2 North Cedar, Owatonna, Minnesota to On State Aid Road #4, 5/8 mile east of city limits of Owatonna, Minnesota.	GRANTED subj. cond. prior commencement program tests permittee submit results measurements showing T meets requirements - Sec. 12 of Rules. Waiver	12-18-50 <u>3.30(a)</u>
BTC-1290 Rec'd Filed	3-28-52 4-7-52 4-7-52	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Wm. F. Johns, Jr., to Myles H. Johns (510 shares).	GRANTED EFF	6-11-52 7-11-52
BR-2548 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	9-28-53 10-7-53 10-23-53 10-26-53 10-26-53	Renewal of license	<del>RETURNED</del> <del>Ex. 4 dated after Sec. 1</del> GRANTED	<del>10-7-53</del> <del>10-23-53</del> 12-2-53
WELCH, MOTT & MORGAN retained to represent KOBK per ltr. dtd. 11-16-53				



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Letters **K O B K**

Name Owatonna Broadcasting Company

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-1881 Rec'd Filed	1-11-55 1-12-55 1-12-55	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Myles Johns to Harry Bulow, Jr.	GRANTED EFF:	2-23-55 3-26-55
BR-2548 Rec'd Filed	1-27-56 2-6-56 2-6-56	Renewal of license  Wheeler & Wheeler, Atty's.	GRANTED	3-28-56
BTC-2179 Rec'd Filed	2-18-56 2-27-56 2-27-56	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Harry Bulow, Jr., Robert Balance and John Pegg to Robert W. Behling, Gerald J. Boos and Duane Allen.	GRANTED EFF:	4-4-56 5-1-55
BRC-961 Rec'd Filed	5-4-56 5-7-56 5-7-56	Modification of license to operate transmitter by Remote Control from 301 North Cedar Street, Owatonna, Minnesota.	GRANTED	5-11-56



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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters K.R.F.O.

Name OWATONNA BROADCASTING COMPANY  
OWATONNA, MINNESOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2548 Rec'd Resub Rec'd Filed	1-15-59 1-16-59 1-15-59 2-20-59 2-20-59	Renewal of License	<del>RETURNED</del> <del>Improperly notarized.</del> GRANTED	<del>2-17-59</del>  3-25-59
BR-2548 Rec'd Filed	12-28-61 1-2-62 1-2-62	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-23-62
BR-2548 R & F	1/2/65 1/4/65	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-12-65
BZ-6377 R & F	3/13/67 3/15/67	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power.	GRANTED	4-13-67
BR-2548 R & F	12-22-67 12-26-67	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-29-68

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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name OWATONNA BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Owatonna, Minnesota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2548 R & F P.N. PRESS  JAN 14 1971	12-23-70 12-28-70 12-28-70	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-25-71
BR-2548 R & F PN PRESS  14 JAN 1974	12-24-73 12-28-73 12-28-73	Renewal of License AMENDED 3-1-74 re: ascertainment of comm. needs; composition of area; EEO AMENDED 3-4-74 re: ascertainment of comm. needs AMENDED 4-15-74 re: EEO	GRANTED	5-3-74
BR-2548 R & F PN Recd. PRESS  FEB 14 1977	11-23-76 11-29-76 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-15-77



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## APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

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Name: OWATONNA BROADCASTING COMPANY

Station Location: Owatonna, Minnesota

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR791203VM PRESS	JAN 23 1980	Renewal of License Atty.: Leonard S. Joyce	GRANTED 3-25-80



## 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. 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 – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only one set is known to exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

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.

