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Form BC 126
June 1954
#4961

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed December 31, 1974

Call letters K K A A

Station location Aberdeen, South
Dakota

Name of licensee SUNSET COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (AL 11-28-77 EFF: 12-1-77)
x DAKOTA - NORTH PLAINS CORPORATION

Transmitter location On Section Road, 1.85 miles south of Melgaard Road, Aberdeen, S. D.
(BP 10-1-73)

Main studio location On Section Road, 1.85 miles South of Melgaard Road, Aberdeen, S.D.
x To be determined, Aberdeen, South Dakota (BP 10-1-73) (BMP 9-10-74)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BP-19,415	10-1-73	1560khz	5kw, DA-2, Unl.		10-1-74
		CP for a new standard broadcast station.			
BP-19,415(1)	12-3-73	Call letters assigned and hours.			
	12-3-73				
BL-13,851(2)	9-10-74	Mod. of (BP-19,415) to make chgs. in radiation pattern for daytime & chg. SL to TL site, chg. Trans.			
BL-13,764(L)	12-31-74	Lic. for New Standard Station (BP-19,415)			4-1-77
BL-13,764(L)	12-31-74	Superseded to correct Page 2.			
BL-4961(L)	9-16-76	adjustment of directional antenna system			4-1-77
BL-20,691(L)	1-11-77	CP to install aux. ^{250w} trans.			1-11-78
BAL-9111	11-28-77	Vol. AL	EFFE	12-1-77	
BR-4961(L)	9-9-77	Renewal of License			4-1-80
BP-21,186 CANCELLED	8-3-78	1560khz	250watts	AUX. Unl.	12-31-78
		CP to replace exp. permit(BP-20691)			
BP-20,453 CP to incr.	10-19-79	1560 KHz.	5kW, 10kW	DA-2	10-19-80
daytime power.					
BR 791130 COMTEL	WK 3-25-80 9-29-80	(L)	RENEWAL		4-1-83
		AUTH. & TERMS COMTEL 1-4-79 EXT. THRU 12-15-80.			
COMTEL	10-17-80	TEMP. AUTH. GR. OPERATE WITH 1 KW, NON-DIRECTIONAL, DURING DAYTIME HOURS ONLY AS NECESSARY TO TAKE FIELD INTENSITY MEASUREMENTS. REVERT TO LIC. OPERATION AT ALL OTHER TIMES. THIS AUTH. EXPIRES 12-31-80.			
COMTEL	10-28-80	AUTH. & TERMS COMTEL 10-17-80 MOD. TO ALLOW NON-DIRECTIONAL OPERATION AT 2.5 KW POWER. THIS AUTH. EXPIRES 12-31-80.			

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

AM

CARD # 2

First licensed

Call Letters KKAA

Station Location

Name SEE CARD # 1

Transmitter Location

Main studio location

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
COMTEL	1-13-81	<p>THIRTY DAY DATA RESPONSIVE TO COMTEL 8-28-80 RECEIVED. WHEREAS MONITOR POINT ON 118.5° RADIAL EXCEEDS LIMIT SET FORTH IN 8-28 SPECIFICATIONS, NECESSARY SUBMIT FURTHER DATA PACKAGE SHOWING ALL TERMS SPECIFIED CAN BE ACHEIVED. IF MONITOR POINT IS NO LONGER RELIABLE, DATA NECESSARY TO ACCOMODATE CHANGE OF LOCATION SHOULD BE FURNISHED. FURTHER ACTION OF LICENSING PROCESS WITHHELD PENDING RECEIPT OF SUCH DATA.</p>	

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters K K A A
x NEW

Name DAKOTA-NORTH PLAINSDCORPORATION
ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA (c/o L. T. Laustsen, Box 910, Aberdeen, S. D. 57401)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-19,415	5-1-73	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station on: Frequency - 1560khz Power - 5kw, DA-2 Hours - Unlimited Trans.-CCA, 5000D Studio- To Be Determined Studio & Trans. site - On Section Rd., 1.85 mi. South of Melgaard Rd., Aberdeen S. D. 45°-25'-02" --- 98°-28'---10" 45° 25' 05" 98° 28' 36" Atty. Lauren A. Golby Eng. E. H. Munn, Jr. Amended 5-25-73 re Engineering data & Patterns submitted. Engineering data received 6-22-73 to correct coordinates. Amended 9-10-73 re financial data.	GRANTED	10-1-73
Rec'd	5-2-73		Cond'l re assume respon. for install. of filter etc	
Filed	5-2-73			
\$450-180908	5-2-73			fee paid 10-12-73 018
180909				W 21566
AC-037				
PN filed	JUL 5 1973			

