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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD (HIGH FREQUENCY)

X WNIS-FM (EFF: 6-12-75)

Official No. 4303

SEE CARD NO. 2 FOR  
CALL SIGN

~~W K O X~~ X W J O I (EFF: 3-4-74)

X WMAQ-FM

Date first licensed 4-1-49

Call letters W-62-C-

LOCATION: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Name of licensee NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

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

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

Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago, Illinois

X North Bank Drive, Chicago, Illinois (60654)

X 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

Main studio location ~~222 N. Bank Dr., Chicago, Illinois~~



# 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 C.P. for transmitter and antenna system	46,300	10,800	Subject Filing Mod.	
For new H.F.B. Station at Chicago, Illinois					
B4-PH-31, B4-MPH-23	7-3-41 C.P. & Mod. C.P. for changes in antenna system and transmitter for new H.F.B. station at Chicago.	46,300	10,800	U	9-3 3-3-42
B4-MPH-69	2-26-42 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.	same	same	U	3-3 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.					
BPH-1369	1-33-48	Ext. of completion date to			5-15-48
BPH-1443	3-24-48	101.1 mc	24 kw.	U	By 8-14-47 to 5-15-48
MOD of C.P. to change Exp, 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 operating facsimile equip. during NAB convention for period 4-1-49 to 4-15-49.			



# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Card 12

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)

X 20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Transmitter location X WACKER DRIVE & MADISON STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

North Bank Drive, Chicago, Illinois

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



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BLH-317 (Correcting geographic coordinates)	4-1-49	Lic. to cover C. P.	(BPH-137 as Mod.)		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	5-6-53	CP to change type ant.			7-6-53
ERP 24 kw	640'	Terr.; Freq: 101.1 Mcs.			1-6-54
BMPH-4879	12-9-53	Ext. compl date to			8-1-54
BLH-287	8-13-54	License to cover CP(BPH-1811)			12-1-55
BPH-1968	9-10-54	CP to make changes - install aux ant. 101.1mc 8.0kw, Terr 550'			11-1-54 5-10-55
BLH-1007	10-27-54	Lic. cover CP(BPH-1968) to			12-1-55 Land
BRH-308	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.			
HAAT: 640'	12-22-59	101.1mcs. 24kw	U		12-22 12-1-61
		Main & Auxiliary Antenna			(Condl)
BSCA-246	6-15-60	Subsidiary Communications Authority on (57kcs.) Multiplex Basis to.			12-1-61.
	11-29-61	Action on Renewal Deferred.			
BRH-303	7-13-64	Renewal of License			7-13 12-1-64
ERSCA-246	7-13-64	Subsidiary Communications Authorization on Multiplex Basis to			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	10-6-69	101.1mcs TPO:4.4 kw			12-6 6-6-70
HAAT: 1,170'		Ch#266 ERP:6kw			
		CP trans loc., trans. ant. TPO, ERP, HAAT.			



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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
EMPH-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.		
ELH-4710(L) HAAT: 1170'	5-18-70	101.1mc	ERP: 6kw (maximum) 3 kw (RMS) TPO: 3.2 kw Lic. (BPH-6869 as mod) for chg. ant, trans, ERP:, TPO:, & HAAT:		12-1-70
BLH-4710(L)	5-18-70	SUPERSEDING AUTHORIZATION TO CORRECT TYPE OF ANTENNA (ADD FM to call letters)			
BRH-303	12-7-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			
PH-7345(L)	2-4-71	101.1mc	ERP: 6kw (H&V) TPO: to be determined CP chg. trans., ant., ERP & TPO.		12-1-73 2-4-72
BLH-5154(L)	7-22-71	101.1	ERP: 6kw (H&V) TPO: 6.15kw Lic. (BPH-7345) for changes.		12-1-73
BS-303(1)	4-10-72	ML to show TPO: 6.6kw			
EBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-303(L)	11-30-73	RENEWAL			
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)	11-17-76	RENEWAL			
BRSCA-1535	" " "	" " "			
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 W 63 0

Letters newName NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.,P.O. % RCA Frequency Bureau, 90 Rockefeller60 Broad Street,Fla., New York, N.Y.

Action

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
B4-PH-31 Rec'd	8-23-40	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	12-5-40
	8-24-40		46,300 kcs. 10,800 square miles Subj. filing Mod. C.P. for trans. & antenna system Letter written	
B4-MPH-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



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

HIGH FREQUENCY BROADCAST (FM)

Call

Letters W 63 CName NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	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.				



