

WERS

F.S.

No. 39

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

CARD #1

NON COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL

Date first licensed 11-14-49

Call letters WERS

STATION LOC.: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Name of licensee EMERSON COLLEGE

Prudential Tower Building, Boston, Massachusetts (PED-10-3-73)

Transmitter location X130 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts

130 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts (Ltr. 11-1-73)

X145 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts (Redscr. Ped-10-3-73)

Main studio location XSame

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Mcs. Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPED-123	6-29-49	88.1 Ch. 201	10 watts Max.	U	By 8-29-49 To 2-28-50
BLKD-48 Lic. to cover CP.	11-14-49	88.1	10w.max.	U	11-14-49 to 6-1-51
BPED-171	9-19-50	88.9	330w	45 ft.	by 11-19-50 CP to change freq. and increase Power to 5-19-51
Telegram	10-31-50	Relet 23. No. objection WRS remain silen permit completion of construction BPED171			
BLKD-89	1-15-51	License to cover C. P. (BPED-171)			
					To 6-1-52
BRED-39	5-14-52	RENEWAL OF LICENSE TO			6-1-55
BPED-236	9-23-53	CP to change Type Tm and Ant. ERP- 18kw Terr. 55'			11-23-53 5-23-54
ON 88.9 mcs.					
Tel. 12-3-53	Auth.	op. accord BPED-236 to 2-3-54			
WIRE	2-3-54	Retelephone 3 - Auth. ext. op. accord C.P. BPED-236 to			4-3-54
BLKD-148	4-15-54	License to cover to			6-1-55
BRED-39	5-11-55	Renewal of license to			4-1-57(S)
BRED-39	3-20-57	Renewal of license to			4-1-60 S
	3-30-60	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further considoration.			
BRED-39	9-7-60	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			9-7 4-1-63
BRED-39	3-11-63	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1 4-1-66
BRED-39	3-21-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1 4-1-69
BPED-60 (1)	11-2-67	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 180 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.			
BRED-39(L)	3-20-69	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-72
BRED-39(S)	3-30-72	Renewal of License			4-1-75
EBSA	5-15-72				
BPED-1628	10-3-73	88.9mhz	ERP: 900w (H&V)		10-3-74
HAAT: 730' (H&V)		#205	(RC)		
		CP chg. TL, redes. SL, install new trans. make chgs. ant. system (incr. hgt.) chg. TPO, ERP, HAAT.			

Form BC 126
June 1954

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NON-CML. EDUC. FM

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Station location Boston, Mass.

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPED-1628 (1)	2-28-74	Ltr. Rec'd: 11-5-73	redescribe Studio location.		
BLED-1255(1) HAAT: 730' (H&V)	6-5-74	Lic. (BPED-1628) 88.9mhz., ERP: 900w (H&V)	Changes		4-1-75
BRED-39(S)	12-13-76	Renewal of	license		4-1-78
BRED-39	4-26-78	Renewal			4-1-81
BSCA781211AZ	1-25-79	SCA on	67 kilohertz.		4-1-81

Name **EMERSON COLLEGE**
 (P. O. 130 Beacon St., Boston 16, Massachusetts)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-123 Rec'd. Filed	5-5-49 5-6-49 5-6-49	Construction permit for a new Non-Commercial Educational FM broadcast station to be operated on Frequency: 88.1 Mcs. Channel 201 Operating Power: 10 watts Transmitter: 130 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. (GE BT-11-B Max. 10 watts) Studio: Same	GRANTED Exp.	6-29-49 2-28-50
BLER-48 Rec'd. Filed	10-25-49 10-27-49 10-27-49	License to cover C. P. (BPED-123) which authorized a new Non-Commercial Educational FM Broadcast Station.	GRANTED	11-14-49
BPED-171 Rec'd & Filed	9-1-50 9-5-50	Construction permit to make changes in existing Non-Comm. Educa. FM b/o station to change frequency from 88.1 mc. to 88.9 mc.; operating power from 10 watts to 250 watts; transmitter to GE, BT-1-B, 250 watts & make changes in antenna system. See Card #2	GRANTED	9-19-50

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			Nature	Date
BLED-89 Recd & Filed	11-27-50 11-28-50	License to cover CP (EPED-171) which authorized changes in existing Non-Comm. Educa. FM b/c station.	GRANTED	1-15-51
BRED-39 Rec'd. Filed	4-16-52 4-17-52 4-17-52	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	5-14-52
EPED-236 Recd. & Filed	9-1-53 9-2-53	C. P. to make changes in licensed station to change ERP from 330 w. to 17.945 kw; Ant. ht. above average terr; from 45 ft. to 54.46 ft. transmitter type to RCA BTF-5A 5 kw.; & make changes in antenna system.	GRANTED	9-23-53
BLED-148 Recd. & filed	4-1-54 4-2-54	License to cover the above.	GRANTED	4-15-54
BRED-39 Recd & Filed	3-22-55 3-23-55	Renewal of license	GRANTED	5-11-55

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FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

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EMERSON COLLEGE

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-39 Rec'd & Filed 1-10-57	1-7-57	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-20-57
BRED-39 Rec'd & Filed	2-9-60	Renewal of license	GRANTED	9-7-60
BRED-39 R & F	12-18-62 12-31-62	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-11-63
BRED-39 R & F	12-20-65 12-21-65	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-21-66
BRED-60 Rec'd Resub. R & F OCT 23 1967 NOV 2 1967	10-9-67 10-11-67 10-20-67 10-25-67	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 130 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts.	Returned Signed by Manager. GRANTED	10-18-67 11-2-67

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88.9mhz.

Aug. 1955

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Boston, Mass.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-39 R & F No Fee Requ. PRESS JAN 8 1969	12-23-68 12-26-68	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-26-69
BRED-39 R & F PRESS JAN 19 1972	12-28-71 1-3-72	Renewal of License AMENDED 1-26-72 re: employment policy	GRANTED	3-30-72
BPED-1,628 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: MAY 31 1973	3-24-73 3-26-73	CP chg. trans. loc. to: Prudential Tower Bldg., Boston, Mass.; install new trans. (GATES- FM-1H); new Ant. (GATES-FMC-2A, 2 sects.); make chgs. in ant. system (incr. hght); chg. TPO, ERP: 895Watts; HAAT: 740'. REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 1.573 COMM. RULES. 42° 20' 50" - 71° 04' 57"	5-23-73 Request For waiver gr. and application ACCEPTED.	
AMENDED	7-2-73 8-20-73	PETITION TO DENY FILED BY WGAL TELEVISION, INC. Exhibit A (Correct WBCN Tower & show the correct height as: 834.4').	GRANTED	10-3-73

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLED-1255 R & F PTA PRESS	4-12-74 4-15-74 4-22-74 MAY 22 1974	Lic.(BPED-1628)-Changes.Transmitter: WILKINSON, 1000E. Antenna: SHIVELY 6811-2, 2 sects. Atty: Philip M. Baker	GRANTED	6-5-74
BRED-39 RecdF PN Recd. FILED	11-28-74 12-2-74 " 12-4-74 JAN 23 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE P.M.Baker,Atty.	GRANTED	12-13-76
BRED-39 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-28-77 12-1-77 DEC 12 1977	Renewal of License Atty-Howard M. Liberman	GRANTED	4-26-78

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May 1976

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BSCA781211AZ PRESS	JAN 8 1979	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a subcarrier frequency of 67 kilohertz.	GRANTED	1-25-79
BRED 801201 BRSGA " FEB 2 1981 PRESS	ZV	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA H.M.Liberman, Atty.	GRANTED	3-30-81

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.

