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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD ^{FM}

Date first licensed March 15, 1966

Call letters W T C M -FM

Station location TRAVERSE CITY
MICHIGAN

W T C M RADIO, INC. (ALH gr 3/21/77 EFF: 5/6/77)

Name of licensee

x^x MIDWESTERN BROADCASTING COMPANY

State Rt. 31, 2.4mi. N. of Sherman, Michigan (PH790322AD 3-24-80)
x 2.2 mi. W. of Traverse City on M-72, Elmwood Township, Mich. (redescript.)

Transmitter location x Michigan Highway, M-72, approximately 3 miles west of center of
Traverse City, Elmwood Township, Michigan

314 E. Front Street, Traverse City, Michigan (BLH-3-15-66)

Main studio location x Michigan Highway, M-72, approximately 3 miles west of center of
Traverse City, Elmwood Township, Michigan

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-4079 HAAT: 720'	1/22/65	103.5mc Ch. 278	TPO: 5kw ERP: 38kw	Unl.	3/22/65 9/22/65
CP for a new class C FM broadcast station.					
BMPH-8274 (1)	5-13-65	Mod. of CP(BPH-4079) to chg. type trans. (RCA BTF-108); install vert. polarized ant. (ERI 300-8V, 8 secs.); incr. TPO to 9.9kw; and pick up vert. ERP of 38kw & vert. HAAT of 710'.			
BSCA-613	6-25-65	Request for subsidiary communications authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67.5kcs.			
BMPH-8418 (2)	9-1-65	Mod. of CP(BPH-4079) for extension of completion date to 3-22-66. <small>As mod/</small>			
ALH-3092 HAAT: 715' (H&V)	3-15-66	103.5mc CH# 278	ERP: 38kw(h) 37kw(v) TPO: 9.8kw	U	3-15-66 10-1-67
Lic. to cover CP(BPH-4079 as mod.) which authorizes a new FM broadcast station) specify studio loc. as 314 E. Front St., Traverse City, Michigan					
BRH-1825	9-15-67	Renewal of License			10-1-70
BRSCA-613	9-15-67	Renewal of SCA			10-1-70
BRH-1825(S)	9-30-70	Renewal of License & SCA			10-1-73
BRSCA-613		Renewal of NDEA			
EESA	5-25-72				
BRH-1825(S) BRSCA-613	9-27-73	Renewal of License & SCA			10-1-76
BRH-1825(L) BRSCA-613	9-15-76	Renewal of license and SCA			10-1-79
BALH-2446 BASCA-803	3/21/77	Vol ALH & SCA BFF: 5/6/77			
BRH790601CS(L) BRSCA "	9-21-79	Renewal of License (Main & SCA)			10-1-82
BPH790322AD HAAT: 680' (L)	3-24-80 (H&V)	103.5mhz	ERP: 100kw (H&V)		3-24-81
CP to chg. tl, install new ant. TYPE trans., ERP and HAAT.					

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BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed

Call Letters WTCM-FM

Station Location TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN

Name WTCM RADIO, INC.

Transmitter Location

Main studio location

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BLH-801002AE HAAT: 680' (H&V) (L)	11-18-80	103.5MHz ERP:100kW (H&V) License to cover (BPH-790322AD) for changes.	10-1-82
COMTEL	9-30-80	FAA DETERMINATION OF "NO HAZARD" CONDITIONED ON TOWER INSTALLED W- ITH HIGH INTENSITY WHITE LIGHTS WHICH PERMITTEE CONSENTED. REQUEST FOR TEMP. WAIVER HIGH INTENSITY LIGHTING DENIED. IMPERATIVE THAT WTCM IMMEDIATELY COMPLY WITH HIGH INTENSITY LIGHT REQUIREMENT OF C. P. AUTHORIZATION TO ENSURE SAFETY OF AIR NAVIGATION. HOWEVER, WTCM CAN REQUEST COMMISSION AUTH. TO M- ODIFY C.P. TO SHOW A DUAL LIGHTING SYSTEM, (RED LIGHTS (NIGHTTIME) & HIGH INTENSITY (DAYTIME)), WHICH WOULD ALSO MEET FAA'S NO HAZARD DETERMINATION. NOTIFY COMMISSION OF CORRECTIVE MEASURES AT ONCE. THIS IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO FUR- THER ACTION FCC MAY TAKE WITH RESP- ECT TO THIS MATTER.	

