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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Off. No. 511

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Date first licensed

2-14-50

Call letters

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LOCATION:

ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

ROCK ISLAND BROADCASTING CO. (ALH-8-15-73 EFF: 8-17-73)

Name of licensee

x ROCK ISLAND BROADCASTING COMPANY



U.S. Hwy. 150, 1.75 mi. S. of Orion, Illinois (redes.) (PH-2-11-60)

x 53 St. Colona Road, Moline (Twnshp. 17N) ILLINOIS

Transmitter location

~~x E 1/2 of Sec 2, Twp 17 N, Range 4 W of the 4th PM, Moline, Illinois~~

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Telco Bldg., 231 18th St. (9-12-50)

Main studio location

x 1800 Third Avenue, Rock Island, ILLINOIS

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Mcs. Freq.	E.R.P. Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
B4-PH-138	11-1-45	100.7	25 kw		
Letter	6-13-46	No. 264	39		
		Subject to Comm. approval of transmitter site.			
B4-PH-138	11-1-45	100.7	36.6 kw	U	By 3-17-47
Letter	11-14-46	No. 264	Ter. 385 Ft.		To 9-17-47
ERP issued	1-17-47	Subject to Comm. approval of application for Mod. of WHBF antenna.			
Telegram	6-4-47	Relet Attorney 4-21. Ch. 255, 98.9 mcs. assigned in lieu of Ch. 264, 100.7 mcs. pending final action in Docket 6768.			
	6-24-47	98.9	(No. 255)		
		Freq. assignment accord. Do. 6768			
BMPH-701	9-3-47	Ext. of completion date to 3-17-48			
Telegram	10-17-47	Relet atty. 14. Auth granted period ending March 17, 1948 operate 98.9 Mcs. Ch. 255 using WE 503B-1 trans. 1 kw. max. output power and WE eight section clover leaf antenna mounted on East tower of WHBF antenna system 355 ft. overall height above ground for purpose FM program service. Notify Comm. date operation commences.			
Telegram	3-15-48	Relet atty. Auth. extended interim operation period ending June 17, 1948.			
BMPH-1479	2-24-48	98.9	56.6 kw.	385 ft.	By 3-17-47
Ext. of compl. date				Aver. Terr	To 9-17-48
Telegram	6-11-48	Relet atty. Auth. granted period ending Sept. 17, 1948 operate 98.9 Mcs. using WE 503B-1 trans. 1 kw. max. output power and eight sec. WE 54-A antenna mounted on East tower WHBF antenna system 353 feet overall height above ground for purpose FM program service.			
BMPH-1841	7-6-48	98.9	35 kw.	400 ft.	By 3-17-47
Mod. C.P. ant. ht. abv. terrain		change antenna system; ERP and			To 9-17-48
BPH-2434	8-23-48	Ext. of completion date to 3-17-49			

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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

CARD #2

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WIBF-FM .....

Name of licensee ROCK ISLAND BROADCASTING COMPANY .....

Transmitter location Rock Island, Ill. .....

Main studio location Telco Bldg., 231 18th St., (9-12-50)  
1800 Third Ave., Rock Island, Ill. .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
Telegram	9-15-48	Relet atty 8. With ext. period ending 3-17-49 op 98.9 mcs using NE 503 B-1 Trans. 1 kw max output power & 8-section NE 54-A ant mounted on East Tower WABF Ant 353 ft. overall height above ground re FM prog. serv.			
Telegram	3-8-49	Relet Atty. 2. Auth. ext. period ending 9-17-49.			
BMPH-3157	2-10-49	Ext. of completion date to 9-17-49			
Telegram	3-28-49	Relet Atty. 25. Auth. mod. period ending 9-17-49 op. using fac. spec. in B4-PH-138 except max. trans. output power 9.4 kw re FM prog. serv.			
BMPH-2958	4-6-49	98.9	37 kw	U	By 3-17-47
	Mod. of C. P.		Terr	380 ft.	To 9-17-49
Telegram	4-13-49	Relet Atty. 8. Auth. mod. period ending 9-17-49 op. using fac. spec. in BMPH-2958 re FM prog. serv.			
BLH-547	2-14-50	License to cover CP (HPH-138 as mod.) to 3-1-51			
BRH-511	2-21-51	Renewal of license.			To 3-1-54 L
BRH-511	2-17-54	Renewal of license Form 715 notice sent			to 12-1-55 S
WIRE	8-27-54	Auth. Oper. reduced power			ext. 30 days
WIRE	9-15-54	RELET 13. Auth. Oper. reduced power			to 10-27-54
Letter	10-4-54	STA waive Sec. 3.261 oper to midnight period ending 3-31-55			from 6:00PM
WIRE	3-15-55	RETEL 15. Auth. oper. reduced power			to 4-15-55
Letter	3-25-55	EXT. STA waiver 3.261 to operate from 6:00PM to Midnight for period ending 5-2-55			
Letter	5-13-55	EXT. STA waive 3.261 to oper. from 6:00PM to midnight daily. period ending 12-1-55			
BRH-511	11-9-55	Renewal of license to			12-1-58 S
WIRE	7-24-56	AUTH. OPERATE REDUCED POWER EXTENDED period ending 9-25-56			

