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Battle Creek-Kalamazoo, Michigan

FM BROADCAST

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed July 14, 1964

WKFR-FM(Ltr 11-5-64)(Eff 11-13-64)

Call letters XWELL-FM

Station location BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

ENGINEERING INVESTMENT CORPORATION (ALH 5-18-66; EFF: 6-1-66)

Name of licensee xSOUTHERN MICHIGAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION (BPH-4-25-62)

East EF Ave., Ross Twnship, Augusta, Michigan (PH-7-21-77)

Transmitter location x1 West Michigan Avenue, Battle Creek, Michigan (BPH-4-25-62)(LH 7-14-64)

710 Michigan National Bank Bldg., Battle Creek, Michigan (PH-7-21-77)

Main studio location Xsame (LH 7-14-64)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPH-3681 HAAT: 210' TPO: 4.4kw	4-25-62	96.5mc CH: 243	20kw	Un	6-25 12-25-62
Construction permit for a new FM Broadcast station					
BMPH-7472 (1)	1-31-63	Mod. of CP(BPH-3681) for extension of completion date to 6-25-63.			
HAAT: 205'	10-3-63	103.3mcs Ch. 277	ERP: 20kw TPO: 3.6kw	Unl.	6-25-62 ---
Mod. of CP per Order of 7-25-63, Docket No. 14185, (Cond' 1).					
BPH-4231 HAAT: 72'	1-9-64	103.3mcs Ch. 277	ERP: 20kw TPO: 3.3kw	Unl.	3-9 9-9-64
CP to decr. HAAT, incr. TPO; & make chgs. in ant. sys.					
BLH-2407 & BLH-2555 HAAT: 72'	7-14-64	103.3mcs Ch. #277	ERP: 20kw TPO: 3.366kw	Unl.	7-14-64 10-1-64
Lic. to cover CP(BPH-3681, as mod.) which auth. a new FM broadcast station; specify type trans as RCA BTF-5D; and Lic. to cover CP(BPH-4231) which auth. chgs. in HAAT & ant. sys.					
BRH-1524	9-14-64	Renewal of License			10-1 10-1- (67)
BALH-861 EFF:	5-18-66 6-1-66	Voluntary assignment of license to ENGINEERING INVESTMENT CORPORATION			
BRH-1524 HAAT: 72'	9-15-67	103.3mcs	ERP: 20kw TPO: 3.366kw	U	10-1 10-1-20
NDEA	2-19-70				
BRH-1524(S)	9-30-70	Renewal of License & NDEA			10-1-73
EBSA	5-25-72				
BRH-1524(S)	10-11-73	RENEWAL			10-1-76
BRH-8840 HAAT: 72'	4-5-74	103.3kw #277	ERP: 31kw TPO: 5kw	U	4-5-74 5
CP chg. TPO and ERP:					
BLH-6306(L)	9-9-74	Lic. (BPH-8840) - Changes			10-1-76
BLH-6306(L)	9-9-74	SUPERSEDES AUTH. OF SAME DATE TO SBOW COR. ANT STRUCTURE DESCRIPTION			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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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
BPH-9734 HAAT: 370' (H&V) (L)	7-21-77	103.3mhz #277	ERP: 27kw(h&v) (RC)	U	7-21-78
CP chg Trans Loc; chg SL loc.; oper. by RC from the proposed SL; install new ant; mke chg ant sys(incr hght); chg TPO, ERP & HAAT					
BLH-7784 HAAT: 370' (H&V) and	7-14-78	103.3MHz #277	ERP: 27kW (H&V) (RC)	U	
Lic. (BPH-9734) for changes.					
BRH-1524(L)	7-25-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			10-1-79
BPH790501AK HAAT: 370' (H&V) (L)	6/25/79	103.3mhz	ERP: 50kW (H&V)	RC	6/25/80
CP to increase ERP.					
BRH790601XP (S)	9-28-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			10-1-82
BLH-790807AI HAAT: 370 ft. (H&V) (L)	2-12-80	103.3mhz	ERP: 50kW., TPO: 9kW.		10-1-82
Lic. (BPH-790501AK) for chgs.)					

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name SOUTHERN MICHIGAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN (Walter S. Patterson, 15001 Michigan Ave., Dearborn 2, Mich.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-3681 Rec'd Filed	2-28-62 3-1-62 3-1-62	CP for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 96.5mc CH 243 ERP 20kw Type Antenna - RCA-BFA-5A (5 sections) HAAT 208 Type transmitter - RCA-BTF-5B Trans. location - 1 West Michigan Avenue Battle Creek, Michigan Studio location - Same as transmitter TPO 4.375kw Atty. Robert M. Booth, Jr. Eng. Commercial Radio Equip Co.	GRANTED (Cond'l re WELL)	4-25-62

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Name SOUTHERN MICHIGAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-7472 R & F	12-17-62 12-19-62	Mod. of CP (BPH-3681, which auth a new FM B/C station) for extension of completion date from 12-25-62 to 6-25-63. Atty: Robert M. Booth, Jr.	GRANTED	1-31-63
BLH-2407 R & F	6-3-63 6-5-63	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-3681, as mod) which auth a new FM B/C station. (specify trans. as RCA BTF-5D)	GRANTED	7-14-64 Issued with BLH-2555
PETITION OF STATIONS WMSB AND WILX-TV FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER GRANTING PROGRAM TEST AUTHORITY filed 7-15-63 by Wollenberg - Dismissed as Moot, Ltr. 7-6-64 (Frequency changed)				
DATA SUBMITTED 9-12-63 COMPLIANCE SUPPLEMENTAL THIRD REPORT, IN MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER DOCKET 14185 OPERATION ON CHANNEL 277 (103.3mc) HAAT: 203' type antenna (RCA BFA 6A) Issued 10-3-63 as Mod. of CP per Order 7-25-63 Cond'l re WELL submit 302s & Order.				

