

W J B L-FM



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June 1954

1249

FM BROADCAST

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 10-10-61

W J B L-FM(Ltr.10-26-60)
Call letters X W F M K

Station location Holland, Michigan
Grand Rapids, Michigan

OTTAWA BROADCASTING CORPORATION (MLH 12-18-75)
X ZONDERVAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION (MLH-5-18-73)
Name of licensee OTTAWA BROADCASTING CORPORATION

New Holland Road, W. of 72nd Avenue, Zeeland, Michigan (PH-6-13-72) 10-12-60)

X James Street and US-31(NW corner of intersection), Holland, Michigan(BMPH/
Transmitter location Canal Avenue, 0.2 mile south of Chicago Drive, Grandville, Michigan

(BRCH 4-24-64)
South side of 143rd Ave., 0.3 mi. W. of 56th St., Holland, Michigan 10-12-60)

49423 X James Street and US-31,(NW corner intersection), Holland, Michigan(BMPH/
Main studio location X Same as transmitter

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Board	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-2884 HAAT: 235'	1-13-60	94.5 mcs	37 kw	U	6-13-60 12-13-60
Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station.					
BPH-6409 HAAT: 215' TPO: 5 kw	10-12-60	94.5 mcs	37 kw	Unl	12-12-60 6-12-61
Modification CP(above) to change station location, change transmitter site and make changes in facilities. (Cond'1 re meas. on Station WJBL)					
BSCA-335	6-21-61	Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a multiplex basis(67kcs)			
BTC-3955 EFF:	3-1-62 3-27-62	Vol. transfer of control of licensee corporation from Bernard Brookema and Bernard Grysen to P. J. Zondervan, Bernard D. Zondervan and Peter Kladder, Jr.			
BLH-1824 HAAT: 215'	10-10-61	94.5 mcs	37 kw	Un.	10-10 10-1-64
License to cover construction permit (BPH-2884, as mod. which authorized a new FM station.					
BRCH-502 (1)	4-24-64	Mod. of license to change studio loc. to South side fo 143rd Ave., 0.3 mi. W. of 56th St., Holland, Michigan and operate transmitter by remote control from studio location (WJBL (AM) Studios)			
BPH-1249	10-21-64	94.5 mcs.	37 kw	U	10-1 10-1-67
BSCA-556	10-30-64	Subsidiary Communications Authorization on approx. 67 kilocycles to 10-1-67.			
BRH-1249	9-11-67	Renewal of License			10-1 10-1-70
BRSCA-556	9-11-67	Renewal of SCA			10-1 10-1-70
BTC-5764	11-8-68	Vol. TC			
BRH-1249(3)	9-30-70	Renewal			10-1-73
EBSA	5-22-72				
BPH-7914 HAAT: 500' (H&V)	6-13-72	94.5 mc #233	ERP: 10kw(H&V) CP chg	Unl.	6-13-73
TL install new trans., new ant., chg, TPO, ERP, HAAT (RC)					
BTC-6912	10-30-72	Vol. TC	EFF: 11-31-72	(INCLUDE) AM	

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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
BLH-5680(L) HAAT: 500' (H&V)	1-15-73	Lic(BPH-7914) 94.5mc	for changes ERP: 10kw(H&V)		10-1-73 TPO: 4.1kw
BMLH-448(1)	5-18-73	ML chg.	name of	licensee	
BRH-1249(L)	9-27-73	RENEWAL			10-1-76
BSCA-1310	1-25-74	SCA 67khz			10-1-76
BTC-7781	8/15/75	Vol TC	EFF: 10/31/75		
BMLH-528(1)	12-18-75	ML chg	licensee name		
BRH-1249(L)	9-15-76	RENEWAL			10-1-79
BSCA-1797	2-13-78	SCA on 67khz.			10-1-79
BRH790531VH BRSCA "	9-21-79	RENEWAL	OF LICENSE (S)		10-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name OTTAWA BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Station location - Grand Rapids, Mich

(P.O. - U.S. Route 31 & James Street, Holland, Mich)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-2884	12-16-59	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast		
Rec'd	12-21-59	station to be operated on:	GRANTED	4-13-60
Filed	12-21-59	Frequency - 94.5mc CH 233	HAAT:	235'
		ERP - 36.96kw	ERP:	37-kw
		Type transmitter - ITA FM 5000A		
		Type antenna - COLLINS 37-M-8 (8 section)		
		HAAT 234 ft		
		Trans. location - Canal Avenue; 0.2 mi south		
		of Chicago Drive,		
		Grandville, Michigan		
		Studio location - Same as transmitter		
		Atty. - John H. Midlen		
		Engr. - E. H. Munn, Jr., Coldwater, Mich.		

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Name OTTAWA BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Grand Rapids, Michigan

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-409 Rec'd Filed	7-29-60 8-29-60 8-29-60	Modification of construction permit (BPH-2884, which authorized a new FM broadcast station at Grand Rapids, Michigan) to change antenna-transmitter location from Canal Ave., 0.2 mi. S of Chicago Dr., Grandville, Michigan to James St. & US 31, Holland, Michigan; change antenna location from old transmitter site to xxxxxx transmitterxxxxxx ; decrease HAAT from 235' to 216'; and change station location from Grand Rapids, Michigan to Holland, Michigan. Atty. - John H. Midlen Engr. - E. H. Munn, Jr., Coldwater, Michigan	GRANTED HAAT: 215' ERP: 37 kilowatts. (Cond'l re meas. on Station WJBL)	10-12-60
BLH-1824 Rec'd&Filed	3-10-61 3-13-61	License to cover C.P. (BPH-2884 as mod. which authorized a new FM Broadcast station). John Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED	10-10-61
BSCA-335 Rec'd&Filed	4-11-61 4-13-61	Subsidiary Communications Authority on a Multiplex Basis (67kcs). F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C. John H. Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED	6-21-61

