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11-13-78 gr.-on-the air I. D. as:  
"WEST FARGO-FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA"

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 10-11-60 Call letters K Q W B (Ltr. 4-16-65)  
XX U T T  
(CP) West Fargo, North Dakota  
Station location Fargo, North Dakota  
MIDWEST RADIO COMPANY (AL-2-18-65; EFF: 3-1-65)  
MERLEEN S. WILLIAMS, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF D. GENE WILLIAMS, DECEASED  
AND DELBERT BERTHOLF, d/b as MUSIC BROADCASTERS (AL-2-8-64; EFF: 1-7-65) EFF: 10/15/60  
x D. GENE WILLIAMS AND DELBERT BERTHOLF d/b as MUSIC BROADCASTERS (AL 10-11-60/  
x D. GENE WILLIAMS, DELBERT BERTHOLF AND ROBERT EUBANKS d/b as  
Name of licensee MUSIC BROADCASTERS

Night: NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 2, T14N, R47W, 7 mi. N. of Glyndon, Minn. (CP 1-4-77) (EP-4-22-59)  
Transmitter location Day - On E. side of old U.S. Hwy. 75, 3.5 mi. N. of Moorhead, Minnesota  
L 10-11-60

On east side Old U.S. Hwy. 75, 3.5 mil N. of Moorhead, Minn. (Ltr. 1-24-72)  
x 303 North 5th Street, Fargo, North Dakota (BRC-7-12-65)

Main studio location xx Universal Bldg. 510/5th St. & 4th Ave., Fargo, North Dakota  
x Universal Bldg., 5th St., N. & 4th Ave., Fargo, North Dakota (EP 4-22-59)



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BP-11948	4-22-59	1550kc	5kw	Day	6-22 12-22-59
CP for a new standard broadcast station.					
BMP-8818 (1)	12-28-59	Mod. of CP(BP-11948) for extension of completion date to 3-31-60.			
BL-7881	10-11-60	1550kc	5kw	Day	10-11 4-1-62
Lic. to cover cp (BP-11,948 as mod) which auth. a new standard broadcast station.					
BAP-474	10-11-60	Voluntary assignment of license to			
EFF:	10-15-60	D.Gene Williams and Delbert Bertholf dba			
Issued as Assign. Music Broadcasters.					
of License.					
	3-28-62	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-3899	6-29-62	1550kc	5kw	Day	6-29 4-1-65
BAL-5344	2-8-65	Invol. assignment of license to			
Eff:	1-7-65	Erleen S. Williams, Executrix of the estate of D. Gene Williams, Deceased and Delbert Bertholf, d/b as Music Broadcasters.			
BAL-5315	2-18-65	Voluntary assignment of lic. to			
Eff:	3-1-65	MIDWEST RADIO COMPANY			
BR-3899	4-16-65	1550kc	5kw	Day	4-16 4-1-68
BRC-2700 (1)	7-12-65	Mod. of license to change Studio location and Remote Control Point to 303 North 5th Street, Fargo, North Dakota			
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w	(CBS Protected Station)	
BR-3899(L)	4-25-68	Renewal of License			4-1-71
BZ-7421(1)	3-10-70	Direct Measurement			
LTR. rec'd	4-12-71	stating that a CCA, 5000-DX trans. is installed and operating.			
BR-3899(L)	3-31-71	Renewal			4-1-74
BS-3899(1)	1-31-72	SL & RC: E. side Old U.S. Hwy. 75, 3 1/2 mi. N. of Moorhead, Minn.			
EBSA	6-12-72				



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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

CARD No. 2

Date first licensed .....

Call letters K.Q.W.B.

Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BZ-8190(L)	11-16-72	Direct Measurement			
BR-3899	3-28-74	(S) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-77
BP-20,161	1-4-77	CP to add nighttime oper. with 5kw DA, chg. hrs. of oper. to Unl. separate night TL & CHG. station. loc. 1-4-78 1550khz 5kw DA-N U (2 site oper.)			
BR-3899(6)	3-15-77	RENEWAL			4-1-80
BMP-14508(L)	12-9-77	1550khz, 5kw, DA-N U			12-9-78
		MP (BP-20161) chg. ant. sys. & correct coord.			
BMP-14508(L)	12-9-77	Supersede correct conditions			
<del>MP (BP-20161)</del>		MP (BP-20161) ext. time to 9-15-78			
BMP-14522	4-5-78				
(2)					
BMP-14504	6-12-78	MP (BP-20161) operate RC from SL			
(3)					
BMP-14508	12-9-77	Supersede correct conditions			
(L)					
BZ-9686(1)	5-22-78	Direct Measurement (daytime operation)			4-1-80
APPLIC.	8-23-78	TRANS: HARRIS MW-5A now installed as Alt. Main Trans.			
BP-21,190	9-12-79	1550kHz 5kW, 10kW DA-N			9-12-80
CP to incr. daytime power to 10kW, chg. TL and make chgs. in the antenna system.					
BR 791204 UA	3-31-80	(L) RENEWAL			4-1-83
BMP-800818AB	9-25-80	MP (BP-21190 ) for ext. of time to:			3-15-81
(1)					
BZ-800820AB(1)	9-30-80	DIRECT MEASUREMENT			
BMP-810227AO	5-1-81	MP (BP-21190 as Mod.) for ext. of time to:			10-31-81
(2)					
BTC801231GW	3-4-81	Vol TC EFF:			



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

Call

Letters NEW K U T T

D. GENE WILLIAMS, DELBERT BERTHOLF and ROBERT EUBANKS

Name d/b as MUSIC BROADCASTERS

(P.O. - Spokane, Washington) c/o D. Gene Williams, W. 411-33rd St., Spokane, Wash.)

(Realty Bldg.) Action

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BP-11,948	4-1-58	Construction permit for a new standard	GRANTED	4-22-59
Rec'd	4-4-58	broadcast station to be operated on:		
Filed	4-4-58	Frequency - <del>1470kc</del> 1550kc		
		Power - <del>1kw</del> 5kw		
		Hours of operation - Daytime		
		Trans. location - On E side of old U.S. Hwy 75;		
		3.5 mi N of Moorehead, Minnesota		
		Studio location - Universal Bldg., 5th St.,		
		N & 4th Ave., Fargo, N.Dak.		
		Remote control Point - Same as studio		
		STATION LOCATION - FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA		
		Engr. - Robert M. Silliman & Assoc.		
		Atty. - Samuel Miller (2-26-59)		
AMENDMENT	2-14-59	AMENDED to change frequency to 1550kc; increase		
R & F	2-26-59	power to 5kw and change type transmitter		
		(COLLINS 21E)		







## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

Call  
Letters K U T TName D. GENE WILLIAMS, DELBERT BERTHOLF AND ROBERT EUBANKS  
d/b as MUSIC BROADCASTERS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-8818 R & F	12-8-59 12-11-59	Modification of C. P. # (BP-11948 which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 12-22-59 to _____.	GRANTED to	12-28-59 3-31-60
BAP-474 Rec'd Filed	1-6-60 1-12-60 1-12-60	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to D. Gene Williams and Delbert Bertholf d/b as Music Broadcasters.  Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED EFF: Issued as License.	10-11-60 1-1-61 Assignment of
BL-7881 Rec'd Filed	3-16-60 3-17-60 3-17-60	License to cover construction permit (BP-11948, as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.  Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	10-11-60
BR -3899 Rec'd&Filed	1-26-62 1-29-62	Renewal of License	GRANTED	6-29-62



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FORM BC-121

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Aug. 1955

ERLEEN S. WILLIAMS, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF D. GENE WILLIAMS,  
DECEASED, AND DELBERT BERTHOLF, DBA MUSIC BROADCASTERS

