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FM BROADCAST

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed April 7, 1964

Call letters WCBW

Station location COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS

Name of licensee WCBW, INC. (ALH3-25-80, EFF:
X JOSEPH L. LEPP, INC.

Transmitter location Metter School Rd. on N.W. city limits, Columbia, Illinois (PH-2-10-81)
x (LH 4-7-64)
On Metter School Rd., NW city limits of Columbia, Ill. (PH 10-10-63)/

62236
Main studio location 221 Beard St., Columbia, Ill. (PH 10-10-63) (LH 4-7-64)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-3890 HAAT: 230'	10-10-63	104.9mc	ERP: 2.85kw Ch. 285 TPO: 1kw	Unl.	12-10-63 to 10-6-10-64
CP for a new Class A FM broadcast station.					
BLH-2520 HAAT: 230'	4-7-64	104.9mc	ERP: 2.73kw Ch. #285 TPO: 1kw	Unl.	4-7-64 to 12-1-64
Lic. to cover CP(BPH-3890) which auth. a new FM broadcast station, and specify ERP.					
BRH-1503	11-30-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-64 to 12-1-67
BRH-1503	11-24-67	Renewal of License			12-1-67 to 12-1-70
BRH-1503	1-29-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-70 to 12-1-73
EBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-1503(L)	11-28-73	RENEWAL			12-1-73 to 12-1-76
BPH-9805 HAAT: 235' {H&V} {L}	3-17-76	104.9mhz	ERP: 3kw {H&V} CP chg TPO, ERP, HAAT, Trans & antenna {RC}	U	3-17-76 to 3-17-77
BRH-1503(L)	11-15-76	Renewal of license			12-1-76 to 12-1-79
BPH-10817 HAAT: 235' (h&v) (L)	12-19-77	104.9mhz.	ERP: 3kw(h&v) #285 (RC) CP replace expired permit (BPH-9805)	U	6-19-78 to 6-19-78
BLH-7633 HAAT: 235' (H&V) Lic. (BPH-10817, as reinstated) for changes.	5-12-78	104.9MHz	ERP: 3kw (H&V) #285 (RC) U		12-1-78 to 12-1-79
BLH-7633	5-12-78	SUPERSEDED TO CORRECT EXPIRATION DATE.			12-1-78 to 12-1-79
BTCH791108EU	1-15-80	VOL. TC		EFF: 1-30-80	
BRH790716 (S)	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-79 to 12-1-82
BALH800305	3-25-80	VOL. AL		EFF:	

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

FREQUENCY MODULATION

CARD # 2

First licensed

Call Letters ... WCBW

Station Location ... Columbia, Illinois

Name ... WCBW, INC.

Transmitter Location ... SEE CARD 1

Main studio location ... SEE CARD 1

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPH800807AK HAAT: 230' (h&v) (L)	2-10-81	104.9mhz ERP: 3.0kW(h&v) CP to Correct Geographic Coordinates & Correct TL.	2-10-82
BLH-810330AJ HAAT: 230' (H&V) (L)	7-29-81	104.9mHz ERP: 3.5kW(H&V) License to cover (BPH- 800807AK) for changes.	12-1-82

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WJWCBW

Name JOSEPH L. LEPP, INC.
COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS (P.O. 221 N. Beard St., Columbia, Ill.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-3890	9-27-62	Construction Permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 104.9mc CH 285 ERP 2.85kw Type Antenna - Collins 37M-3 (3 sections) HAAT 229 feet Type transmitter - ITA-FM-1000B TPO 1kw Transmitter location - On Metter School Rd. on northeast city limits of Columbia, Illinois Studio location - 221 Beard Street Columbia, Illinois Remote Control - Same as studio Eng. Ralph J. Bitzer, St. Louis 1, Mo.	DISMISSED	10-7-63
Rec'd	9-28-62		Third Report - Order -	
Filed	9-28-62		Reinstated	10-10-63
			GRANTED	10-10-63

