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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

AUTHORITY GRANTED 11-25-68 for on-the-air I.D.; "MOLINE-ROCK ISLAND"

WQUA (8-5-46)

Date first licensed

11-18-48
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Call letters

LOCATION: MOLINE, ILLINOIS

X RADIO MOLINE, INC., (AL 1-20-60; EFF: 2-1-60)

X WQUA, INC. (AL 11-9-55, EFF: 11-18-55)

X QUAD-CITY BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL 4-11-51 Eff: 4-30-51)

X MOLINE BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL 2-20-47, EFF 2-28-47)

X BRUFF W. OLIN, JR., G. DECKER FRENCH and HOWARD P. ECKHART,

Name of licensee

a partnership, d/b as MOLINE BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location

7th St. extension just beyond Moline city limits, So. Moline Twp., Ill.

(MP 8-2-46) (Lic. 11-14-46)

1801-6th Ave., Moline, Ill. (Ltr. 9-4-68)

61625
Main studio location

X 1319 Fifth Ave., Berglund Bldg., Moline, Ill. (MP 8-2-46) (Lic. 11-14-46)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
B4-P-3678	4-10-46	1230	250w	U	
Letter 6-17-46 C.P. for new station granted subject to approval of T site and antenna (Conditional Clause)					
B4-P-3678	8-2-46	1230	250w	U	10-2 4-2-47
B4-MP-1946	MOD. C.P.(3678) for approval of antenna and T & S sites (Conditional Clause)				
B4-MP-2106	10-1-46	Mod.C.P.(3678 as mod.) for change in type of transmitter			10-2 4-2-47 (Conditional Clause)
B4-L-2096	11-14-46	1230	250	U	11-14 2-1-49
B4-Z-1914	Lic. to cover CP (3678) as modified for a new station and determine operating power by direct measurement. (Cond'l Clause)				
M-AL-576	2-20-47	Voluntary assignment of license to Moline Broadcasting Corporation			
EFF: 2-28-47					
S-1320	1-30-47	1230	250w	U	1-30 2-1-49
	Mod. Lic. to delete waiver 3.55(b) from cond'l. clause (Conditional Clause)				
BZ-2373	7-21-47	1230	250w	U	7-21 2-1-49
Determine operating power by direct method. (Cond. Clause)					
BR-1320	1-18-49	1230	250w	U	2-1 2-1-52
BTC-910	5-12-50	Vol. TC of lic. corp. thru sale of 2050 shares common stock and 90 shares preferred stock			
EFF: 5-18-50					
AL-1165	4-11-51	Vol. AL from Moline B/c Corp. to Quad-City B/c Corp.			
Eff: 4-30-51					
BR-1320	1-16-52	1230	250w	U	2-1 12-1-52
BR-1320	11-5-52	Renewal of license			12-1 12-1-55
BRC-224	11-13-53	Mod. of lic. to operate Trans. by R.C. from 1319 Fifth Ave., Moline, Ill.			
(1)					
BTC-2005	7-13-55	Vol. trans. of control to WQUA, Inc.			
EFF:	7-30-55				
BAL-2148	11-9-55	Vol. assignment of license to WQUA, INC.			
EFF:	11-18-55				

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed11-14-46.....

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MID AMERICA BROADCASTING, INC. (EML 7-12-66)

Name of licenseeSEE CARD # 1.....