Form BC-126 Card #3  
June 1954

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

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Name of licensee **ROCK ISLAND BROADCASTING COMPANY** .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPH-2134 RC from studio location TPO 1kW	8-14-56	CP change 98.9mcs.	ERP, trans. & add 3.7kw, fer: 380ft.		10-14-56 4-14-57
BLH-1141 Corr: 380ft. and Remote Control Operation from studio location	10-2-56	License to cover 98.9mcs.	BPH-2134 (changes) 3.7kw, U.		TO 12-1-58 (L)
WIRE ----- Service -----	9-20-56	RELET ATTY 19;	Auth granted provide program		to 10-20-56 ----- to 12-1-61
BRH-511	11-25-58	Renewal of license			----- to 12-1-61
BPH-2912 HAAT: 900' CP to increase ERP & HAAT, chg. trans loc., install new trans. and antenna and make change in antenna system.	2-11-60	98.9mcs Ch. 255	39-kw TPO: 5-kw	U	4-11-60 10-11-60
<del>XXXXXX</del> BLH-1660 HAAT: 900'	11-9-60	98.9mcs ft.	39kw TOP: 5kw	U	11-9 12-1-61
		Lic. to cover cp (BPH-2912) for incr. in ERP & HAAT chg. trans. loc., instl. new trans. and ant. and chgs. in ant. sys. -----			
BRH-511	11-9-61	Renewal of license			12-1 12-1-64
BRH-511	11-20-64	Renewal of license			12-1 12-1-67
BRH-511	11-24-67	Renewal of License & NDEA			12-1 12-1-70
BRH-511(S)	11-25-70	RENEWAL & NDEA			12-1-73
BTC-6803	3-22-72	INVOL. TC	EFF: 5-5-72		
EBSA	5-25-72				
BALH-1847 EFF:	8-15-73 18-17-73	INVOL. ALH			
BRH-511(L)	11-30-73	RENEWAL			12-1-76
BRH-511(L)	Supersede to correct Transmitter description				
BRCH-1243(1)	1-23-75	Mod of Lic operate by RC from SL			
BSCA-1423	2-18-75	SCA 67 Khz.			
COMTEL	5-25-76	Auth granted operate with RCA BTF-5B Trans/RCA BTE-15A exciter			

BC-126  
June 1975

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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W H B F-FM

Station location .....

Name of licensee ..... SEE CARD #1

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

App'l. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BRH-511(L) BRSCA-1423	11-15-76	Renewal of License			12-1-79
BPH-10680 HAAT: 900' (h&v) (L)	9-6-77	98.9mhz. #255 CP install new Trans.; new TPO, ERP & HAAT.	ERP: 39kw(h&v) (RC)	U	9-6-78
BLH-7653 HAAT: 900' (H&V) Lic. (BPH-10680) for changes.	5-10-78	98.9MHz #255	ERP: 39kW (H&V) (RC)	U	12-1-79
LTR.	6-8-78	TRANS: RCA BTF-5B now installed as AUX. (FORMER MAIN)			
BRH790723 BRSCA	11-30-79	(S) RENEWAL & SCA			12-1-82

Card #1

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 Call ~~W-H-B-P~~ FM  
 Letters ~~W~~ WBBF-FM

Name ROCK ISLAND BROADCASTING CO.

