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June 1954

#447

NON-COMM. EDUC. - FM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 7-23-70

Call letters W E T A-FM

Station location Washington, D. C.

Name of licensee THE GREATER WASHINGTON EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION, INC.*
X The Greater Washington Educational Television Association, Inc. *(LED-3-1071)

Transmitter location 5217 - 19th Road, North, Arlington, Va. (PED- 7-19-67)

22205 3620 27th St., South, Arlington, Virginia (MLED-4-24-78)
x 5217 19th Rd. N., Arlington, Va.
Main studio location x 2600 - 4th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. (PED-7-19-67)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From To |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| BPED-811 HAAT: 610' | 7-19-67 | 90.9mc. chB 215 | ERP: 75kw Unl. TPO: 16kw | | 9-19-67 3-19-68 |
| | | CP for a new noncommercial educational FM broadcast station with RC. | | | |
| BPED-811 (1) | 9-12-67 | Mod. of CP(BPED-811) to assign call letters W E T A-FM. | | | |
| BMPED-547 (2) | 3-6-68 | Mod. of CP(BPED-811) for extension of completion date to 9-19-68. | | | |
| BMPED-580 (3) | 9-13-68 | MP(BPED-811 as mod.) ext. time to 3-19-69. | | | |
| BMPED-606 (4) | 2-28-69 | MP(BPED-811 as mod.) ext. time to 9-19-69 | | | |
| BMPED-640 (5) | 8-26-69 | MP(BPED-811 as mod.) ext. time 3-19-70. | | | |
| BMPED-688 | 2-6-70 | MP(BPED-811) chg. SL, RC, trans, ant, TPO: 20 kilo ERP: 75 kilo | | | |
| BMPED-696 (1) | 3-24-70 | MP(BPED-811 as mod) ext time 5-19-70 | | | |
| BSCA-1,020 (s) | 7-10-70 | Request for SCA for 67kc 4-1-72 | | | |
| BLED-791(L) HAAT: 610'(H&V) | 7-23-70 | 90.9mc | ERP: 75kw(H)&45kw(V) TPO: 20 kw | | 10-1-72 |
| | | Lic.(BPED-811 as mod) for new Educational FM Broadcast Station chg ant, trans, ERP:, TPO:, & HAAT: | | | |
| BMLD-55(1) | 3-10-71 | Chg. name of licensee | | | |
| BMSCA-284 | 3-10-71 | Chg. Name of SCA | | | |
| BPED-1311(L) Haat: 566' | 10-4-71 | 90.9 | ERP: 75kw TPO: 16.6kw | | 10-4-72 RC |
| | | CP install Aux. antenna on same tower as main. | | | |
| EMSCA-284 | 3-10-71 | Supersede to show use of SCA. 10-1-72 | | | |
| EBSA | 5-15-72 | | | | |

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Name of licensee

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Transmitter location

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Main studio location

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| Appl. No. | Date Issued | Freq. | Power | Time Div. | Period From To |
|--|-----------------|--|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| BRED-447 BRSCA-1,018 | 7-23-75 | | RENEWAL | | 10-1-75 |
| BLED-1016(L) ERP: 75kw + HAAT: 566' | 7-23-75 | Lic. (BPED-1311) | -Auxiliary antenna | | 10-1-75 |
| BRED-447(L) ----- | 9-12-75 | Renewal of lic. (main trans. & antennas) 90.9mhz 75kw(H) 45kw(V) 610' (P&V) U 75kw 566' Aux. Ant. | | | 10-1-78 |
| BRSCA-1010 BRSCA-1018 | 12-8-75 | Renewal & Mod. of SCA | | (7kHz) | 10-1-78 |
| BMLED-117 (1) | 4-24-78 | ML to chg SL/RC | | | |
| COMTEL | 5-24-78 | TRANS: RCA BTF-20E1 now installed | | | |
| BRED-447(L) BRSCA-1018 | 4-9-80 " " " | RENEWAL " " " | (MAIN, AUX. & ANTS.) | | 10-1-81 " " " |

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

Call **W E T A-FM**
Letters **...WET-Edoc-FM...**Name **THE GREATER WASHINGTON EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.**
WASHINGTON, D. C. (PO c/o George E. Geesey, 2600-4th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.)

