



BC-126
June 1975

NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL FM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

OFFICIAL NO. 1007
Date first licensed 8-24-78

Call letters W C D B

Station location Albany, NY

Name of licensee State University of New York

Transmitter location Eastman Tower on Campus of SUNY Albany Uptown Campus, Albany, New York/ (PED 3-12-80)
X Mohawk Residence Tower on SUNY Albany Uptown Campus, Albany, NY (MPED-6-28-77)
X Campus Center on SUNY Albany Uptown Campus,
Albany, NY (PED 1-12-77)

Main studio location 1400 Washington Avenue, SUNY Campus Center, Albany, N.Y. (PED-3-12-80)
X Washington Avenue, Albany, NY (PED 1-12-77)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To.
BPED-2185 Class-D	1-12-77 {RC} CP	90.9MHz	ch 215	TPO: 10 watts	1-12-78
BMPED-1499 (1)	6-28-77	MP (BPED-2185) chg TL; chg Ant; mke chg ant sys (incr hght)			
BPED-2185(2)	8-16-77	CALL LETTERS & EBSA ASSIGNED			
BMPED-1560 (3)	4-3-78	MP (BPED-2185, as mod) ext time to			9-15-78
BLED-1778 HAAT: --	8-24-78	90.9MHz #215 (RC)	ERP: --	TPO: 10W U	6-1-81
		Lic. (BPED-2185, as mod.) for New Station.			
BPED-791228BR CLASS D (L)	3-12-80	90.9mHz	TPO: 10 watts		3-12-81
		CP TO CHG. TL, SL & RC, chg. antenna system.			

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters NEW-EDUC-FM

Name State University of New York
Albany, New York (PO 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12210)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED 2185	12-30-76	CP for New Educ. FM on: 90.9mhz. #215	Accepted for filing on 8-5-76 by Memorandum Opinion and Order. GRANTED 1-12-77	
Rec'd:	1-16-76	TPO: 10 Watts		
Filed:	8-5-76	Trans: LPB Electronics-FM-10; Ant: Phelps Dodge-ECFM-4, 4 sects.		
NO FEE REQUIRED		TL: Campus Center on SUNY Albany Uptown Campus, Albany, New York.		
PN REC'd:	3-1-76	SL: Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 42° 41' 09" - 73° 49' 35" Atty--- Engr- Edward F. Perry (Duxbury, Mass.)		

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

90.9MHz

Call W C D B
Letters UnassignedName State University of New York
Albany, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPED-1499 R & F PRESS PN REC'd	5-19-77 5-26-77 JUN 23 1977	MP{BPED-2185} chg TL to: Mohawk Residence Tower on SUNY Albany Uptown Campus, Albany, NY; chg Antenna {PHELPS-DODGE, ECFM-2, 2 sects}; mke chgs in Ant. sys {incr hght} 42° 40' 56" - 73° 49' 29" Atty. Sanford H. Levine {Albany, NY} Engr. Edward F. Perry, Jr.	GRANTED	6-28-77
BMPED-1560 R & F PRESS: FEB 3 1978	1-10-78 1-24-78	MP (BPED-2158, as mod) for extension of time to: <u>3-1-78</u> (NEW STATION) Atty: ----	GRANTED TO	4-3-78 9-15-78

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Call Letters W C D B

Name STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
Albany, New York

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLED-1778 R & F PTA PRESS.	2-1-78 2-9-78 2-14-78	License (BPED-2185, as mod.) for New Station. Atty: --- GUT DIT	GRANTED	8-24-78
BPED791228AR JUL (1)81 PN Recd.	1-31-80	CP incr ERP: 100 watts; HAT:209'		
BPED791228BR PRESS.	FEB 2 1980	CP to chg TL to: Eastman Tower on Campus of SUNY Albany Uptown Campus, Albany, NY, (22-71 16 - 73 49 19); chg. SL/RC to: Eastman Tower, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY; chg. antenna system. Atty: ----	GRANTED	3-12-80

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W C D B

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Name: STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Station Location: ALBANY, NEW YORK

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRED-810123UC PN REC'D PRESS:	MAR 16 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	5- GRANTED 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.