FORM BC-121 #2
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W C H W

Name JOSEPH L. LEPP, INC.
COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-2520 R & F	1-30-64 2-3-64	Lic. to cover CP (BRH-3890) which auth a new FM B/C station and specify EHP as 2.73kw.	GRANTED	4-7-64
BRH-1503 Rec'd Filed	8-28-64 8-31-64 8-31-64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-30-64
BRH-1503 R.&F. SEP 12 1967	8-24-67 8-25-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-24-67
BRH-1503 R & F Pub. Notice SEP 23 1970	8-28-70 9-3-70 9-21-70	Renewal of License AMENDED 11-23-70 re: programming AMENDED 1-20-71 re: programming	GRANTED	1-29-71

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W C B WName JOSEPH L. LEPP, INC.
Columbia, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1503 R & F P.N. PRESS	8-30-73 9-4-73 9-4-73 12 SEP 1973	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-28-73
BPH-9805 R & F #527866\$100 Code 001 PRESS	2-2-76 2-4-76 2-9-76 MAR 10 1976	CP to install new trans. (Gates FM5C); install new ant. (Phelps Dodge LP-2, 2 sects. (H&V); chg. TPO; chg. ERP: 3kw(H&V); chg. HAAT: 234 ft.(H&V)	GXXE GRANTED	3-17-76
BRH-1503 R & F P.N. Press	7-24-76 7-28-76 SEP 28 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-15-76

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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LettersW..C..B..W.....Name JOSEPH L. LEPP, INC.
Columbia, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-10817 R & F PRESS: NOV 17 1977	9-19-77 9-29-77	Construction permit to replace expired permit (BPH-9805). REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 1.534(b) OF THE COMMISSION RULES. Atty---	GRANTED	12-19-77
BLH-7633 R & F PTA: PRESS: FEB 22 1978	11-22-77 11-30-77 12-19-77	Lic. (BPH-10817, as reinstated) for changes. Atty: ----	GRANTED	5-12-78
BRH 790716 PRESS	UB AUG 31 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-30-79

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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WCBW, INC.

Name XX JOSEPH L. LEPP, INC.
Columbia, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTCH 791108E ^U PRESS DEC 3 1979 Form 315 PN FILED 11-28-79		Vol TC from Joseph L. Lepp, Mary Dorothy Lepp and Alvin H. Maey's Jr. to WCBW, Inc. Atty David M. Hunsaker (SEE OVER)	GRANTED EFF:	1-15-80 1-30-80
BALH800305HK Form 316 PRESS MAR 24 1980	2-29-80	Vol. AL to WCBW, INC. Atty - David M. Hunsaker	GRANTED	3-25-80
BPH800807AK PRESS (0) SEP 2 1980		CP to Correct Georgraphic Coordinates to: 38° 26' 49" 90° 11' 25.5" & Correct Transmitter Location. Atty. David M. Hunsaker (Keith E. Putbrese)	GRANTED	2-10-81

RE: HTCH/EU - By laws filed 11-23-79

AMENDED 12-31-79 re: proposed off. and dir. and their
bus. int. of transferee

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WCBW

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Name: WCBW, INC.

Station Location: COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BLH-810330AJ PTA PRSS	APR 9 1981	License to cover (BPH-800807AK) for changes. Atty: David M. Hunsaker	GRANTED 7-29-81
BPH810520AH PRESS (0)	JUN 9 1981	CP to chg. TL to: 1.16 Miles NW of the Intersection of Imbs Station Road & Triple Lakes Road, Sugar Loaf Township, Illinois; chg. type Trans.; chg. type Ant. (HARRIS FMH-2AC, 2 sects. H&V); decre. ERP: 1.75kw (H&V); incre. HAAT: 400' (H&V); chg. SL & RC to: 111 Locust Street, Columbia, Illinois & chg. TPO. 38° 31' 16" 90° 11' 24" Atty. David M. Hunsaker (Putbrese & Hunsaker)	GRANTED: 9-18-81

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.

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.

