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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 9-24-47

Call letters WINI Location: Saginaw, Michigan

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Name of licensee

2850 Gabel Road, 1.5 miles SW of Bridgeport, Michigan Transmitter location Spaulding, Michigan (MP 11-25-46) (lic. 9-24-47)

> 5200 State Street, Saginaw, Michigan (BML 7-28-72) 1650 Treanor Street, Bridgeport Twp. Michigan (BML 7-7-60) 221 South Washington Street, Saginaw, Michigan. (Lic. 9-24-47) x119 South Washington Street, Saginaw, Michigan (MP 11-25-46)

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed	Call letters WKNX
	Station location Saginav, Michigan

Name of licensee LAKE HURON BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed	Call letters WKNX
	Station location Saginaw, Mich.
Name of licensee	***************************************
Transmitter location	
Main studio location	

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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Call Letters WKHX

O. J. KELCHNER, WILLIAM J. EDWARDS & HOWARD H. WOLFE d/b as LAKE HURON BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name

(P.O. 288 Oak St., Midlend, Michigan)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature A	Date
B2-P-4894 Rec'd Filed	5-27-46 5-31-46 5-31-46	Construction Permit for a new standard broad- cast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1210 kc Power: 1kw Hours of Operation: Daytime only. Trans. Location: To be determined - In or near Saginaw, Michigan. Studio Location: To be determined - Saginaw, Mich. (Filed by Frank U. Fletcher, Atty; John Creutz, Engr.)	GRANTED subject	to filing MP eval of T site ina 9-19-46

Collins 20-K Transmitter

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Call Letters WKNX

Name O. J. KELCHNER, WILLIAM J. EDWARDS, AND HOWARD H. WOLFE, d/b as LAKE HURON

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature Date	
B2-MP-2156 Rec'd Filed	9-21-46 9-23-46 9-23-46	Mod. of C.P. (B2-P-4894, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna, to change type of transmitter (Raytheon RA-1000), for approval of transmitter location at Spaulding, Michigan and to specify studio location as 119 South Washington St., Saginaw Michigan. (Frank U. Fletcher, Atty., John Creutz, Engr).	GRANTED	11-25-46

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Call Letters WKNX

Name O. J. KELCHNER, WILLIAM J. EDWARDS and HOWARD H. WOLFE, d/b as

LAKE HURON BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature Ac	tion Date
BL-2397 Rec'd Filed	4-15-47 4-16-47 4-16-47	License to cover C.P. (B2-P-4894, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and for change of stduio location from: 119 So. Washington St., Saginaw, Mich. to: 221 So. Washington St., Saginaw, Mich. and	CRANTED re waiver 3.60	9-24-47 3.55(b) and 3x1
BZ-2215 Rec'd Filed	4-15-47 4-16-47 4-16-47	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.		

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Call Letters WKNZ

Name C. V. KELOHNER. WILLIAM J. TUMARDS. AND HOWARD H. WOLFE,

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
EP-6447 Rec'd Filed	11-17-47 11-20-47 11-20-47	C.P. to change frequency from 1210 kc to 970kc, to change hours of operation from daytime to unlimited time, increase power from lkw day to 1 kw day and night, install directional antenna for night use (DA-N), change transmitter location from Spaulding, Nichigan TO Approx. 5 miles South of Saginaw, Nichigan.	Docket No DENIED Hearing ISSUED	6-13-51 after
AMEND. Recd. Filed	7-12-50	(Frank U. Fletcher, Atty.) AMENDED to change name of applicant from: O.J. Kelchner, William J. Edwards, and Howard H. Wolfe d/b as Lake Huron Broadcasting Company to: Lake Huron Broadcasting Corporation.		

