BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed JUNE 2, 1980

Call Letters . K Q S K

Station Location Chadron, Nebraska

Name BIG SKY COMPANY

Transmitter Location 14.7 mi S SW of Chadron, Nebraska

Main studio location

212 Bordeaux Street, Chadron, Nebraska

Form BC-126 December 1978

Authorization Record

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File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires		
BPH-10,876 HAAT: 840' (H&V	7/9/79	97.5mhz ERP: 100.0kW (Class: C Ch.# 248C) CP FOR NEW FM STATION			
BPH-10,876 (1	9/27/79	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED	& EBSA ISSD		
BSCA790808AN	10/9/79	SCA	6/1/80		
BLH-790910AA HAAT: 840 ft (H&Y) 6-2-80	97.5mHz.,ERP:100kW., Lic. to cover (BPH_108 as mod.) for a new sta	6-1-83 76, tion.		
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call KQSK NEW FM

BIG SKY COMPANY

Name

Chadron, Nebraska (FO 212 Bordeaux St., Chadron, Nebraska 69337)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BPH-10876		Construction permit for new FM on:	GRANTED	7/9/79
R& F	10-21-77	Frequency: 97.5MHz #248	0.00.720	1/3/13
PN FILED	12-12-77	ERP: 100KW(H&V)		
PRESS:	10V 9 1978	HAAT: 844'(H&V)		
		trans: (HARRIS FM-40H3)		
		Ant: (HARRIS FMS-6,6 bay circularly polarized sections(H&V)		
		TL: 14.7 miles S SWof Chadron NE, Chadron,		
		Nebraska;		
		SL&RC: 212 Bordeaux, Chadron, Nebraska 42 38 06 103 06 10 12		
		MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305		
		ATTY:		
		ENGR: Larry Ellis (Denver, Colorado		
AMENDED	5-19-78	profile maps		
AMENDED	1-24-78	profile maps		
AMENDED	5-18-78			
AMENDED	5-23-79	by lawss and articles of Theofporated	0	VER

AMENDED 5-23-79 re financial, articles of incorporation AMENDED 6-14-79 re engr(correct second of W longitude coordinates

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: KQSK

Name:

BIG SKY COMPANY

Station Location: Chadron, Nebraska

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File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date			
BSCA790808AN PRESS	9-11-79	Request for SCA on 67khz.	GRANTED 10/9/79			
BLH-790910AA PRESS	AN 31 198	License to cover (BPH-10876, as mod.) for new station. Atty: None	GRANTED 6-2-80			
	1		Form BC-121 March 1979			

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.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) 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 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). Prior to that move, 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.

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.