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call

Letters -NEW- WMAQ-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	Date
B4-FM-137 Recd	5-11-43	Construction permit for new high frequency (FM) broadcast station. (formerly W 63 C) Frequency <del>46.3</del> 98.9 mcs Coverage: <del>10,800</del> sq.mi. Transmitter: 20 North Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill. Studio: " " " " "	GRANTED	6-14-47
	5-15-43			
Amended	9-6-45	Amended to change frequency from 46.3 mcs. to		
Recd.	9-26-45	Ch. #55, 98.9 mcs.		
Filed	9-26-45			
Amended	10-18-45	Amended to change coverage from 10,800 sq.mi.		
Recd.	10-22-45	to 10,400 sq.mi.; type of transmitter from		
Filed	10-22-45	RCA, Type FM-10-A, Max. 10kw.) to (RCA BTF- 10B Max. 10kw.); <del>specify population</del> <del>and</del> and make changes in antenna system.		



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WMAQ - FM

Name NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	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-137 as 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	6-30-48 Ext. to 10-14-48 Subj. to cond. that constr. be comp'd. or int. be commenced on or before exp. date.



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters **WMAQ-FM**Name **NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BH-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 Rec'd & Filed	9-29-50 10-2-50	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	5-29-51
BRH-303 Rec'd & Filed	8-31-51 9-4-51	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-21-51
BRH-303 Rec'd. & 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, 3ZM-4-section; overall height above ground and average terrain; 610' to 656'	GRANTED	5-6-53



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Call  
Letters

WMAQ-FM

Name NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-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: 8.0 kw; Terrain: 541 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
BPH-303 Recd & Filed	8-26-55 9-1-55	Renewal of license (Main)	GRANTED	11-9-55
BPH-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



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	Date
BRH-303 Rec'd 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, multiple basis to be operated on sub-carrier frequency of 67kc	GRANTED	6-15-60
BRSCA-246 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 (Main Transmitter and Auxiliary Antenna)	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				



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AUG. 1955

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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters W M A Q-FM

Name NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
Chicago, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	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  T.A. 11-14-69	9-5-69 9-8-69 9-8-69 30 1968	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"	GRANTED	10-6-69
N BMPH-10,929 R & F #569094 \$30 PRESS: JAN 19 1970  JT 3-2-70	1-5-70 1-7-70 1-7-70 19 1970	Atty - None MP(BPH-6869) TPO 3.21kws. And Make changes in transmission line.	GRANTED	1-28-70



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September 1969

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters **WMAQ-FM**

**NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.**

Name

**Chicago, Illinois**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	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 <b>MAY 11 1970</b>	Lic.(BPH-6869, as mod.) for changes.  Engr. data.	GRANTED	5-18-70
BRH-303 R & F PN Recd. PRESS <b>SEP 18 1970</b>	8-31-70 9-1-70 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	12-7-70
BPH-7345 R & F #651698 \$50. CODE 061 PRESS: <i>TA-3-11-71</i>	12-16-70 12-21-70 12-21-70 <b>13 JAN 1971</b> <i>TA 5-1-71</i>	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. <i>P TTA - 6-25-71</i>	GRANTED Concl	2-4-71



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September 1969

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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WNIS-FM

Call XWJOI

Letters XWMA Q-FM

Name NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action			
			Nature	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 <b>JUL 9 1971</b>	Lic.(BPH-7345) for changes.	GRANTED	7-22-71		
BRH-303 R & F EN Recd. PRESS	8-14-73 8-30-73 " <b>27 SEP 1973</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE				
BSCA-1535 R & F #493546\$100 Code 001 PRESS AMENDED	10-29-75 10-31-75 11-4-75  <b>NOV 11 1975</b> 11-13-75	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authori- zation on a sub-carrier frequency of 67khz.    Paragraph 7			GRANTED	6-4-76

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



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters **W K Q X**  
**WNIS-FM**

Name **NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.**  
**Chicago, Illinois**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-303 R & F P.N. PRESS	7-23-76 7-30-76 7-30-76 <b>OCT 1 1976</b>	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 <b>NOV 8 1976</b>	Mod. of license to change studio location to and operate by remote control from: Merchan- dise Mart Plaza, Chicago, Illinois.	GRANTED	11-8-76
BRH 790731 BRSCA " PRESS	VI <b>OCT 1 1979</b>	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)		



731128 Call sign change  
PHASE 1 REFUND ACTION  
761112 Call sign change  
493546 (751029)  
750414 Call sign change

TRANS.  
CODE

500

DATE

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AMT. ~~TRANS.~~

INITIALS

162.00

D.H.T.

52.00

162.00

62.00

(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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