Form 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

LAKE HURON BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL 6-21-50)

Call Letters WKNX

Name = 0. J. KELCHNER, WILLIAM J.EDWARDS, AND HOWARD H. WOLFE,

File No.	Dated	Act Nature	tion Date	
BR-1594 Rec'd	2-25-48 3-1-48	Renewal of license	GRAN ED	4-27-48
BAL-1043 Rec'd Filed	5-29-50 6-15-50 6-15-50	Voluntary assignment of license from 0. J. Kelchner, William J. Edwards, and Howard H. Wolfe, d/b as Lake Huron Broadcasting Company to Lake Huron Broadcasting Corporation. Frank U. Fletcher, Atty.	GRANTE EFF: 7-	ED 6-21-50 -1-50

FORM A-170 #6

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters

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Name LAKE HURON BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	lion Date
BTC-1055 Rec'd Filed	12-29-50 1-5-51 1-5-51	Voluntary acquisition of control of licensee corporation by Howard Wolfe and William J. Edwards thru purchase and retirement to treasury by Lake Huron Broadcasting Corporation of 300 shares of common stock from O. J. Kelchner. Frank U. Fletcher, Atty.	GRANTAD Eff:	1-17-51 1-31-51
BR-1594 Rec'd	2-23-51 3-1-51	Renewal of license Filed by Frank U. Fletcher atty.	GRANTED	4-25-51
BTC-1397 Rec'd Filed	10-21-52 10-23-52 10-23-52	Voluntary relinquishment of negative control of licensee corporation by William J. Edwards and Howard H. Wolfe thru sale of 300 shares treasury stock to Alvin M. Bentley.	GRANTED EFF:	11-20-52 11-24-52

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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LAKE HURON BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	ction Date
BZ-3491 Rec'd Filed	5-6-53 5-13-53 5-13-53	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. Frank U. Fletcher, Atty. John Creutz, Engr.	GRANTED	7-8-53
ER-1594 Rec'd Filed	1-26-54 1-29-54 1-29-54	Renewal of License	Granted	4-28-54
BR-1594 Rec'd Filed	7-6-55 7-8-55 7-8-55	Renewal of license Arthur Scheiner, Atty.	GRANTED	9 -7-5 5
BP-11,735 Rec'd Filed	11-27-57 12-5-57 12-5-57	1kw to 10kw and install new trans. (RCA BTA 10F	CRANTED i) Cond'l or; field nd DA-non-	meas. equip.
SEE CARD	FOR AMENDM	F.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.		

FORM BC-121 /8 Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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LAKE HURON BROADCASTING CORPORATION

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Ac Nature	tion Date
BR-1594 Recd Filed	6-28-58 7-1-58 7-1-56	Renewal of license Ed ard R. McKenna, Attorney	GRANTED	9-24-58
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SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BL-7859 Rec'd Filed	2-10-60 2-24-60 2-24-60	License to use old main transmitter (RAYTHEON RA-1000) and antenna as auxiliary at 1650 Bradley Road, Bridgeport Township, Michigan on 1210kc, lkw for auxiliary purposes only.	GRANTED	6-23-60
		David S. Stevens, Atty.		
HAL- T 889 R & F	3-15-60 6-6-60	Mcdification of license to change studio location from 221 S. Washington St. Saginaw Michigan to 1650 Treenor St. Bridgeport Twp. Michigan (Waiver of Sec. 3.30 of Rules Req. Atty's: McKenna & Wilkinson		7-7-60
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FORM BC-121

Aug. 1955

Call Letters W K N X

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Natur	Date
BRC-1809 Rec'd Filed	2-10-61	Modification of license to operate MAIN transmitter by Remote Control from 1650 Treanor Street, Bridgeport Township, Michigan.	CRANTEI	6-26-61
ĒR -1 594	6-19-61	Renewal of License (Main and Auxiliary)	GRANTED	9-15-61
Rec'd&Filed	7-3-61	Robert W. Coll, atty.		
BR-1594 Rec'd	6-26-64 6-30-64	Renewal of license(Main & Auxiliary)	GRANTED	9-14-64
Filed	6-30-64	Atty. Robert W. Coll		
BR-1594 R & F	6-20-67 6-30-67	Renewal of license(main).	GRANTED	10-17-67
BR-1594 Rec'd Filed JUL 17	6-20-67 6-30-67 130-7-5-67	Renewal of license (auxiliary). Atty: McKenna & Wilkinson	GRANTED	10-17-67