Call K Q W B  
Letters X K U T T

Name ☒ D. GENE WILLIAMS, DELBERT BERTHOLF ~~AND ROBERT BERTHOLF~~  
d/b as MUSIC BROADCASTERS, Fargo, North Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-5315 Rec'd Filed AMENDED R & F	11-30-64 12-10-64 12-10-64 2-2-65 2-3-65	Voluntary assignment of license to MIDWEST RADIO COMPANY AMENDED to chge name of licensee (assignor) Samuel Miller, Atty. (BAL-5315 gr 2-8-65)	GRANTED EFF:	2-18-65 3-1-65
BAL-5344 R & F	1-21-65 1-25-65	Involuntary assignment of license to ERLEEN S. WILLIAMS, Executrix of the estate of D. Gene Williams, Deceased, and DELBERT BERTHOLF, dba MUSIC BROADCASTERS Atty. - Samuel Miller	GRANTED Eff:	2-8-65 1-7-65
BR-3899 Rec'd Filed	3-15-65 3-18-65 3-18-65	Renewal of license  ATTY: Samuel Miller	GRANTED	4-16-65



FORM BC-121 #4  
AUG. 1955

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters K Q W B

Name MIDWEST RADIO COMPANY  
Fargo, North Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRC-2700 Rec'd Filed	5-31-65 6-11-65 6-11-65	Modification of license to change Studio location and remote control point to 303 North 5th Street, Fargo, North Dakota	GRANTED	7-12-65
BR-3899 R & F JAN 25 1968	12-30-67 1-2-68	Renewal of License AMENDED 4-11-68 re: financial data	GRANTED	4-25-68
BZ-7421 R & F DM Amended	8-5-69 8-7-69 8-15-69 9-15-69	Direct Measurement.  Atty: Samuel Miller re coordinates	GRANTED	3-10-70
BR-3899 R & F P.N. PRESS FEB 18 1971	12-20-70 12-29-70 12-29-70	Renewal of License  Atty: Samuel Miller AMENDED 3-17-71 re: commercial practices	GRANTED	3-31-71



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1550kc.

Call  
Letters K Q W B

Name MIDWEST RADIO COMPANY  
Fargo, North Dakota (CP) West Fargo, North Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-8190 R & F DM PRESS	9-28-72 10-10-72 10-18-72 NOV 14 1972	Direct Measurement.	GRANTED	11-16-72
BR-3899 R & F P.N. PRESS	12-30-73 1-2-74 1-2-74 25 JAN 1974	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-28-74
BP-20,161 Rec'd Filed \$800-501968 AC-001 PN REC'd PN REC'd "SEP 2 1976	11-21-75 11-25-75 11-25-75 12-11-75 12-23-75 12-29-75 1976	Construction permit to add nighttime operation with 5kw DA, change hours of operation to Unlimited, Trans. loc. NE 1/4 Sec. 2, T140N, R47W, 7 miles N. of Glyndon, Minn. (Two Site operation) Change station loc. to West Fargo, North Dakota. 46° 58' 34" 96° 34' 36" Trans: Harris MW-5 Atty: Miller & Fields Eng. Serge Bergen Amended 3-17-76 re financial Filed 5-10-76 copy of FCC approval	"Major Enviromental Act under Sec. 1.1305 of the rules GRANTED To: 1-4-77 1-4-78	



Ltr. 6-21-76 amended to show that KQWB has become 100% stockholder of WEBC,  
Duluth, Minnesota

Amended 9-3-76 re: Environmental Statement, Exh E-1-6



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1550khz.