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action 20001) | |
|-------------------|---------|---|---------------|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BPED-811 R & F | 4-25-67 | CP for a new noncommercial educational FM broadcast station to be operated on: Freq.: 90.9mcs, Ch.#215 ERP: 75kw Type trans.: Collins 830H-1A TPO: 16.04kw Type ant.: Collins 37M-5, 5 sections HAAT: 614 feet Trans. loc.: 5217 - 19th Road, North Arlington, Virginia Studio loc.: 2600 - 4th Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. RC pt. loc.: Same as Studio Krieger & Jorgensen, Attys. John H. Mullaney and Associates, Engrs. (Louis R. du Treil) | GRANTED | 7-19-67 |
| | 4-26-67 | | | |

CONTACT: George E. Geesey, FM Director

PHONE: Code 202; 387-1300, Ext. 60

ADDRESS: WETA

2600 Fourth Street, N. W.

Washington, D. C.

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AUG. 1955

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Letters **W E T A-FM**Name **THE GREATER WASHINGTON EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.**
WASHINGTON, D. C.

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---|---------------|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BMPED-547 R & F FEB 28 1968 | 2-8-68 | Mod. of CP(BPED-811 which authorized a new non-commercial educational-FM b/c station) for extension of completion date from 3-19-68 to 9-19-68. | GRANTED to | 3-6-68 |
| | 2-14-68 | | | 9-19-68 |
| BMPED-580 R & F SEP 10 1968 | 8-16-68 | Attys-Krieger & Jorgensen MP(BPED-811 as mod.) ext. time to 3-19-69. (new station) Atty - Krieger & Jorgensen(Robert A. Woods) | GRANTED to | 9-13-68 |
| | 8-19-68 | | | 3-19-69 |
| BMPED-606 R & F | 2-13-69 | MP(BPED811 as mod.) ext.time to 9-19-69 (NEW STATION). Attys - Krieger & Jorgensen(Robert A. Wood) | GRANTED to | 2-28-69 |
| | 2-14-69 | | | 9-19-69 |
| BMPED-640 R & F AUG 20 1969 | 8-7-69 | MP (BPED-811, as mod.) ext. time to 3-19-70.(New Station) | GRANTED to | 8-26-69 |
| | 8-12-69 | | | 3-19-70 |

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Call WETA - FM
Letters

Name THE! GREATER WASHINGTON EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|---|--------------------|--|---------|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BMPED-688 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: JAN 8 1970 | 1-20-70 1-21-70 | MP(BPED-811) Studio & RC Loc. To: 5217-19th Rd N., Arlington, Va., Trans(RCA-BTF-20E1) Ant(Jampro-JSCP-6, 6 sections) make chgs in ant system (incr hgt); TPO: 20kw; Operate with Vertical ERP: 45.1kw. Atty: Robert A. Woods | GRANTED | 2-6-70 |
| BMPED-696 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: MAR 1 9 1970 | 3-5-70 3-6-70 | MP(BPED-811 as mod) ext time to 3-5-70 (NEW STATION). | GRANTED | 3-24-70 |
| BSCA-1,018 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: JUN 22 1970 | 6-4-70 6-15-70 | Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kilocycles. Atty-Robert A. Woods(Krieger & Jorgensen etc) | GRANTED | 7-10-70 |

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THE GREATER WASHINGTON EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Washington, D. C. 20006

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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BLED-791 R & F PTA PRESS | 4-7-70 4-7-70 4-16-70 JUL 8 1970 | Lic.(BPED-811, as mod.) for new FM Ed. Broadcast Station. Atty: Robert A. Woods (Krieger & Jorgensen) | GRANTED | 7-23-70 |
| BMLED-55 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED PRESS: | 2-16-71 2-18-71 MAR 8 1971 | Modification of license to change name of licensee to THE GREATER WASHINGTON EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION, INC. Atty: Norman E. Jorgensen (Krieger) | GRANTED | 3-10-71 |
| BMSCA-284 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: 8 MAR 1971 | 2-16-71 2-18-71 | Modification of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to change name of licensee to THE GREATER WASHINGTON EDUCATIONAL TELE- COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION, INC. Atty-Norman E. Jorgense (Krieger) | GRANTED | 3-10-71. |

Form BC-121
September 1969

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Letters W E T A-FMName The Greater Washington Educational Telecommunications Association, Inc.
Washington, D. C.