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BR-1320	11-30-55	1230	250w	U	12-1 12-1-58
BP-11291	5-23-57	1230	250w	U	7-23 1-23-58
	CP to install a new transmitter (Collins 300J).				
BL-6770 (1)	10-4-57	License to cover construction permit (BP-11,291) which authorized installation of a new transmitter (Collins 300-J)			
BR-1320	11-19-58	1230	250w	U (RC)	12-1 12-1-61
BAL-3749	1-20-60	Voluntary assignment of license to			
EFT:	2-1-60	Radio Moline, Inc.			
BP-14996	8-21-61	1230kc	250w	Un	10-21 4-21-62
	CP to install new type trans (Collins 20V-3).				
	11-20-61	Action on Renewal Deferred.			
BP-13151	11-8-61	1230kc	250w, 1kw	U	1-8 7-8-62
	CP to increase daytime power to 1kw and install a new transmitter (COLLINS 20-V) (Cond'l). (and correction of coordinates)				
BR-1320	1-25-62	Renewal of License.			1-25 12-1-64
EL-8973 Main	5-22-62	1230kc	250w	U	5-22 12-1-64
	License to cover CP (BP-14996) which auth. install new type trans.				
EL-8990			250w, 1kw	U	(Cond'l)
	License to cover CP (BP-13151) which auth. incr. in daytime power and install new trans. (Collins 20V2)				
EL-8989 Aux.	5-22-62	1230kc	250w	Aux.	5-22 12-1-64
	License to use old main trans. (Collins 300-J) as aux. trans for aux. purposes only with remote control from studios.				
BR-1320	1-25-62	Superseding authorization; Issued on wrong form			
BZ-4963 (1)	7-2-63 (Main)	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.			
BR-1320 AUX	11-9-64	1230kc.	250, 1kw, 45U		12-1 12-1-67
	Renewal of License			to	12-1-67
BZ-5728 (1)	10-25-65 (Main)	Auth. to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed

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Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BZ-5905 (1)	12-1-65 (Aux.)	Auth. to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.			
BML-2164 (2)	7-12-66	Mod. of license to change name to MID AMERICA BROADCASTING, INC. (Main & Aux.)			
BZ-6117	9-16-66 Auth. meas.	1230kc	250w, 1kw-LS	U	9-16 12-1-67
BZ-6118	9-16-66 Auth. to meas. of	1230kc	250w	Aux.	9-16 12-1-67
BR-1320	11-24-67	Renewal of License (Main and Auxiliary)			12-1 12-1-70
Ltr. 9-4-68	- SL &	RC pt. now 1801-6th Ave., Moline, Ill.			
Ltr. 1-2-69	-	transmitter Collins 520D-1			
BTC-5909	5-15-69	Vol. TC			
BR-1320	11-25-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSES & NDEA MAIN & AUX.			12-1-73
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-1320(S)	11-28-73	RENEWAL OF MAIN & AUX.			12-1-76
BZ-8452(L)	1-15-74	Direct Measurement			12-1-76
BR-1320(S)	11-15-76	Renewal of License			12-1-79
BTC-8515	11-22-77	Vol TC	EFF:	12-8-77	
Ltr.	2-7-77	Main Trans: Harris 13-1			
BTC780829EF	9-15-78	Vol. TC	EFF:	9-29-78	
BR790723UQ (S)	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

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x W M O ICall letters **X New**

Name **BRUFF W. OLIN, JR., G. DECKER FRENCH and HOWARD P. ECKERMAN,**
A PARTNERSHIP, d/b as MOLINE BROADCASTING COMPANY
(P.O. 25 Arnold Road, Poughkeepsie, New York)

220 Everett Street, Stratford, Conn.
 APPLICATION FOR—

FILE No.	DATED	APPLICATION FOR—	NATURE	DATE
B4-P-3678	8-18-44	Construction Permit for a new standard broad-	Docket No. 6699	
Rec'd	8-18-44	cast station to be operated on:	* GRANTED	4-10-46
Filed	8-18-44	Frequency: 1230 kc	(subject to approval of	
		Power: 250w	T site and antenna -	
		Hours of Operation: Unlimited time	Conditional re waiver	
		Trans. & Studio Locations: To be determined.	3.55(b) and 3.60)	
		Moline, Ill.	Letter 6-17-46	
		(Geo. B. Porter, Atty.; John D. Woodward, Engr.)	*Order issued granting	
			petition for recon-	
			sideration and grant	
			Issued with MP 1946	

COMPOSITE Transmitter

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters x W M O IName BRUFF W. OLIN, JR., G. DECKER FRENCH AND HOWARD P. ECKELMAN,
A Partnership, d/b as MOLINE BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B4-MF-1946	5-27-46	Mod. of C.P. (B4-P-3678, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna and approval of transmitter and studio locations at 7th. Street extension just beyond Moline City limits. South Moline Twp, Illinois and 1310 Fifth Avenue (Berglund Building) Moline, Illinois, respectively. (Filed by George E. Porter, Atty.; Garo Willard Ray, Engr.)	GRANTED	CA 8-2-46
Rec'd	5-27-46		(Conditional re waiver	
Filed	5-27-46		3.55(b) and 3.60)	

