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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed January 27, 1943Call letters KXELStation Location, Waterloo, Iowa

Name of licensee KXEL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC (AL-5-14-59 EFF: 6-1-590)  
X CY N. BAHAKEL (AL-10-22-58 EFF: 11-9-58)  
X JOSH HIGGINS BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location 1/2 mile North of Dysart, Iowa (CP & MP 3-31-42) Lic. 1-27-43

Highway 281<sup>East</sup>, Waterloo, Iowa (Redes. 8-18-71)  
x 1.2 mi. E of city limits on U.S. Hwy. 20, Waterloo, Iowa (ML 2-13-52)  
X Insurance Bldg., Fourth & Franklin Sts., Waterloo, Iowa (Lic. 1-27-43)  
x Josh Higgins Building, Waterloo, Iowa (CP & MP 3-31-42)

Main studio location

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

APPL. No.	DATE ISSUED	FREQ.	POWER	TIME Div.	PERIOD		
					From—	To—	
Letter B4-P-3395	1-20-42	1540	50kw	U	Subj. selection transmitter site and antenna For a new station at Waterloo, Iowa		
B4-P-3395 ) B4-MP-1524)	3-31-42	1540	50kw*50kw-LS *DA-Night	U	5-31	11-30-42	
C.P. for a new station; also mod. C.P. for approval trans. site, studio location and D.A. for night use							
B4-L-1689 ) B4-Z-1422)	1-27-43	1540	50kw*50kw-LS *DA-Night	U	1-27	4-1-44	
License to cover CP 3395 as mod., for a new station; and determine operating power by direct measurement							
B4-R-1188	3-28-44	1540	50kw*50kw-LS *DA-Night	U	4-1	5-1-45	
B4-R-1188	4-24-45	1540	50kw*50kw-LS *DA-N	U	5-1	5-1-48	
B4-S-1188 Mod. Lic.-Order 107-A	9-25-45	1540	50kw*50kw-LS *DA-N	U	10-1	5-1-48	
BR-1188	4-8-48	1540	50kw*50kw-LS *DA-N	U	5-1	5-1-51	
BR-1188	4-8-48	1540	50kw*50kw-LS *DA-N	U	5-1	5-1-51	
Superseding license							
BR-1188	4-12-51	1540	50kw*50kw-LS *DA-N	U	5-1	5-1-54	
BML-1491 ML chg. S location	2-13-52	1540	50kw* *DA-N (Waiver 3.30)	U	2-13	5-1-54	
BR-1188	4-21-54	1540	50kw* *DA-N	U	5-1	2-1-56	
BTC-1886 EFF:	2-9-55 2-14-55	Vol. trans. of control to WPOA, Inc.					
BR-1188	1-25-56	Renewal of license				2-1	2-1-59
BAL-3190 Eff:	10-22-58 11-9-58	Voluntary assignment of license to Cy N. Bahakel.					
1-28-59 Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.							
BAL-3387 EFF:	5-14-59 6-1-59	Vol. assignment of license to KXEL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.					

Form BC 126

June 1954 #2

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Date first licensed .....

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Station location WATERLOO, IOWA

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BR-1188	5-13-59	1540kc	50kw	DA-N U	5-18 2-1-62
BR-1188	1-9-62	1540kc	50kw	DA-N U	2-1 2-1-65
BR-1188	1-15-65	Renewal of License			2-1 2-1-68
Tele.	5-26-69	Trans: Gates VP-50 Eff: 6-29-69.			
BRC-3533(L)	8-18-71	Mod. of lic. to operate trans. by RC, while using non-directional antenna			
EBSA	5-22-72				
<del>BR-1188</del> Comtel	7-28-72	Mod. of lic. to operate by remote control from studio location (Auxiliary Trans.) TO BE ISSUED WITH RENEWAL			
BR-1188 BL-12,428(L) BRC-3541	3-39-73	Renewal <del>submittion</del> 1540khz 50kw		DA-N U	2-1-74 RC (Main & Aux)
BRC-3633(L)	11-5-73	ML to operate Main & Auxiliary trans. by remote control. DA-N			
BR-1188	1-31-74	(S) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			
BR-1188(L)	1-13-77	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUXILIARY)			
					2-1-77 2-1-80
BR790928UE (S)	1-24-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE MAIN & AUX.			2-1-83

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name JOSH HIGGINS BROADCASTING COMPANY

P.O.: c/o Joe DuMond, 1708 S. Main St., Burlington, Iowa

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B4-P-3395 received Filed	11-21-41 11-26-41 12-1-41	C.P. for a new station on: Frequency: 1540 kc Power: 50 kw, D.A.-Day & Night Hours: Unlimited Trans.location: On Route 58, 1½ mi. East of Rheinbeck, Iowa Studio: To be determined, Waterloo, Iowa. Form 335 filed. Filed by F.W. Albertson, Atty.	Granted Subj. transmitter site & antenna Letter written Issued with MP-1524	1-20-42
B4-MP-1524 received filed	2-21-42 2-23-42 2-23-42  3-11-42	Modif. of c.p. (B4-P-3395, for a new station) for approval of transmitter site at 1/2 mi. North of Dysart, Iowa, Studio location at Josh Higgins Bldg., Waterloo, Iowa, and directional antenna for night use. Form 335 filed. Filed by F.W. Albertson, Atty. Affidavit re Availability of Material filed	Granted	3-31-42

