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NON COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 2-17-72

Call letters W C B N-FM

Station location Ann Arbor, Michigan

Name of licensee THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Transmitter location 501 East University Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan
XPhysics & Astronomy Bldg., East University St., near North University
Street, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Main studio location 530 Student Activities Bldg., Univ. of Mich., Ann Arbor, Michigan

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPED-1256 HAAT: -	6-22-71	89.5mc #208	TPO: 10W ERP: -	RC	6-2-72
CP for new 50 kW station.					
BPED-1256(1)	9-13-71	Call	letters	assigned.	
BMPED-833(2)	11-10-71	MP (BPED-1256)	chg, antenna		11-10-72
BLED-940 HAAT: --	2-17-72	89.5mc	ERP: -	RC	10-1-73
Lic. (BPED-1256, as mod.) for New FM Bd. B/c Sta.					
EBSA	5-15-72				
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX					
MO&O	Adopt. 10-22-74	Rel. 10-29-74	STA oper. Ch. 202, 88.3mhz		
for 60 days commence 45 days from release date.					
ORDER	Adopt. 12-13-74	Rel. 12-18-74	commencement on Ch. 202		
extended to Jan. 12, 1975.					
Tela.	1-12-75	Commenced on 88.3mhz eff.			1-12-75
for 60 days.					
Ltr.	3-10-75	Resumed oper. on 89.5mhz			3-12-75
LETTER	4-19-76	Main Trans:	McMartin B910T		
		Aux. Trans:	RCA BTE-10CT		
		{former main Trans}			
BRED-528(L)	6-27-77	RENEWAL	(MAIN & AUXILIARY)		10-1-79
MO&O	5-25-77	lic. mod. to Ch. 202 (88.3mhz). May continue on			
Ch. 202 (89.5mhz) 1 yr. from eff. date or until sooner ready					
on Ch. 202 or FCC sooner directs. 30 days prior comm. oper.					
file tech data for CP. 10 days prior file lic. data. Shall					
not commence on Ch. 202 without prior FCC auth.					
DKT 19912 HAAT: -- (L)	9-30-77	88.3mhz #202	ERP: -- (RC)	TPO: 10W U	9-30-78
Data (Docket) to chg Freq, minor correct					
in trans. site and ant height					
BLED-1790 HAAT: --	8-24-78	88.3MHz #208	ERP: -- (RC)	TPO: 10watts U	10-1-79
Lic. (Docket No. 19912) for changes.					

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W C B N-FM
X NEW-EDUC-FM

Name The Regents of the University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan (PO 503 Thompson Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-1,256 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: 23 APR 1971 PN REC'd: 5-3-71	4-6-71 4-13-71	CP for New Educ. FM on: 89.5mc. #208 TPO: 10 Watts. Trans: RCA-BTE-10CT; Ant: RCA-BFI-2, 2 sections TL: Physics and Astronomy Bldg., East Univ. Ave., Ann Arbor, Michigan. 42° 16' 43" - 83° 44' 07" SL: Rm. 530, Student Activity Bldg., Ann Arbor, Michigan. Atty - Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes etc.) Engr- Browne Renaud Associates, Inc. (Troy, Michigan)	GRANTED	6-22-71
BMPED-833 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: 8 NOV 1971	10-18-71 10-22-71	MP (BPED-1256) chg. Ant (SHIVELY-Laboratories- 6602-2 sections). Atty - Daniel W. Toohey	GRANTED	11-10-71

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters **WCEN-FM**

Name **THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**
Ann Arbor, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLSD-940 R & F PTA PRESS	1-10-72	Lic.(BPED-1256, as mod.) for New FM Educational Broadcast Station. Antenna: SHIVELEY, 6602, 2 sections. Atty: Daniel W. Toohy(Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	2-17-72
	1-12-72			
	1-21-72			
	FEB 8 1972			
PETITION FOR ISSUANCE OF ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE why WCEN-FM should not chg.freq to 88.3mhz filed 10-13-72 by Wilner & Scheiner for WEMU-FM, Eastern Mich. Univ.				
	11-9-72	MOTION TO DISMISS PETITION FOR ISSUANCE OF ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FILED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.		
	11-9-72	OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR ISSUANCE OF ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FILED BY GROSS TELECASTING, INC. ATTY(HERBERT M. SCHULKIND)		
	11-14-72	ADDENDUM TO MOTION TO DISMISS FILED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.		
	11-17-72	REPLY TO MOTION TO DISMISS PETITION FOR ISSUANCE OF ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FILED BY GROSS TELECASTING, INC.		
	12-5-72	OPPOSITION AND REQUEST FOR A COMMISSION ORDER DIRECTING A RESPONSE FILED BY EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY. ATTY(MORTON H. WILNER)		
	12-18-72	REPLY TO OPPOSITION AND REQUEST FOR A COMMISSION ORDER DIRECTING A RESPONSE FILED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN		

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Name THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
PETITION CONTINUED FROM	CARD # 2.			
	12-21-72	REPLY TO OPPOSITION OF GROSS TELECASTING, INC. FILED BY EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.		
	1-5-73	RESPONSE TO REPLY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY FILED BY GROSS TELECASTING, INC.		
BRED-528	6-26-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY)	GRANTED	6-27-77
R & F	7-2-73	Daniel W. Toohey, Atty. (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)		
PN Recd. PRESS	"	MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE ADDITIONAL PLEADING & OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR ISSUANCE OF ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE filed 8-15-73 by Daniel W. Toohey, counsel for University of Michigan		
	JUL 30 1973	SUPPLEMENT TO CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE filed 8-24-73 by Daniel W. Toohey on behalf of WCBN-FM		
		ADDENDUM filed 8-27-73 by University of Michigan		
		OPPOSITION AND REPLY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY filed 9-10-73 by Eastern Michigan Univ.		
		FURTHER MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE ADD. PLEADING & RESPONSE TO FURTHER MICH. filed 10-23-73 by Daniel Toohey for WCBN	Designated for Hearing	
			JAN 3 1974	19912
			Min.	
Supplemental application filed 5-25-76 ret'd to atty. 2-15-78 as Moot				

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Letters WCBN-FMName The Regents of the University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
Docket No. 19912 Filed & Rec'd press:	7-13-77 7-18-77	Data filed in accordance with Commission's First Report and Order adopted 5-26-77 and Released 5-26-77 in Docket No. 19912 to chg. freq to 88.3mhz #202. minor correction in trans. site: 501 East University Ave., Physics and Astronomy Bldg., (David M. Dennison Bldg.,) 42° 16' 37" 83° 44' 07" and ant height.	ACCEPTED AND GRANTED COND'L	9-30-77 program test auth. shall demonstrate items 1 thru 5 pg. 2 of Public Notice entitled FM INTERFERE NCE TO TV RECEPTION.
BLED-1790 R & F PTA: PRESS:	3-9-78 8-24-78 12-2-77 JUL 2 1978	License to cover (Docket No. 19912) for changes. TL specified as: 501 East University Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan Atty: Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	8-24-78

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

89.5mhz

Call Letters: WCBN-FM

Name: THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Station Location: ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRED 790601 BJ PRESS AUG 2	1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE F.D.Cooke, Jr., Atty. AMENDED 5-2-80 re: EEO	
BRED 790707 AZ ACCEPTED RECORDED DEC 22 80	CUT OFF 5 FEB 4 1981	CP incr ERP: 200 watts HAT: 178' ATTY: Frederick D Cook, Jr.	

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.