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Letters W Q U A

BRUFF W. OLIN, JR., G. DECKER FRENCH AND HOWARD P. ECKERMAN

Name a partnership d/b as MOLINE BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B4-MP-2106 Rec'd Filed	8-31-46 9-3-46 9-3-46	Modification of C.P. (B4-P-3678, as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type of transmitter (COLLINS 300G). Charles E. Thompson, Att'y.	GRANTED Conditional re waiver 3.55(b) and 3.60	10-1-46
B4-L-2096 Rec'd Filed	9-14-46 9-17-46 9-17-46	License to cover C.P. (B4-P-3678, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Charles E. Thompson, Att'y.) <i>No longer att'y.</i> <i>2-17-48 per Mrs. Nutt.</i>	GRANTED (Cond'l re waiver 3.55(b) & 3.60)	11-14-46
B4-Z-1914 Rec'd Filed	9-14-46 9-17-46 9-17-46			

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MOLINE BROADCASTING CORPORATION

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Name X BRUFF W. OLIN, JR., G. DECKER FRENCH AND HOWARD P. ECKERMAN, a partnership d/bas
MOLINE BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B4-AI-576 Rec'd Filed	12-30-46 1-2-47 1-2-47	Voluntary Assignment of License to Moline Broadcasting Corporation.	GRANTED EFF 2-28-47	2-20-47
BZ-2373 Rec'd Filed	7-7-47 7-9-47 7-9-47	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED cond. re waiver 3.60	7-21-47
BP-6269 Rec'd Filed	7-18-47 8-4-47 8-4-47	Construction Permit to make changes in vertical antenna and mount FM antenna on AM Tower.	DISMISSED FM station was deleted	5-2-49 since
BR-1320 Rec'd	11-29-48 12-2-48	Renewal of license	GRANTED	1-18-49

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

QUAD-CITY BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL 4-11-51)

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Letters W Q U AName X MO LINE BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-910	3-10-50	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Bruff W. Olin, Jr. and Elizabeth L. Olin to Quad-City Broadcasting Corporation. 2050 shares common stock - 85% 90 shares preferred stock - 17.5% Charles E. Thompson, Atty - Transferors. David E. Tolman, Atty - Transferees.	GRANTED	3-12-50
Rec'd	3-15-50			
Filed	3-15-50		Eff:	5-16-50
BAL-1165	3-19-51	Voluntary assignment of license from Moline Broadcasting Corporation to Quad-City Broadcasting Corporation. David E. Tolman, Atty.	GRANTED	4-11-51
Rec'd	3-22-51			
Filed	3-22-51		Eff:	4-30-51
BR-1320	10-26-51	Renewal of license		
Rec'd	10-30-51			
Filed	10-30-51		GRANTED	1-18-52

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Letters 1-2-55

Name QUAD-CITY BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1320 Rec'd Filed	8-29-53 9-2-53 9-2-53	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-5-52
BRC-224 Rec'd Filed	10-27-53 11-2-53 11-2-53	Modification of license to operate transmitter by Remote Control from 1319 Fifth Avenue, Moline, Illinois.	GRANTED	11-13-53
BTC-2005 Rec'd Filed	5-26-55 6-3-55 6-3-55	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Dalton Lemasurier to WQUA, Inc.	GRANTED EFF:	7-13-55 7-30-55
Seymour Chase, Atty.				
BR-1320 Rec'd Resub Rec'd Filed	8-29-55 8-30-55 8-29-55 10-20-55 10-20-55	Renewal of license (Contingent on grant of BAL-2148)	Returned 9-30-55 Filed in wrong name GRANTED	9-30-55 11-30-55 11-30-55

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FORMERLY FORM A-170

WQUA, INC. (AL 11-9-55 EFF: 11-18-55)

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Name x QUAD-CITY BROADCASTING CORPORATION