P. O. 1800 Third Ave., Rock Island, Ill.

Telco Bldg., 231 18th St. (9-12<sup>50</sup> on Main studio)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
B4-PH-138 Recd	4-27-43 6-16-43	Construction permit for new high frequency (FM) broadcast station. Frequency: 44,500 kcs; Population: 316,000- Coverage: <del>3,000</del> sq.mi. Studio-1800 Third Ave., Rock Island, Ill. T-E $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ , Sec 2 Twp 17 N Range 1 W of the 4th PM, Moline, Ill. (REL, Type 518; Max. 1kw)	Granted 11-1-45 for Met. type station - Conditional - Type 1 letter mailed 11-7-45	
Amended Recd.	2-24-45 2-26-45	Amended to change coverage from 3,000 to 21,250 Sq.Mi., change type of equipment from REL Type 518 Max. 1kw to RCA FM-50-A Max. 50kw & change antenna system, and change population from 316,000 to 1,074,324 Filed by Fred W. Albertson, Att'y. Amendment re Comm. letter of 9-7-45 recd. 10-5-45. List of Directors, Officers, and Stockholders. (Metropolitan) Program analysis rec'd. 4-5-46	Basic Engr. approved 5-16-46. Basic Engr. approved 10-31-46. C. P. issued 1-17-47	

See Card #2

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Form 94

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Card #2

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Letters-W-H-B-F--FM  
-NEW-Name ROCK ISLAND BROADCASTING CO.  
(P. O. 1800 Third Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B4-PH-138		Engr. information rec'd 7-8-46 re Comm. letter 6-13-46 changing type of transmitter and antenna system. Engr. info. rec'd. 8-28-46 changing type of transmitter and making changes in antenna system. Engr. info. recd. 10-4-46 making changes in antenna sytem.		
BMPH-701 Recd. Filed	8-7-47 8-12-47 8-12-47	MOD. of C. P. (B4-PH-138 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 9-17-47 to 6-1-47. Filed by Thomas W. Wilson, Att'y	GRANTED	9-3-47
BMPH-1479 Rec'd Filed	2-2-48 2-9-48 2-9-48	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-138 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 3-17-48 to 9-17-48. Filed by Thomas W. Wilson, Attorney	GRANTED	2-24-48

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CARD #3

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WHBF-FMName ROCK ISLAND BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-1841 Rec'd. Filed	4-10-48 4-14-48 4-14-48	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-138, as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station to change transmitter location to Section E-1/2, W-1/2, Range 1 - 4 PM, Township 17N, Moline, Illinois; effective radiated power to 36 kw. ant. height above average terrain to 400 ft., and make changes in antenna system. Filed by Thomas W. Wilson, Att'y.	GRANTED C.P. issued (mailed	7-6-48  8-13-48)
BMPH-2434 Recd. Filed	8-5-48 8-11-48 8-11-48	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-138 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 9-17-48 to 3-17-49. Filed by John P. Carr, att'y.	GRANTED	8-23-48
BMPH-2958 Rec'd. Filed	12-6-48 12-10-48 12-10-48	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-138 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station to change ERP from 35 kw. to 36.6 kw., antenna height above average terrain from 400 ft. to 385 ft., and make changes in antenna system Filed by John P. Carr, Atty.	GRANTED	4-6-49

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WHBF-FMName ROCK ISLAND BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-3157 Recd. Filed	1-31-49 2-4-49 2-4-49	Mod. of C. P. (B4-PH-138 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 3-17-49 to 9-17-49. Filed by John P. Carr, Atty.	GRANTED	2-10-49
BLH-547 Rec'd Filed	9-10-49 9-15-49 9-15-49	License to cover C.P. (BPH-138 as mod.) which authorized a new FM b/c station. Filed by John P. Carr, Atty.	GRANTED	2-14-50
BRH-511 Recd & Filed	12-26-50 1-2-51	Renewal of license. Filed by John Carr, Atty.	GRANTED	2-21-51
BRH-511 Recd. & filed	11-23-53 11-27-53	Renewal of license Thomas Wilson, atty	GRANTED	2-17-54
BRH-511 Recd & filed	8-8-55 8-29-55	Renewal of license T. J. Dougherty, atty	GRANTED	11-9-55

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WHEF-FMName ROCK ISLAND BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-2134 Recd & filed	7-26-56 7-30-56	G. P. to make changes in licensed station to change ERP to 3.7 kw; type transmitter to WE 503-B-2, 1 kw; add operation by remote control from 231 18th St., Rock Island, Ill.	GRANTED	8-14-56
BLH-1141 Recd & filed	9-17-56 9-19-56	License to cover the above. John Rafter, atty	GRANTED	10-2-56
ERH-511 Recd & Filed	8-11-58 10-6-58	Renewal of license Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, attys.	GRANTED	11-25-58
BPH-2912 R & F	1-18-60 1-22-60	Construction Permit to increase ERP from 3.7kw to 38.6kw, increase HAAT from 380' to 900', change transmitter location from 53rd. St. & Colona Road, Moline, Illinois to 1.75mi. South of Orion, Illinois on U. S. Highway 150, install new type transmitter (RCA-BTF-5B) & new antenna (RCA-BFA-10A) & make chgs. in antenna system. Atty's: Dow, Lohnes and Albertson	GRANTED	2-11-60 HAAT: 900' ERP: 39-kw

