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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed October 12, 1965

Call letters W F M B

Station location SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

SPRINGFIELD ADVERTISING CO. (AL: 2-8-80 EFF: 4-1-80)

*CAPITAL BROADCASTING CO. (VOL. AL & SCA 8-14-70 EFF: 8-15-70)

*HAROLD J. HOSKINS, JOHN W. JOHNSON, W. F. WINGERTER, AND R. W. DEFFENBAUGH, d/b as CAPITAL BROADCASTING CO.

Name of licensee

3000 South 4th Street, Springfield, Illinois (PH 5-2-80)

*Room 819 Myers Office Buildings, Springfield, Illinois (PH-3-14-72)

(BLH-10-12-65)

*5th & Adams, Springfield, Ill. (MPH 4-28-65)

Transmitter location *Leland Hotel, Springfield, Illinois.

(PH 1729765)

3000 South 4th Street, Springfield, Illinois (PH 5-2-80)

xy Same as transmitter *PH-3-14-72 (BLH-10-12-65)

*5th & Adams, Springfield, Ill. (MPH 4-28-65)

Main studio location *Leland Hotel, Springfield, Illinois.

(PH 1729765)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPH-4337 HAAT: 200'	1/29/65	104.5mc Ch. 283	ERP: 10kw TPO: 1kw	Unl.	3/29/65 9/29/65
CP for a new Class B FM broadcast station.					
BMPH-8236 (1)	4-28-65	Mod. of CP(BPH-4337) to chg. ant.-trans & studio loc.; and incr. HAAT to 215'.			
BSCA-634	9-2-65	Subsidiary communications authorization of approximately 67kcs. #			
Wire dated 8-13-65 & rec'd 8-16-65 giving notification per Sect. 73.250(a)(5) Rules that a Gates FMS-1C trans. is now installed & in oper.					
BLH-2930 HAAT: 215'	10-12-65	104.5mc.	ERP: 10kw.	Unl.	10-12-65 12-1-67
Lic. to cover CP(BPH-4337 as mod.) which authorized a new FM broadcast station; and specify trans as (Gates-FMS-1C)					
BRH-1736	11-24-67	Renewal of License			12-1-70
BRSCA-634	11-24-67	Renewal of SCA			12-1-70
BALH-1347 BASCA-399	8-14-70	VOL. AL & SCA EFF: 8-15-70			
BRH-1736(L) BRSCA-634	11-25-70	RENEWAL RENEWAL of SCA			12-1-73
BPH-7778 HAAT: 245'	3-14-72	104.5mc	ERP: 20kw(H&V) #283	CP chg. TL & SL install new trans., ant, TPO, ERP, HAAT.	3-14-73
EBSA	5-22-72				
BLH-5488(L)	7-18-72	Lic(BPH-7778) for changes			12-1-73
BRH-1736(S) BRSCA-634	11-14-74	RENEWAL RENEWAL			12-1-76 12-1-76
BRH-1736(S) BRSCA-634	11-15-76	Renewal of license Renewal of SCA			12-1-79 "
COMTEL	5-10-77	Trans: AEL FM-12KD mod with AEL FM-15' QE exciter now installed			
BRH & BRSCA	790727	UJ (S) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-82
BALH 79101	2-8-80	VOL. AL & SCA		EFF:	4-1-80
PH791218AN HAAT: 430'	5-2-80	104.5mhz	ERP: 16kw (H&V)	CP to chg ERP, TL, SL and chg TPO.	5-2-81

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

Card # 2

FM

First licensed

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Station Location

See Card # 1

Name

Transmitter Location

Main studio location

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPH-810505AK HAAT: 430' (H&V) (L)	6-1-81	104.5mhz, ERP: 16kW(H&V) U CP to replace expired permit. (BPH-791218AN) (FOR CHGS.)	8-28-81

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call

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new FM

Harold J. Hoskins, John H. Johnson, W. F. Wingerter, and
 Name R. W. Deffenbaugh, d/b as CAPITAL BROADCASTING CO.
 Springfield, Illinois (c/o R. W. Deffenbaugh, 804 Myers Bldg., Springfield, Ill.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-4337 Received Resubmitted Filed	12-27-63 1-6-64 1-23-64 1-27-64	CP for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 104.5mc CH 283 ERP: 10.25kw Type transmitter: Gates FM-1C TPO: 1kw Type antenna: Gates FMA-10 (10 section) HAAT: 201 ft. Trans. location: Leland Hotel, Springfield, Illinois Studio location: Same as transmitter Engr: Robert A. Jones, La Grange, Ill.	Ret'd No partnership agreement	JAN 10 1964 GRANTED 1/29/65
BMPH-8236 R&F	3-10-65 3-12-65	Modification of CP (BPH-4337 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change ant-trans and studio location to 5th & Adams, Springfield, Illinois, and increase HAAT to 213'. Atty: Cohen & Berfield P.C.C. WASHINGTON, D. C.	GRANTED	4-28-65