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-2148 Rec'd Filed	9-27-55 10-20-55 10-20-55	Voluntary assignment of license to WQUA, Inc. Seymour Chase, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	11-9-55 11-18-55
BP-11,291 Rec'd Filed	4-30-57 5-13-57 5-13-57	Construction Permit to install a new transmitter (Collins 300J). Atty: Seymour Chase.	GRANTED	5-23-57
BL-6770 Rec'd Filed	8-5-57 8-15-57 8-15-57	License to cover construction permit BP-11291 which authorized installation of a new transmitter. Segal, Smith & Hennessey(Marmet), Atty.	GRANTED	10-4-57
BR-1320 Rec'd Filed	8-25-58 8-28-58 8-28-58	Renewal of License. Seymour M. Chase, Atty.	GRANTED	11-19-58

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W Q U AName X W Q U A, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-13,151 Rec'd Filed	5-8-59 5-15-59 5-15-59	Construction Permit to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw and install a new transmitter (Collins 20-V) (Requests waiver of Sec. 3.28(c) of the Rules) Atty.- Seymore M. Chase Engr.- Silliman, Meffert & Rohrer	GRANTED Cond'l re: Permittee shall accept such interf. as may be caused by other existing 250w Class IV stations.	11-8-61
SEE AMENDMENT BELOW				
BAL-3749 Rec'd Filed	12-22-59 12-24-59 12-24-59	Voluntary assignment of license to Radio Moline, Inc. Ben C. Fisher, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	1-20-60 2-1-60
BP-13,151 AMENDMENT Rec'd Filed (ORDER)	(cont'd) 3-2-60 3-10-60 3-14-60	AMENDED to change applicant name to RADIO MOLINE, INC. as auth. by BAL-3749 gr 1-20-60		

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W Q U A

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Name Radio Moline, Inc.Moline, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-14996 R&F	7-25-61 7-26-61	CP to install new type trans. (Collins 20V-3) yAtty: Seymour M. Chase	GRANTED	8-21-61
BR-1320 Rec'd Filed	8-29-61 8-30-61 8-30-61	Renewal of license Atty.: Seymour M. Chase	GRANTED	1-25-62
BL-8973 R. & F.	10-27-61 11-9-61	Lic to cover CP(BP-14,996) which auth. install of a new type trans. atty- Seymour M. Chase	GRANTED (Issued with BL-8990)	5-22-62
BL-8989 R. & F.	11-29-61 11-30-61	Lic to use old main trans. (Collins 300J) as an aux. trans. at main trans. loc. to be operated on 1230kc, 250w for aux. purposes only, with remote control from studio.	GRANTED	5-22-62
BL-8990 R. & F.	11-29-61 11-30-61	Lic to cover CP(BP-13,151) which auth. incr. in daytime power and installation of new trans. Atty-Seymour M. Chase	GRANTED Cond'l: accept inter- ference from other 250w Class IV stations if granted incr. in power (Issued with BL-8973)	5-22-62

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

CARD # 10

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Letters W Q U AName RADIO MOLINE, INC.
MOLINE, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-4963 R & F	5-16-63 5-17-63	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Main)	GRANTED	7-2-63
BR-1320 R&F	8-1-64 8-28-64	Ben C. Fisher, Atty. RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN) BEN C. FISHER, ATTY.	GRANTED	11-9-64
BR-1320 Rec'd	10/23/64 10/14/64	Renewal of license (Auxiliary Trans.)	GRANTED	RENEWED 10/20/64 RECYCLES.
Resub. R & F.	10/26/64 10/26/64			11-9-64
BZ-5728 R & F	8/18/65 8/30/65	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. (Main) Atty: Chas. F. Duvall	GRANTED	10-25-65

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Letters W.Q.U.A.

MID AMERICA BROADCASTING, INC.

