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FREQUENCY MODULATION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed June 30, 1966

W J R E (ECF: 1-7-74)
Call letters X W K E I - FM

Station location KEWANEE, ILLINOIS

Name of licensee KEWANEE BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location Beach and Garfield Streets, Kewanee, Illinois (BPH-12-8-65) (LH 6-30-66)

Zip-61443

Main studio location 125 N. Chestnut Street, Kewanee, Illinois (BPH-12-8-65) (LH 6-30-66)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPH-4858	12-8-65	92.1mc.	ERP:3kw. (h&v)	U	2-8-66
HAAT:300'		ch.#221	TPO:3.7kw.		8-8-66
cont'l	CP for a new class A FM broadcast station (RC)				
BPH-4858	3-17-66	Mod. of CP(BPH-4858) to assign call letters W K E I-FM.			
(1)					
BLH-3271	6-30-66	92.1mcs	ERP:3kw (H&V)	Unl.	6-30-66
HAAT:300'		Ch.#221	TPO:3.7kw		12-1-67
	Lic. to cover CP(BPH-4858) which auth. a new FM broadcast station.				
BSCA-724	8-24-66	Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a multiplex basis of 41 & 67kcs.			
BRH-1874	11-24-67	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-70
BRSCA-724	11-24-67	Renewal of SCA (67kcs)			12-1 12-1-70
BRH-1874(S)	11-25-70	Renewal			12-1-73
BRSCA-724	11-25-70	Renewal of SCA			12-1-73
EBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-1874(S)	11-28-73	RENEWAL			12-1-76
BRSCA-724	11-28-73	RENEWAL OF SCA			
BRH-1874(L)	11-17-76	Renewal of License			12-1-79
BRSCA-724		" SCA			
BRH790801YG(S)	11-30-79	Renewal of License			12-1-82
BRSCA790801YG	" "	Renewal of SCA			" "

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call **WKEI-FM**
Letters **WKEI**

Name **Kewanee Broadcasting Company**
Kewanee, Illinois (PO 125 Chestnut St., Kewanee, Ill.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-4858 R.&F.	3-15-65	CP for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 92.1mc CH 221A ERP: 3kw (H) 3kw(V) TPO: 1kw 3.73kw HAAT: 300 ft. Transmitter: GATES FM-1C, - (1kw) GATES FM-5G (5kw) Antenna: GATES FM-1C, - 4 sections Trans. Loc.: Beach and Garfield St., Kewanee, Illinois (Same as AM) Studio Loc: 125 Chestnut St., Kewanee, Illinois (Same as AM) Remote Control Point: Same as studio Atty-Harry J. Daly Engr- Ralph J. Bitzer <u>SEE CARD #2 FOR AMENDMENT</u> F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.	GRANTED cont'l re WKEI(AM) submit application to use ant. supporting structure as AM radia- tor.	12-8-65
	3-17-65			

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

Call
Letters ~~WKE~~ - WKEI-FM

Name KEWANEE BROADCASTING COMPANY

Kewanee, Illinois 61443

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-4858 (Cont'd.) AMENDED R&F	4-28-65 4-29-65	AMENDED to change type trans. to GATES FM-5G, chng. type Horiz. Antenna to GATES FMA-2 (2 sec.) and install a vertical antenna (GATES 300-2) to be operated on a vertical ^{horiz} ERP of 3kw, and change TPO to 3.73kw.	See Card #1	
BLH-3271 R & F	5/6/66 5/9/66	License to cover CP (BPH-4858) which auth. a new FM broadcast station. Attys: Daly & Joyce	GRANTED	6-30-66
BSCA-724 R & F	8-4-66 8-8-66	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on subcarrier frequencies of 41 and 67 kilocycles.	GRANTED	8-24-66
BRH-1874 R & F BRSCA-724 R & F SEP 14 1967	8/30/67 9/1/67 8/1/67 9/1/67 27 SEP 1967	Renewal of license and SCA (67 kc only) attys-Daly & <u>Joyce</u>	GRANTED	11-24-67

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters **WJRE**
XWKEI-FM

Name **Kewanee Broadcasting Company**
Kewanee, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1874 R & F P.N. OCT 5 1970	8-30-70 9-2-70 9-2-70	Renewal of License Atty: George R. Borsari, Jr.	GRANTED	11-25-70
BRSCA-724 R & F OCT 6 1970	8-30-70 9-2-70	Renewal of SCA		
BRH-1874 BRSCA-724 R & F PRESS 27 SEP 1973	8-30-73 8-30-73 9-4-73 27 SEP 1973	Renewal of License Renewal of SCA Atty: Lawrence J. Bernard, Jr.	GRANTED	11-28-73
BRH-1874 BRSCA-724 R & F PN Recd. PRESS AUG 20 1976	7-30-76 " 8-2-76 " AUG 20 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA	Granted	11-17-76

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING
92.1MHz.

Call Letters: W J R E

Name: KEWANEE BROADCASTING COMPANY

Station Location: KEWANEE, ILLINOIS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRH790801YG BRSCA790801YG PRESS OCT 5 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA Atty. Leonard S. Joyce (Daly, Joyce & Borsari)	GRANTED 11-30-79

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.