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Name LAKE HURON BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Saginaw, Michigan

File No. BTC-6224 R & F FEE PD: \$30	Dated 3-20-70 3-23-70 -#586906 PR 1 1970	Application for Voluntary acquisition of negative control of lic corp by each, William J. Edwards and Howa H. Wolfe thru purchase of stock(and retirement thereof) by the lic corp from the Executors of the Estate of Alvin M. Bentley (deceased) Atty - McKenna & Wilkinson	EFF: 4-9-70
BR-1594 R & F P.N.	6-29-70 7-6-70 7-6-70 AUG 5 1970	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) AMENDED 8-28-70 re: status of anti-trust litigation AMENDED 12-17-70 re: operation and maintena	GRANTED 5-27-71 ince loge

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Call Letters ... W K N X

Name LAKE HURON BROADCASTING CORPORATION
SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Ac Nature	tion Date
BML-2419 R&F \$50-085963 AC-060 PRESS: JUL	6-15-72 6-26-72 6-26-72 2 7 19 72	Modification of license to change the main studio location and remote control point beyond the corporate city limits to 5200 State Street, , Saginaw, Michigan. Atty. McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner	GRANTED	7-28-72
R & F FEE PD:\$2		Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from William J. Edwards and Howard H. Wolfe (50% each) to William J. Edwards (56.7%) Atty - McKenna, Wilkinson ' Kittner		ID 1-22-73 1-29-73

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Call WKNX

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File No.	Dated .	Application for	Ac Nature	tion Date
BP-19,406 R&F \$50-176778	4-12-73 4-20-73 4-20-73	Construction permit install new Auxiliary transmitter Gates, BC-lH with lkw, Day, DA and to be operated by remote control.	GRANTE.	5-18-73
AC-060 PRESS: MAY	1973	Atty. James Cooke (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kit	ner)	
R & F PN PRESS 2 AUG 19	7-3-73 7-3-73	Renewal of License Atty: James Cooke AMENDED 10-10-73 re: survey report supplement programming AMENDED 11-29-73 re: EEO	issued w	11-6-74 th BL-13,680
BL-13680 R & F \$50#303100 PTA PRESS 8 J	4-16-74	Lic. to cover BP-19406 for New Auxiliary	RANTED issued wit	11-6-74 h Renewal
PH4-5-	3-74	P. C. C WASHINSTON, D. C.		

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Call WKNX Letters

RADIOCOM, LTD.

Name *LAKE HURON BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Saginar, Michigan

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Natur	e Date
BR-1594 R & F P.N. Press	5-24-76 5-28-76 5-28-76 JUL 2 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & Auxiliary) Atty: James R. Cooke (Mckenna, Wilkinson & K	GRANTEI	9-15-76
BR-1594 R & F	5-14-76 7-9-76	Renewal of License (Auxiliary) AMENDED 10-4-76 re: engineering (aux.)		
BAL -9354 R & F FORM 314 MA PN FILED	1-21-78 14-26-78 5-12-78	Voluntary assignment of license to RADIOCOM, LTD (OVER) Atty for assigner - James R. Cooke for assignee - Stambler & Shrinsky, P. C. AMENTED 7-7-78 - chges in stockholders(see over		8-7-78
		F.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.		

BAL-9354 Amended 7-7-78 re: Delete Joseph M. Podoley as stockholder and substitute his wife (Della M. Podoley in his place; bank ltr.; Plan of financing; Other B/c interest of stockholders

AMENDED 7-24-78 re: financial data & B/c experience

Call Letters: WKNX

Name: RADIOCOM,LTD

Station Location: SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
R 790601 CB RESS AUG 1	4 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) Jas.M.Weitzman, Atty.	GRANTED 9-21-79
			Farm BC-121 March 1979

WKNX - RECORD OF DENIAL OF INFORMAL APPLICATIONS

Letter 9-18-47 To opr. additional time 10-11-47, to broade cast football game, only.

WIRE 9-7-56 Operate additional time 9-29-56 for football

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 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. 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.