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters ~~New FM~~ **WTCH-FM**

Name **Midwestern Broadcasting Company**
Traverse City, Michigan (P.O. - c/o Les Biederman, Pres., Paul Bunyan Building,

Traverse City, Michigan
Action

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>Application for</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Date</u>
BPH-4079 R. & F.	8-21-63 8-22-63	CP for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Freq - 162.9mc 6H-270 ERP 38.2kw Type trans. - RCA BTF-5D TPO 5kw Type ant. - RCA BFA-8A (8 section) HAAT 715 feet Trans. loc. - Michigan Hwy 72, 3 mi. West of center of Traverse City, Elmwood Township, Michigan (old TV antenna site) Studio loc. - Same as transmitter Atty: Dow, Lohnes, and Albertson Engr: George C. Davis Cons. Engrs.	GRANTED	1/22/65
AMENDED R. & F. Order	10-5-64 12-3-64 12-17-64	AMENDED to change freq. to 103.5mc CH 278		

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WTOM-FM

Name MIDWESTERN BROADCASTING COMPANY
TRAVERS CITY, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BSCA-623 R&F	4-23-65 4-26-65	Request for subsidiary communications authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67.51kes. Atty: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED	6-25-65
BMPH-8274 R&F	4-23-65 4-27-65	Modification of CP (BPH-4079 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to increase TPO to 9.91kw, change type trans (RCA-BTF-10E), and install vertically polarized ant (Electronics Research-300-2V, 8 sections), using a vertical ERP of 38.2kw. Atty: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED	5-13-65
BMPH-8418 R&F	8-9-65 8-10-65	Modification of CP (BPH-4079 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 9-22-65 to 3-22-66. Atty: Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED to	9-1-65 3-22-66

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Aug. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W T C M-FM

Name MIDWESTERN BROADCASTING COMPANY
Traverse City, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-3092 Rec'd Filed	11/24/65 11/26/65 12/6/65	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-4070, as mod.) which auth. a new FM broadcast station, (specify studio loc. as 314 E. Front St., Traverse City, Mich) Atty-Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED	3-15-66
BRH-1825 BRSCA-613 R & F JUL 18 1967 Ltr. 4-16-69	6/29/67 6/29/67 7/3/67	Renewal of license and SCA on 67kcs Atty: A. C. Cordon Al Cordon, Jr. now atty.	GRANTED <i>9-15</i>	9-15-67
BRH-1825 R & F #613902 \$75. P.N.	6-18-70 7-2-70 (\$1,350. submitted) 7-2-70 29 1970	Renewal of License Atty: Alfred C. Cordon, Jr.	GRANTED	9-30-70

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W.T.C.M-FM

Name MIDWESTERN BROADCASTING COMPANY
Traverse City, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRSCA-613 R & F #613921 \$30.	6-18-70 7-2-70 7-7-70	Renewal of SCA Atty: Alfred C. Gordon, Jr. AMENDED 9-10-70 re: programming: commercial practices: business interest	GRANTED	9-30-70
BRH-1825 BRSCA-613 R & F PN PRESS JUL 1973	6-18-73 6-18-73 6-29-73 6-29-73	Renewal of License Renewal of SCA Atty: Cordon & Jacob AMENDED 7-23-73 re: ascertainment of comm. needs	GRANTED	9-27-73
BRH-1825 R & F PN Recd. PRESS BRSCA-613 R & F	5-24-76 5-27-76 " JUN 25 1976 7-8-76 7-19-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE A.C. Cordon, Jr., Atty. Renewal of SCA	GRANTED	9-15-76

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W T C M-FM

W T C M RADIO, INC.

Name MIDWESTERN BROADCASTING COMPANYTRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BALH-2446 BASCA-803 R & F Also see WTCM(AM) FORM 316 MAR 14 1977	3/3/77 3/7/77	Voluntary assignment of license and SCA to W T C M RADIO, INC. Atty - <u>Cordon</u> & Jacob	GRANTED EFF:	3/21/77 5/6/77
-781229AF- PRESS: RESUBMITTED BPH-790322AD PRESS: CUT OFF DATE Amended R & F 1-5-79	 AUG 8 1979	Construction permit to chg TL: State Rt 31, 2.4 mi N of Sherman, Michigan; install new type trns (AMERICAN ELECTRONICS LABORATORIES, INC. FM25KG;) ant: (PHELPS-DODGE CFM HP-10, 10 sections (H&V); make chgs in ant sys(incr hght) chg ERP: 100KW(H&V) and HAAT: 793' (H&V) 44 27 31 85 42 02 MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 ATTY: Alfred Cordon re: ascertainment REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.207 3-22-79 (OVE)	RETURNED UNACCEPTABLE FOR FILING GRANTED	3-13-79 3-24-80

PPH790322AD - AMEND 7-27-79 decrease antenna height,
HAAT: 678' MSL, chg. TPO

KAMENDED 10-4-79 re engr FAA notice

AMENDED 10-9-79 re engr(contour maps)

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May 1976

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WTOM-FMName WTOM RADIO, INC.
TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH 790601 CS PRESS BRSCA790601CS	AUG 17 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE & SCA A.C. Cordon, Atty.	GRANTED	9-21-79
BLH-801002AE PTA PRESS	OCT 29 1980	License to cover (BPH-790322AD) for changes. Atty: Alfred C. Cordon	GRANTED	11-18-80

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.