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May 1976

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters ..... K Q W B .....Name MIDWEST RADIO COMPANY  
Fargo, North Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3899 R & F P.N. PRESS	11-10-76 11-15-76 11-22-76  JAN 11 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE  Atty: Samuel Miller (Miller & Fields)	GRANTED	3-15-77
BMP-14,508 R & F PRESS	5-9-77 5-11-77	Mod. of (BP-20,161) to make chgs. in ant. system (inc. height of the center tower) & correct coordinates 46° 58' 33" 96° 35' 02" Atty: Miller & Fields Eng. Serge Bergen  Amended 11-14-77 re: Engineering statement, Exh. #2 Ltr. concerning expeditious consideration	GRANTED	12-9-77

Ltr. - 4-7-78 to 5-8-78 -  
BL 3-31-78



Form BC-121  
May 1976

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters K.Q.W.B.Name MIDWEST RADIO COMPANY  
Fargo, North Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-14,552 R & F PRESS: FEB 23 1978	12-9-77 12-13-77	MP (BP-20,161, as mod) for extension of time to: <u>6-1-78</u> (FOR CHANGES)  Atty:-----	GRANTED TO	4-5-78 9-15-78
<del>BZ-9686</del> <del>R&amp;F</del> <del>DM</del> <del>PRESS</del>	<del>3-27-78</del> <del>3-30-78</del> <del>4-27-78</del> <del>5-16-78</del>	<del>Direct Measurement (Day operation)</del> <del>Atty: Sam Miller</del>	<del>GRANTED</del>	<del>5-22-78</del>
<del>BMP-14,604</del> <del>R&amp;F</del> <del>Press</del>	<del>4-7-78</del> <del>5-8-78</del> <del>6-7-78</del>	<del>MP(BP-20,161, as mod) to operate by RC</del> <del>from SL at : On east side of Old Hwy.75,</del> <del>3.5 mi. N. of Moorhead, Minn.</del> <del>Atty: Samuel Miller</del>	<del>GRANTED</del>	<del>6-12-78</del>



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1550khz,

Call  
Letters ..... KQWB

Name MIDWEST RADIO COMPANY  
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-21,190 R&F PN FILED PRESS:	4-3-78 4-4-78 4-28-78 AUG 9 1978	CP to increase daytime power to 10KW; chg trans loc: T140 North R47 West, Clay County N of Glyndon, North Dakota and chg ant sys (incr hght) 46o 58' 33" 96o 35' 02" ATTY: Samuel Miller	Gr.	9-12-79
LTR. DATED PRESS:	3-27-78 SEP 27 1978	Filed by Samuel Miller, Esq., Request for Dual City Identification from: West Fargo- Fargo, North Dakota.	GRANTED	11-13-78
BL-14,461 R & F PTA PRESS	4-3-78 1-10-79 JAN 22 1979	Lic. to cover BP-20161 as mod. for changes Atty: Samuel Miller		
BR 791204 PRESS	DEC 10 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Jerrold Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	3-31-80



## APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: K Q W B 1550khz

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Name: MIDWEST RADIO COMPANY

Station Location: West Fargo, North Dakota

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BZ-800820AB R & F PRESS	8-20-80 SEP 2 1980	DIRECT MEASUREMENT	GRANTED 9-30-80
BMP800818AB PRESS (O)	SEP 9 1980	MP (BP-21,190) For Extension of Time to: (FOR CHANGES)	GRANTED: 9-25-80 TO: 3-15-81
BTC801231GW Form 315 PRESS FEB 0 6 1981 Also see KQWB-FM & WEBC pn filed 1-26-81		Vol TC from Harold Miller, et al to MIDWEST BROKERAGE COMPANY Atty Miller & Fields	GRANTED 3-4-81 EFF:



DUPLICATE-CARD

## APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

1550KHz.

Call Letters: K Q W B

Name: MIDWEST RADIO COMPANY

Station Location: WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMP810130AI PRESS (O)	MAR 16 1981	Mod. of CP (BP-21,190, as Mod.) To make chgs. in Ant. Sys. (Remove FM Ant. & Decre. Hght. of Tower).	DISMISSED 4-2-81 CHGS CAN BE MAD ON FCC FOR M302
BMP-810227AO PRESS:	(O)	MP(BP-21,190 as mod.) for extension of time to: (FOR CHANGES)	Granted: 5-1-81 TO: 10-31-81



## 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.