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WHBF-FMName ROCK ISLAND BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Rock Island, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-1660 R & F	8-18-60 8-30-60	License to cover C.P. (BPH-2912) for increase in ERP & HAAT, change in transmitter location, instl. new transmitter & antenna & changes in antenna system. Atty's: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED	11-9-60
BPH-3484 Rec'd & Filed	8-15-61 8-22-61	Construction permit to install a new transmitter (RCA, BTF-20D) and incr. ERP from 39kw to 150kw. Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Attys.	<del>DISMISSED</del>	<del>D-7-63</del> Third Report - Order
BRH-511 R & F	8-10-61 8-28-61	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-9-61
BRH-511 R&F	8-10-64 9-1-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE  CHARLES J. MCKERNS, ATTY.	GRANTED	11-20-64
BRH-511 R & F	8-21-67 8-25-67	Renewal of License Atty - Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes and Albertson)	GRANTED	11-24-67

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Letters WHBF-FM

Name ROCK ISLAND BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Rock Island, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-511 R & F P.N.	8-21-70 8-24-70 8-26-70	Renewal of License  Atty: Daniel W. Toohey	GRANTED	11-25-70
OCT 13 1970 Annual filing fee \$96.00 paid 11-17-70 #644182.				
BTC-6803 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #044894 CODE 054 (Form 316) ALSO SEE AM & TV	2-16-72 2-25-72	Involuntary transfer of control of lic corp from Ben H. Potter, and Marguerite F. Potter, Individually and as Co-Trustees under the Will of John W. Potter (deceased) to Marguerite F. Potter, Individually and as Trustee under the Will of John W. Potter (deceased)  Atty - Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED EFF:	3-22-72 5-5-72

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name **x ROCK ISLAND BROADCASTING CO.**  
**Rock Island, Illinois**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAIH-1847 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #192776 CODE 054 (Form 316) ALSO SEE AM & TV JUN 12 1973	5-25-73 5-29-73	Voluntary assignment of license to ROCK ISLAND BROADCASTING CO.  Atty - Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED EFF:	8-15-73 8-17-73
BRH-511 R & F PN PRESS	8-16-73 8-28-73 8-28-73 14 SEP 1973	Renewal of License  Atty: Daniel W. Toohy	GRANTED	11-30-73
BSCA-1423 R & F #377784 \$50 Code 057 PRESS	12-20-74 12-30-74 12-30-74  JAN 15 1975	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kilohertz.  Atty: Earl R. Stanley	GRANTED	2-18-75

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

98.9mhz.

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Letters W.H.B.F-FM

Name ROCK ISLAND BROADCASTING CO.  
Rock Island, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRGH-1243 R & F #377785 \$50 Code 057 PRESS	12-20-74	Modification of license to operate by remote control from: 231 18th Street, Rock Island, Illinois (Main Studio)  Atty: Earl R. Stanley	GRANTED	1-23-75
	12-30-74			
	12-30-74			
----- JAN 15 1975 -----				
BRH-511 BRSCA-1423 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-15-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA  E.R.Stanley, Atty.	GRANTED	11-15-76
	7-12-76			
	7-20-76			
----- OCT 8 1976 -----				
BPH-10680 R & F PRESS	7-13-77 7-19-77	CP install new Trans: HARRIS, FM-20K; Antenna: HARRIS, FMH-5AE, 5 sects H&V; chg TPO; ERP: 39kw H&V and HAAT: 900 feet H&V  Atty. Earl R. Stanley Engr. Lohnes & Culver	GRANTED	9-6-77

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Name **ROCK ISLAND BROADCASTING CO.**  
Rock Island, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-7653 R & F PTA: PRESS:	12-1-77 12-2-77 12-9-77	Lic. (BPH=10680) for changes.  Atty: Earl R. Stanley (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	5-10-78
----- MAR 3 1978 -----				
BRH 790723 UC BRSCA " PRESS	AUG 29 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. TRANS.) RENEWAL OF SCA E.R. Stanley, Atty.	GRANTED	11-30-79

## 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.