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Name R. W. DEFFENBAUGH, D/B AS CAPITAL BROADCASTING CO.
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BSCA-634 R&F	8-11-65 8-13-65	Request for subsidiary communications authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67kcs.	GRANTED	9-2-65
BLH-2930 R&F	7-8-65 7-9-65	License to cover CP (BPH-4337 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station; and specify trans as (Western Electric-503B-2). Atty: Cohen & Berfield	GRANTED	10-12-65
BRH-1736 R & F	8-31-67 9-5-67	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-24-67
BRSCA-634 R & F	8-31-67 9-5-67	Renewal of SCA		
BALH-1347 BASCA-399 Rec'd MAY 1 1970 Filed FEE PD: \$30.00 #597539 (form 310)	4-13-70 16-70 4-30-70	Voluntary assignment of license and SCA to CAPITAL BROADCASTING CO. Original cert. of By-Laws filed 4-30-70	GRANTED EFF:	8-14-70 8-15-70

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W F M BName CAPITAL BROADCASTING CO.
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1736 BRSCA-634 R & F PN Recd. PRESS 22 1970 SEP	8-29-70 8-31-70 8-31-70 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA	GRANTED	11-25-70
Annual filing fee \$106.56 paid 12-3-70 #647445. Credit \$79.92 to 1971 fees.				
BPH-7778 R & F #039757 \$50 Code 061 Press FEB 25 1972	2-7-72 2-8-72 2-8-72	CP to chg. TL & SL to: Room 819 Myers Office Building, Springfield, Illinois; install new trans. (American Electronic Laboratories FM-12KD); install new ant. (Collins 37 CP-4, 4 sects.(H&V); chg. TPO; ERP: 20kw(H&V); HAAT: 245'(H&V). 39° 48' 06" - 89° 38' 55"	GRANTED	3-14-72
BLH-5488 R & F W 071335-\$50. PTA PRESS JUL 3 1972	5-8-72 5-9-72 5-9-72 5-19-72	Lic.(BPH-7778) for changes. Atty: Cohen and <u>Berfield</u> AC-068	GRANTED	7-18-72

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name CAPITAL BROADCASTING CO.
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1736 BRSCA-634 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	8-15-73 " 8-22-73 " AUG 31 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA Morton L. Berfield, Atty. AMENDED 11-12-73 re: EEO prog. AMENDED 12-3-73 re: EEO AMENDED 12-19-73 re: EEO	GRANTED	11-14-74
BRH-1736 BRSCA-634 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-23-76 7-23-76 " OCT 6 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA Morton L. Berfield, Atty.	GRANTED	11-15-76
BRH790727UJ BRSCA790727UJ PRESS SEP 18 1979		Renewal of License Renewal of SCA Atty.: Morton L. Berfield	GRANTED	11-30-79 <i>12-1-82</i>

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SPRINGFIELD ADVERTISING CO.
x CAPITAL BROADCASTING CO.

Name Springfield, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL ^H 791011FP PRESS OCT 20 1979 Form 314 PN FILED	11-5-79 11-8-79	Vol AL to Springfield Advertising Co. (INCLUDE SCA) Atty for assignor-Morton L. Berfield Atty for assignee Louis Schwartz (over)	GRANTED EFF:	2-8-80 4-1-80
BPH-791218AN PRESS: (0)	JAN 4 1980	CP to chg. ERP to 16kw (H&V); chg. TL/SL to: 3000 S. 4th St., Springfield, IL; HAAT: 427'; TPO: 10kw; 39° 45' 36" 89° 39' 05" (CONTINGENT ON GRANT OF BALH-791011FP) Atty: Louis Schwartz	GRANTED Cond'ls	5-2-80
BPH-810505AK PRESS: (0)	MAY 20 1981	Construction Permit to replace expired permit (BPH-791218AN) (FOR CHANGES) Atty - Louis Schwartz	GRANTED: TO:	6-1-81 8-28-81

302 6/15/81

BALH791011FP Amended 11-2-79 re: Sec. II, para 9-14,
Tables. I and II reflect info on First Capital Corp.; its'
parent & its' parent & state. of b/c related int. of First
Capital Corp of Boston

AMENDED 12-6-79 re: Reflect assignor's reason for sale

AMENDED 12-18-79 re: (2) bank letters

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WFMB

Name: SPRINGFIELD ADVERTISING CO.

Station Location: SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BLH-810615AF PTA PRESS	SEP 1 1981	License to cover (BPH-791218AN, as mod.) for changes. Atty: Louis Schwartz	GRANTED 9-29-81

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.