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name DAKOTA-NORTH PLAINS CORPORATION
 Aberdeen, South Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP- 13,851 Rec'd Filed \$50-329797 AC-056	7-25-74 7-26-74 7-26-74	Modification of CP(BP-19,415) to make changes in radiation pattern for daytime, change studio location to trans. site, and chg. trans. to Continental Electronics 315F. Atty: Lauren A. Colby	GRANTED	9-10-74
PRESS: SEP 11 1974				
	Amended 8-15-74	re Engineering report and patterns to change radiation pattern for nighttime.		
	Amended 8-27-74	re Engineering report and patterns.		
	Amended 9-9-74	re pattern.		

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call 1560khz
Letters ...K.K.A.A.....

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Name DAKOTA-NORTH PLAINS CORPORATION
Aberdeen, South Dakota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-13,764 R & F \$50#336212 Amend Amend Amend PTA PRESS 25 SEP 1974	8-14-74 8-15-74 8-20-74 8-22-74 9-10-74 9-11-74 9-11-74	Lic. to cover BP-19,415 for New Standard B/C Station, - balance sheet & agreement - proof of performance - engr. data Transmitter: Continental 315F SL" On Section Rd., 1.8 mi. S. of Melgarrd Rd., Aberdeen, South Dakota	GRANTED	12-31-74
BP- 20,453 Rec'd Filed \$1200-585757 AC-001 JAN 8 1978	6-28-76 6-28-76 6-28-76 (Major)	CP to inc. daytime power to 10kw, chg. type trans. Continental Elec. 316F. Atty: Lauren A. Colby Eng. E. Harold Munn, Jr. (over)	GRANTED	10-19-79
BP-20,691 R & F \$50-631614 AC-001 DEC 28 1976	10-14-76 11-1-76 11-1-76	CP to install aux. trans. RCA BTA-250M with 250w Unl. Atty: Lauren A. Colby	GRANTED To:	1-11-77 1-11-78

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Form BC-121

May 1976

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SUNSET COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
 Name ~~x~~ DAKOTA-NORTH PLAINS CORPORATION
 ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4961 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-16-76 12-1-76 " FEB 23 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE L.A. Colby, Atty. AMENDED 3-25-77 re: commercial matter & EEO	GRANTED	9-9-77
BAI-9111 R & F FORM 314 (ALSO SEE FM SEP 7 1977 KQAA) PN filed	8-1-77 8-12-77 9-9-77	Voluntary assignment of license to SUNSET COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION Atty - Lauren A. Colby (SEE OVER) * AMENDED 11/4/77 - Delete KQAA (BAPH-620) AL application (AM TO BE ASSIGNED ONLY)	GRANTED EFF:	11-28-77 12-1-77
BP-21,186 R & F PRESS:	4-7-78 5-11-78 MAY 23 1978	CP replace expired permit (BP-20,691) (FOR CHANGES) REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 1.534(b) OF THE COMMISSION'S RULE. Atty: Lauren A. Colby	GRANTED CANCELLED	8-3-78 6-28-79 & lic. appl. retd.

RE: DAL-9111 - Atty was called 9-6-77 - Table 3 incomplete
re place of birth; ~~Table 1a incom~~ ~~lete~~ re dates; ~~Page One~~
~~of by laws not filed in original.~~ Pending applications not
shown in par. 9c, Part I.

AMENDED 11/4/77 @ Modified Agreement; EEO; Financial
(& see front for deletion of KQAA (FM))

RE: Amended 11-14-77 Financial Data (Schedule of Assets)

AMENDED 11-28-77 Statement clarifying prog. format

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

1560 khz

Call Letters: K K A A

Name: SUNSET COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

Station Location: ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR 791130 WK PRESS JAN 5 1980		RENEWAL OF LICENSE Greggory B. Mendenhall, Atty.	GRANTED 3-25-80
BL-800811AE R & F PTA Amend PRESS	8-11-80 8-20-80 9-5-80 OCT 22 1980	Lic. to cover BP-20,453 as mod. for changes Atty: G. Daniel McCarthy (Abourezk, Shack, etc.)	

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 12th 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.