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ENGINEERING INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Name: SOUTHERN MICHIGAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-4231 R & F	12-27-63 12-30-63	Construction permit to decr HAAT from 205' to 72' & make chgs in antenna system. Atty: Robert M. Booth, Jr.	GRANTED	1-9-64
BLH-2555 R&F	4-24-64 5-5-64	Lic to cover CP (BPH-4231) which auth chgs in HAAT & ant-sys. Atty: Robert M. Booth, Jr.	GRANTED Issued with LH-2407	7-14-64
HRH-1524 Rec'd filed	7-3-64 7-7-64 7-7-64	Renewal of license Atty. Robert M. Booth, Jr.	GRANTED	9-14-64
BALH-861 R & F	1-10-66 1-10-66	Voluntary assignment of license to ENGINEERING INVESTMENT CORPORATION Atty for assignor - Robert M. Booth, Jr. Atty for assignee - Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED EFF:	5-18-66 6-1-66
BRH-1524 R & F JUL 18 1967	6-22-67 6-28-67	Renewal of license Atty - Peter D. O'Connell (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)	GRANTED	9-15-67

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BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BRH-1524 R & F \$75 #612886 PN Recd. PRESS	7-1-70 7-2-70 " " JUL 30 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Peter D. O'Connell, Atty. (Pierson, Ball, Dowd)	GRANTED	9-30-70
BRH-1524 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	6-29-73 7-2-73 " AUG 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Brian A. Johnson, Atty. AMENDED 8-8-73 re: composition of community		
BPH-8840 R & F #281668 \$50 Code 057 Press	2-19-74 2-20-74 2-21-74 MAR 19 1974	CP to chg. TPO and ERP: 30.6KW. Atty: Harrison T. Slaughter (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)	GRANTED	4-5-74
BLH-6306 R & F W 321425-\$50. PTA PRESS	7-1-74 7-1-74 7-1-74-057 7-10-74 JUL 31 1974	Lic. (BPH-8840) - Changes. Trans: RCA, BTF-5B w Wilkinson Stereo generator & exciter. Antennas RCA, BFA-6A, 6 sects. Atty: Pierson Ball & Dowd (H. T. Slaughter)	GRANTED	9-9-74

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Letters WKER-FMName ..Engineering..Investment..Corporation.....
Battle Creek, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BFH-9734	12-19-75	CP to chg. trans. loc. to: 40th Street, Township Charlestown, Michigan; chg. SL to: 710 Michigan National Bank Bldg., Battle Creek, Michigan; operate by RC from the proposed studio site; install new ant. (Collins/Gates/RCA 37CP-12, 12 sects.(H&V); make chg. ant. system (incr. hght.); chg. TPO; ERP: 27KW(H&V) and HAAT: 379' (H&V). 42° 17' 05" - 85° 22' 41.4" (MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305) Atty: William S. Green Section IV-A. Engineering(ant syste(incr hght 20')	GRANTED	7-21-77
Rec'd	12-23-75			
Filed	12-23-75			
#512197 \$400	12-29-75			
Code 001				
Press	FEB 12 1976			
P. N. Rec'd	1-19-76			
P. N. Rec'd	5-16-77			
AMENDED	6-2-76			
AMENDED	6-22-77			

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Battle Creek, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BRH-1524 R & F P.N. Press	6-1-76 6-1-76 6-1-76 AUG 3 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Brian A. Johnson (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)	GRANTED	7-25-78
ELH-7784 R & F PTA: PRESS:	2-23-78 2-23-78 3-2-78 JUN 13 1978	License (BPH-9734) for changes. SL: 709 Michigan National Bank, Battle Creek, Michigan. Redescribe Trans. Loc. as: 14800 EF Drive, Augusta, Michigan. Trans: HARRIS FM-10K Antenna: HARRIS FML-12C Atty: Harrison T. Slaughter (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)	GRANTED	7-14-78

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W K F R-FMName Engineering Investment Corporation
Battle Creek, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
LTR. DATED R & F PRESS: SEP 7 1978	7-19-78 7-19-78	Filed by Benjamin J. Griffing Esq., for Engineering Investment Corporation for Dual City Identification as: BATTLE CREEK- KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN.	GRANTED XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	3-7-80

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

103.3MHz.

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Name ENGINEERING INVESTMENT CORPORATION
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BPH790501AK PRESS (O)	MAY 21 1979	CP to increase ERP to: 50.0kw (H&V). Atty. Harrison T. Slaughter (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)	GRANTED	6/25/79
BRH790601XP PRESS	JUL 16 1979	Renewal of License Atty.: Leon J. Schachter	GRANTED	9-28-79
BLH-790807AI PRESS	JAN 15 1980	Lic. to cover (BPH-790501AK) for chgs. (Atty.: Harrison T. Slaughter)	GRANTED	2-12-80

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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.