Name KRADIO MOLINE, INC.
Moline, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-5905 Rec'd Filed	9/23/65 9/27/65 10/14/65	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. (Aux.) Attys: Fisher, Wayland, Duvall & Southmayd	GRANTED	12-1-65
BML-2164 R. & F.	5-26-66 5-31-66	Mod. of lic. to change name to MID AMERICA BROADCASTING, INC. ATTY: Fisher, Wayland, Duvall and Southmayd (Ben C. Fisher)	GRANTED	7-12-66
BZ-6117 R & F	7/26/66 7/28/66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. (Main) Atty: Fisher, Wayland, Duvall & Southmayd	GRANTED	9-16-66
BZ-6118 R & F	8/5/66 8/9/66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. (Auxiliary) Atty: Fisher, Wayland, Duvall & Southmayd	GRANTED	9-16-66
BR-1320 R & F SEP 20 1967	8-16-67 8-29-67	Renewal of License (Main and Auxiliary) Atty: Ben C. Fisher	GRANTED	11-24-67

PETITION FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 73.117 OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS filed 11-15-68 by
Fisher on behalf of Mid America Broadcasting, Inc.

FORM BC-121 #12
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W Q U A

Name MID AMERICA BROADCASTING, INC.
Moline, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL- Rec'd	10/1/68 10/3/68	License to use former auxiliary transmitter Collins 300-J2 as an auxiliary day and alternate-main night trans. Atty: Martin R. Leader	RETURNED: 11/12/68 per appl. request for	dismiss
BTC-5909 R & F FEE PD: \$30 - #503449 (Form 316 - Also see WIRL APR 11 1969	3-25-69 4-1-69 #503449 etc	Vol. transfer of control of lic. corp. from Kankakee Daily Journal Company to Burrell L. Small Atty - Ben C. Fisher	GRANTED Eff:	5-15-69 7-28-69
BR-1320 R & F P. N.	7-27-70 8-31-70 8-31-70 SEP 10 1970	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Atty: Charles V. Wayland AMENDED 9-29-70 re: 9-29-70	GRANTED	11-25-70
F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.				

PETITION TO HOLD RENEWAL APPLICATIONS IN ABEYANCE, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO DENY
filed 11-15-68 by Frank Fletcher on behalf of Norwood J. Patterson.

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W Q U A

Name MID AMERICA BROADCASTING, INC.
MOLINE, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
Annual filing fee \$208.00 paid 11-16-70 #644029.				
BR-1320 R & F PN PRESS	8-17-73 8-27-73 8-27-73 SEP 20 1973	Renewal of License(Main & Auxiliary) Atty: Richard R. Zaragoza AMENDED 11-13-73 re: EEO prog.	GRANTED	11-26-73
BZ-8452 R & F DM PRESS	10-29-73 10-31-73 11-12-73 9 JAN 1974	DIRECT MEASUREMENT (Main & Auxiliary)	GRANTED	1-15-74
BR-1320 R & F P.N. Press	7-9-76 7-27-76 7-27-76 SEP 29 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) Atty: Richard R. Zaragoza (Fisher,Wayland,Southmayd & Cooper)	Granted	11-15-76

F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W.Q.U.A.Name MID AMERICA BROADCASTING, INC.
MOBILE, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-8515 R & F FORM 316 Also see WKAM, etc	10/13/77 10/21/77 NOV 11 1977	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Burrell L. Small to Burrell L. Small, Trustee of the Burrell L. Small Revocable Trust Atty - Fisher, Wayland, etc (R. Zaragoza)	GRANTED EFF:	11-22-77 12-8-77
BTC780829EF FILED Form 316 (Also see KIOA & KMCK-FM)	8-25-78 9-8-78	Vol. TC from Burrell L. Small, Trustee of the Burrell L. Small Revocable Trust, et al (all stockholders) to MID AMERICA AUDIO-VIDEO, INC. Atty - Richard R. Zaragoza (Fisher, Wayland)	GRANTED EFF:	9-15-78 9-29-78
PRESS SEP 1 1978 BR 790723 UG Q PRESS SEP 7 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) R.R. Zaragoza, Atty.	over GRANTED	11-30-79

BTC780829EF Amended 9-8-78 re: clarification of trans-
ferors listed in Exh. #1 and #10

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WQUA

Name: MID AMERICA BROADCASTING, INC.

Station Location: MOLINE, ILLINOIS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BTC810319GS Form 315 PRESS Also see WKAN(am) PN FILED 5-15-81	APR 28 1981 et al	Invol. TC from Burell L. Small, Deceased Trustee of The Burell L. Small Revocable Trust to Reva G. Small, Trustee of The Reva Arlene Small Trust Atty Richard R. Zaragoza	

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.