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Fred W. Albertson, Atty.  
Paul F. Godley, Engr.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B4-L-1689 and B4-Z-1422 Rec'd.	7-11-42  7-11-42	License to cover C.P. (B4-P-3395 as modified) for new station, change studio location from Josh Higgins Bldg., Waterloo, Iowa to Insurance Bldg., Fourth & Franklin Sts., Waterloo, Iowa, AND determine operating power by direct method. (Lic. application specifies change in type and number of tubes in last radio stage) 335's filed. Filed by Lohnes. Engr.-Paul Godley.	Granted	1-27-43
B4-R-1188 Rec'd	1-17-44 1-31-44	Renewal of license Filed by Robert Irwin atty.	Granted	3-28-44
B4-R-1188 Rec'd Filed	2-17-45 2-26-45 2-26-45	Renewal of license Filed by Fred W. Albertson, Atty. Amend. filed 5-12-45	Granted	4-24-45



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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1188 Rec'd	2-24-48 3-1-48	Renewal of license Filed by Francis X. McDonough atty.	Granted	4-8-48
BR-1188 Rec'd	2-2-51 2-12-51	Renewal of license Filed by Francis X. McDonough atty.	Granted	4-12-51
BR-1491 Rec'd Filed	11-26-51 11-28-51 11-28-51	Modification of Lic. to change main studio location from Insurance Bldg. Fourth & Franklin Streets, Waterloo, Iowa to 1.2 Miles East of City Limits on U.S. Hwy. 20, Waterloo, Iowa. Francis X. McDonough, Atty.	GRANTED Waiver	2-13-52 Sec. 3.30 to permit location main studio outside city limits
BR-1188 Rec'd Filed	1-28-54 2-1-54 2-1-54	Renewal of License Filed by Clair L. Stout, Atty.	Granted	4-21-54
BTC-1886 Rec'd Filed	1-7-55 1-17-55 1-17-55	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Joe DuMond and 6 others to WOPA, Inc.  Harry Becker, Atty for Transferee William P. Sims, Atty for Transferor	GRANTED EFF:	2-9-55 2-14-55

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FORM BC-121 <sup>54</sup>  
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 KYEL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
 X CY N. BAHAKEL

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 Letters ..... KXEL .....

Name  JOSH HIGGINS BROADCASTING COMPANY  
 WATERLOO, IOWA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1188 Rec'd Filed	9-27-55 10-19-55 10-19-55	Renewal of License  A. Harry Becker	GRANTED	1-25-56
BAL-3190 Rec'd. Filed	9-19-58 9-30-58 9-30-58	Voluntary assignment of license to Cy N. Bahakel.	GRANTED EFF:	10-22-58 11-9-58
<del>BR-1188</del> Rec'd Filed	12-15-58 12-19-58 12-19-58	Renewal of license.  Sam Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	5-13-59 Waiver of 3.30
BAL-3387 Rec'd Filed	3-14-59 3-17-59 3-17-59	Voluntary assignment of license to KYEL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  Sam Miller, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	5-14-59 6-1-59
BR-1188 Rec'd&Filed	10-31-61 11-3-61	Renewal of License J. Rober Wollenberg, atty.	GRANTED	1-9-62

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FORM BC-121  
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WATERLOO, IOWA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1188 R & F	10/31/64 11/3/64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	1-15-65
BR-1188 R & F NOV 30 1967	10-26-67 11-1-67	Renewal of license Atty- David R. Anderson (Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering) AMENDED 12-8-72 re: programming; & logs	GRANTED	29- 3-29-73
EL-12,428 Rec'd \$519948 \$30 AMENDED: R & F PT AUG 20 1968	6/4/69 6/5/69 6/5/69 6/16/69 6/24/69 7/1/69	License to use former main trans. Westinghouse 50-HQ as an aux. trans. for aux. purposes only.  Atty: David R. Anderson	GRANTED  issued with renewal	3-29-73

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Name KXEL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
Waterloo, Iowa

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRC-3533 R & F #018130 \$50 Acc. 067 Press	7-16-71 7-20-71 7-20-71 Amended 10-2-	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from main studio location, while using non-directional antenna. 73 re field intensity measurements. Atty: David R. Anderson	GRANTED	8-18-71
BRC-3541 R & F #004827 \$50 Acc. 067 Press	9-8-71 9-16-71 9-16-71 SEP 27 1971	Modification of license to operate auxiliary transmitter by remote control from main studio location, while using non-directional antenna. (Auxiliary)  Atty: David R. Anderson	GRANTED NOT ISSUED - TO BE ISSUED WITH RENEWAL.	7-28-72
BRC-3633 R & F \$50-151222 AC-067	1-9-73 2-5-73 2-5-73 FEB 22 1973	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from KXEL Building, Hwy. 281 East, Waterloo, Iowa, while using directional antenna. (Main & Aux.) Atty: Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering	GRANTED	11-5-73

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WATERLOO, IOWA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
ER-1188 R & F PN PRESS	11-5-73 11-5-73 11-5-73 NOV 20 1973	Renewal of License(Main & Auxiliary)  Atty: Mary McReynolds(Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering)	GRANTED	1331-74
Ltr. rec'd	1-9-76	Request Waiver of Sect. 73.1201(b)(2) of the Rules to identify as Waterloo-Cedar Rapids, Iowa	DENIED	3-5-76 Pursuant Sect. 0.281 of Commission's rule
BR-1188 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	10-1-76 10-1-76 " NOV 1 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY)	GRANTED	1-13-77

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Name: KXEL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Station Location: Waterloo, Iowa

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR790928UE PRESS OCT 31 1979		Renewal of License (Main & Aux. Trans.)  Atty.: Robert A. Bernstein	GRANTED 1-24-80
BZ-781023AI R & F  DM PRESS APR 07 1981	10-23-78  6-5-80	DIRECT MEASUREMENT  Atty: Robert A. Bernstein (Brown & Bernstein)	

## 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.