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Name OTTAWA BROADCASTING CORPORATION
HOLLAND, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-3955 Rec'd Filed	1-17-62 1-22-62 1-22-62	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Bernard Brookema and Bernard Grysen to P. J. Zondervan, Bernard D. Zondervan and Peter Kladder, Jr. John H. Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	3-1-62 3-27-62
BRCH-502 Rec'd Filed	4-13-64 4-20-64 4-20-64	Modification of license to change studio location to South side of 143rd Ave., 0.3 mi. W. of 56th St., Holland, Michigan and operate transmitter by remote control from studio location. (WJBL (AM) STUDIOS). John H. Midlen, Atty.	GRANTED	4-24-64
BRH-1249 R&F	9-23-64 9-24-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE JOHN H. MIDLEN, ATTY.	GRANTED	10-21-64

FORM BC-121 #4
AUG. 1955

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Name OTTAWA BROADCASTING CORPORATION
HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BSCA-556 R&F	10-15-64 10-20-64	Request for subsidiary communications authorization on sub-carrier frequency of 67kcs.	GRANTED	10-30-64
BRH-1249 R & F JUL 28 1967	6-30-67 7-3-67	Renewal of license. Atty: Midlen & Harrison	GRANTED	9-11-67
BRSCA-556 R & F AUG 2 1967	7-26-67 7-27-67	Renewal of SCA	GRANTED	9-11-67
BTC-5764 R & F FEE PD: \$30 NOV 1 1968	10-15-68 10-21-68 #467003b	Voluntary relinquishment of positive control of lic. corp by the Zondervan Family & Peter Kladder, Jr., thru issuance of stock to Peter J. Vanden Bosch and John S. Helder Atty - Midlen & Reddy	GRANTED Eff:	11-8-68 11-29-68

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HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1249 R & F \$75 #613765 PN Recd. PRESS	6-30-70 7-6-70 " AUG 6 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-30-70
BPH-7914 R & F #072016 \$50 Code 061 Press MAY 8 6 1972	5-5-72 5-11-72 5-11-72 MAY 8 6 1972	CP to chg. TL to: New Holland Rd., W. of 72nd Ave., Zeeland, Michigan; install new trans. (Collins 830F-1B); install new ant. (RCA BFC-5, 5 sects. (H&V); make chg. ant. system (increase height); chg. TPO; ERP: 10KW (H&V); HAAT: 500'. (42° 51' 20" - 87° 57' 45") Atty: Edward B. Reddy Engr- E. Harold Munn (Coldwater, Michigan)	GRANTED	6-13 72
AMENDED	5-23-72	correct coordinates as: 42° 51' 20" - 85° 57' 45"		

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ZONDERVAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

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Holland, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC -6912 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 #088566 CODE 049 (ALSO SEE AM etc) JUL 19 1972 Pub. notice filed 8-2-72	6-28-72 7-5-72	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Joanne Boer, John Helder, et al (all stockholders) to The Zondervan Corporation Atty - Midlen & Reddy	GRANTED	10-30-72
BLH-5680 R & F PTA Amended PRESS JAN 9 1973	11-27-72 11-29-72 12-5-72 12-6-72	Lic. (BPH-7914) for changes. Atty: <u>Midlen</u> & Reddy TL- cor. spelling of city in CP.	GRANTED	1-15-73
BMLH-448 R & F Fee with AM Press MAY 7 - 1973	4-10-73 4-12-73	Modification of license to change corporate name to: ZONDERVAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION. Atty: Edward B. Reddy	GRANTED	5-18-73

PHASE 1 REFUND ACTION

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OTTAWA BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Name **X ZONDERVAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**
Holland, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1249 R & F P.N. PRESS	6-28-73 7-2-73 7-2-73 14 AUG 1973	Renewal of License Atty.: Edward B. Reddy	GRANTED	9-27-73
BSCA-1,310 R & F #257186 \$50 Code 057 Press JAN 10 1974	11-30-73 12-3-73 12-5-73	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kilohertz. Atty: Dennis F. Begley(Midlen & Reddy)	GRANTED	1-25-74
BTC-7781 R & F FEE PD \$200 #433583 CODE 049(ALSO SEE AM)	5-22-75 5-23-75 #433583	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from The Zondervan Corporation to Peter J. Vanden Bosch Atty - Edward B. Reddy (SEE AM FOR AMENDMENTS ETC)	GRANTED EFF: gr fee req Fee Pd	8/15/75 10/31/75 11/12/75 W 496283
BALA-528 R & F #505651 \$100 Code 001 PRESS	11-20-75 12-2-75 12-8-75 DEC 18 1975	Modification of license to change licensee name to OTTAWA BROADCASTING CORPORATION Atty: Edward B. Reddy (Midlen & Reddy)	GRANTED	12-18-75

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OTTAWA BROADCASTING CORPORATION
Name X **ZONDERVAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**
HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1249 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	5-26-76 6-1-76 " JUL 26 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-15-76
BSCA-1797 R & F PRESS:	1-10-78 1-13-78 JAN 27 1978	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a subcarrier frequency of 67khz. Atty: Edward B. Reddy	GRANTED	2-13-78
BRH 790531 BRSCA " PRESS	VH AUG 14 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA Ed.B.Reddy,Atty.	GRANTED	9-21-79

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.

