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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 10-15-59

Call letters ...K.B.F.S.

Station location ...Belle Fourche, S. Dak.

PLUIMER BROADCASTING, INC. (AL 1-10-79 EFF:

xxJOSEPH F. KOPP tr/as BELLE FOURCHE BROADCASTING CO. (EP 6-5-62

Name of licensee x JOSEPH F. KOPP

Transmitter location 0.35 miles southwest of Belle Fourche, South Dakota

721 State Street, Belle Fourche, South Dakota (BRC 10-23-63) (Eff: 11-26-63)  
X711 $\frac{1}{2}$  State St., Belle Fourche, South Dakota (BL-10-15-59)

Main studio location To be determined, Belle Fourche, South Dakota

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BP-11974	12-23-58	1450kc	250w (RO)U		2-23 8-23-59
	CP for a new standard broadcast station.				
BL-7579	10-15-59	1450kc	250w	U	10-15 4-1-62
	Lic. to cover CP (BP-11,974) for a new standard broadcast station.				
BR-3793	3-30-62	Renewal of license			4-1 4-1-65
BP-14,583	6-5-62	1450	250w-1kw-LS, Un		8-5 2-5-63
	CP to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw and install new transmitter (GatesBC-1T) and change applicant name to Joseph F. Kopp tr/as Belle Fourche Broadcasting Co.				
BL-9826	4-22-63	1450	250w-1kw-LS-U		4-22 4-1-65
	Lic to cover CP(BP-14,583) which auth incr day power and change name (specify trade mane).				
BRC-2347 (1)	10-23-63	Mod. of license to change studio loc. to 721 State Street, Belle Fourche, South Dakota. (Eff: 11-26-63)			
BR-3793	3-12-65	1450kc.	250w, 1kw, U (ec)		4-1 4-1-68
BR-3793 (S)	3-29-68	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (NDEA)			4-1 4-1-71
BR-3793(S)	3-25-71	Renewal and NDEA			4-1-74
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-3793	7-31-74	RENEWAL			4-1-77
BR-3793(S)	3-22-77	Renewal of License			4-1-80
BAL781114EB	1-10-79	VOL. AL	EFF:		
BR 791203 ZT	4-30-80	(L)	RENEWAL		
					4-1-83

Aug. 1955

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters NEW K.B.F.S.Name JOSEPH F. KCPF

(P.O. - 803 Kansas City St., Rapid City, South Dakota)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-11,974 Rec'd Filed	4-25-58 4-28-58 4-28-58	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1450kc Power - 250w Hours of operation - Unlimited Trans. location - 0.35 miles southwest of Belle Fourche, South Dakota Studio location - To be determined. Belle Fourche, South Dakota Remote Control Point - Same as studio  Engr. - Vir N. James, Denver, Colo. AMENDED to change type trans. (GATES BC 2500Y)	GRANTED	12-23-58
AMENDMENT R & F	6-18-58 6-20-58			

GATES BC 250LGY

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters

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Name JOSEPH F. KOPP tr/as Belle Fourche Broadcasting Co.  
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
EL-7579 R. & F.	7-9-59 7-13-59	License to cover s.p. (BP-11,974 which auth. a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED	10-15-59
BP-14,583 Rec'd Filed	12-16-61 12-21-61 12-21-61	Construction Permit to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw and install new transmitter (Gates BC-1T) and change applicant name to Joseph F. Kopp tr/as Belle Fourche Broadcasting Co. Eng. - Vir N. James, Denver, Colorado	GRANTED	6-5-62
BR-3793 Rec'd Filed	12-19-61 12-22-61 12-22-61	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-30-62
BP Rec'd	5-16-62 5-18-62	Construction permit to install a new transmitter (GATES BC 1T)	RET'D	6-15-62 Req. of applicant (in view of grant of BP-14583)

FORM BC-121  
Aug. 1955 #3

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name Joseph F. Kopp tr/as BELLE FOURCHE BROADCASTING CO.  
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-9826 R. & F.	11-20-62 11-26-62	Lic to cover CP(BP-14,583) which auth incr day power and install new transmitter, and change name (specify trade name).	GRANTED	4-22-63
BRC-2347 Rec'd Filed	10-14-63 10-17-63 10-17-63	Modification of license to change studio location and remote control point to 721 State Street, Belle Fourche, South Dakota.	GRANTED	10-23-63 Eff: 11-26-63
BR-3793 R & F	12/21/64 12/29/64	Renewal of license	GRANTED condl re CL IV	3-12-65
BR-3793 h & F JAN 26 1968	12-27-67 1-2-68	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	3-29-68

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Form BC-121  
September 1969

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters KBFSName JOSEPH F. KOPP tr/as BELLE FOURCHE BROADCASTING CO.  
BELLE FOURCHE, SOUTH DAKOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3793 R & F P.N. PRESS	12-22-70 12-31-70 12-31-70	Renewal of License AMENDED 3-11-71 re: programming	GRANTED	3-25-71
<p>On 1 5 1971</p> <p>The Commission by Letter adopted 6-30-71 notified station KBFS of apparent liability for \$500 for violation of Section 73.111(a).</p> <p>The Commission by Memorandum Opinion and Order adopted 5-17-72 ordered station KBFS to pay forfeiture of \$500 for rule violations.</p>				
BR-3793 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	12-31-73 1-2-74 " 16 JAN 1974	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 3-4-74 re: programming	GRANTED	7-31-74



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Form BC-121

May 1976

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

4-59

PLUIMER BROADCASTING, INC.

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Letters K B F SName <sup>x</sup> JOSEPH F. KOPP tr/as BELLE FOURCHE BROADCASTING CO.  
BELLE FOURCHE, SOUTH DAKOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3793 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-22-76 11-26-76 " JAN 13 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	Granted	3-22-77
BAL 781114EB PRESS Form 312 PN FILED 12-4-78 PN FILED 12-13-78	NOV 30 1978	Vol AL to PLUIMER BROADCASTING, INC. over Atty- J. Dominic Monahan (Dow Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED EFF:	1-10-79
BR 791203 ZT PRESS		RENEWAL OF LICENSE C.C. Smallwood, Atty.	GRANTED	4-30-80

BAL781114EB Amended 11-29-78 re: Addendum to sale  
contract

AMENDED 12-21-78 re: financial data

## 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.