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
|--|---|--|---------|---------|
| | | | Nature | Date |
| BPED-1,311 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: 29 SEP 1971 | 8-30-71 9-2-71 | CP to install new Auxiliary Antenna (Jampro-JA-5B, 5 sects), at Main Trans. loc., to be operated on 90.9mc. #215, TPO: 16.6kw; ERP: 75kw; HAAT: 566ft., For Auxiliary Purposes Only. Atty - Norman E. Jorgensen | GRANTED | 10-4-71 |
| BRED-447 BRSCA-1,018 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JUN 30 1972 | 6-16-72 " 6-23-72 " | RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA N.E. Jorgensen, Atty AMENDED 7-18-72 re: equal employment policy (See WASH(FM) for Petition) OPPOSITION TO AND COMMENTS UPON PETITION TO PREVENT EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION 73.301 and 73.680, FCC RULES filed 10-6-72 by WETA-FM and WETA-TV (over) | GRANTED | 7-23-75 |
| BLED-1016 R & F HA PRESS | 8-30-72 9-8-72 9-15-72 OCT 19 1972 | Lic. (BPED-1311) for Auxiliary Antenna. Atty: Jorgensen & Resnick | GRANTED | 7-23-75 |

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 6-2-75 as an amendment to
pending renewal. P.N. 6-2-75

JUL 8 1975

AMENDED 6-12-75 re: engineering

AMENDED 8-19-75 re: EEO

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90.9mhz

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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BRED-447 | 6-1-75 | Renewal of license | GRANTED SCA also granted but SCA Issued with mod. dtd. 12-8-75. | 9-12-75 |
| BRSCA-1018 | 6-1-75 | Renewal of SCA | | |
| R & F | 6-2-75 | AMENDED 10-6-75 re: EEO | | |
| PN | 6-2-75 | | | |
| PRESS | 7-3-75 | | | |
| BMLED-117 | 12-4-77 | ML change SL & RC to 3620 27th St., South, | GRANTED | 4-24-78 |
| R&F | 12-7-77 | Arlington, Virginia (outside city limits of | | |
| PRESS | APR 4 1978 | station location) | | |
| BRED-447 | 6-1-78 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN, AUX. & ANTS.) | GRANTED | 4-9-80 |
| BRSCA-1018 | 6-1-78 | RENEWAL OF SCA | | |
| R & F | 6-1-78 | Atty. Wayne Coy (Cohn & Marks) | | |
| PRESS | JUN 30 1978 | PETITION TO DENY AND TO INTERVENE filed 9-1-78 by Office of Human Rights of the District of Columbia | | |

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(BRED-447) PETITION TO INTERVENE filed 9-1-78 by D. C. Media Task

MOTION TO STRIKE PETITION TO INTERVENE filed 9-15-78 by Forbes W. Blair, Counsel on behalf of Seven Locks Broadcasting Company

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS TO DENY filed 10-2-78 by Wayne Coy, Counsel on behalf of Greater Washington Educational Telecommunications Association, Inc.

OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY AND TO INTERVENE filed 10-16-78 by Roy R. Russo, Counsel on behalf of The Greater Washington Educational Telecommunications Association, Inc.

MOTION TO STRIKE PETITION TO INTERVENE filed 9-25-78 by Wayne Coy, Counsel on behalf of Greater Washington Educational Telecommunications Association, Inc.

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTAL PLEADING IN RESPONSE TO PETITION TO DENY filed 2-2-79 by Roy R. Russo, Counsel on behalf of Greater Washington Educational Telecommunications Association, Inc.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO SUPPLEMENT PETITION TO DENY filed 9-21-79 by D. C. Media Task Force.

PETITION FOR ORDER PROHIBITING ON-AIR PROMOTION OF OUTSIDE COMMERCIAL VENTURE BY NON-COMMERCIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS filed 7-3-80 by Wilbert H. Sirota, Counsel on behalf of Washington Magazine, Inc.

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

90.9MHz.

Call Letters: W E T A-FM

Name: THE GREATER WASHINGTON EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

Station Location: WASHINGTON, D. C.

| File No. | Date | Description | Action and Date |
|---------------------------|----------------------|--|------------------|
| BPED810617AE PRESS (0) | | CP to install Aux. Ant. (HARRIS FMH-1AE, 1 sect. Circular) On Main Tower, to be Operated on: ERP: 8.014kw; HAAT: 448' & chg. TPO (FOR AUX. PURPOSES ONLY). Atty. Wayne Coy (Cohn & Marks) | GRANTED: 9-16-81 |
| BRED810601WS PRESS | AUG 10 1981 08-10 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Wayne Coy | GRANTED 10-22-81 |

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.

