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Form BC 126

Non-Commercial Educational FM

June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Official No. 207

Date first licensed 7-20-61

Call letters W.F.C.R. (RC)

Station location Amherst, (Massachusetts)

Name of licensee UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS (ALED 7-11-67; EFF: 7-31-67)
X WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Transmitter location Atop Mount Lincoln, 5 miles east of Amherst, Pelham Township, Mass.

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Hampshire House, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass. (Applic. 7-10-67)

X School of Education Bldg., University of Mass., Amherst, Mass. (BRCE 3-16-

Main studio location X Same as transmitter.

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Station location .. Amherst, Mass.

Name of licensee UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

Transmitter location Atop Mount Lincoln, 5 mi. east of Amherst, Pelham Township Mass

Main studio location ... Hampshire House, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BMPED-685 (2)	1-28-70	MP(BPED-994)	ant (CCA-6810-7, 7 sections		
BLED-782(L)	6-23-70	Lic (BPED-994, as mod.)	changes		4-1-72
BPED-1,158 HAAT: 720' (h&v)	4-5-71	88.5mc Ch# 203	ERP: 35kw (h&v) TPO: 10kw		6-5 4-5-72
		CP to make changes in transmitting equipment.			
BMPED-84(1)	1-18-72	MP(BPED-1158)	chg. trans.		
BRED-207(S) BRSCA-321	3-30-72	Renewal of License & NDEA Renewal of SCA			4-1-75
EBSA	5-15-72				
BLED-966(L)	5-16-72	Lic. (BPED-1158)	for chg. 88.5mc ERP: 35kw H&V 720' H&V RC		4-1-75
BSED-207(1)	9-25-72	ch. trans	RCA BTF-10E-1		
COMTEL	10-17-74	Trans: CCA-FM-10000DS; mod. with RCA-BTE-15A Exciter.			
BRED-207(L) BRSCA-321	3-31-75 3-31-75	Renewal of License and SCA			4-1--78
BRED • 207 BRSCA-321	1/30/79	Renewal of license & SCA			4/1/81

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters **WFCR**Letters **XNEW**Name **WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**STATION LOCATION: **AMHERST, MASS.**

(84 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 39, Massachusetts)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-428 Rec'd Filed	4-7-60 4-12-60 4-12-60	Construction permit for a new non-commercial ED FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 88.5mc, Ch. #203 ERP: 34.4kw Type transmitter: GEL FMT-15A HAAT: 741' Type antenna: Andrew 1304-1 (4 sections) Transmitter location: Atop Mount Lincoln, 5 miles East of Amherst, Pelham Township, Massachusetts Studio location: Same CONTINGENT ON GRANT OF BPED-429, BPED-430, BPED-431 and BPED-432. John V. L. Ellicott, Atty. Roger E. Peterson, Engr.	GRANTED ERP: HAAT:	7-7-60 34 kw 740'
BMPED-370 R & F	1-30-61 2-2-61	Mod. of C.P. (BPED-428 which authorized a new Non-Commercial Educational FM Broadcast Station) for extension of completion date from 3-7-61 to 4-30-61	GRANTED	3-8-61

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Letters W F C RName WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCED-18 Rec'd Filed	2-28-61 3-3-61 3-3-61	Mod. of CP(BPED-428) to operate transmitter by Remote Control from Great Blue Hill, Milton, Massachusetts (WGBH-FM transmitter site).	GRANTED	6-13-62
BSCA-321 R & F	2-28-61 3-3-61	• Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization to operate on sub-carrier frequencies of 41kc and 67kc.	GRANTED	6-13-62
BLED-324 Rec'd&Filed	3-30-61 4-4-61	Atty. Covington & Burling License to cover CP(BPED-428 as mod. which auth. a new non-commercial educational FM Broadcast station)	GRANTED	7-20-61
BRED-207 R & F	12-26-62 12-28-62	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-11-63
BRSCA-321 R. & F.	12-26-62 12-28-62	Renewal of SCA Atty- Covington & Burling	GRANTED	3-11-63

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Name * WGBH Educational Foundation
Amherst, Massachusetts

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-207 R & F BRSCA-321 R & F	12-16-65 1-3-66 12-23-65 1-3-66	Renewal of license Renewal of SCA	GRANTED	3-21-66
BRCED-44 Rec'd Filed	3-4-66 3-8-66 3-8-66	Modification of license to change studio location and remote control point to School of Education Building, University of Massachusetts (WFCR Studio). Earl M. Schramm, Atty.	GRANTED	3-16-66
BALFD-11 BASCA-268 R & F	5-11-67 5-17-67	Voluntary assignment of license and SCA to UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS Atty for assignor - Covington & Burling	GRANTED EFF:	7-11-67 7-31-67

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Name UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
Amherst, Mass.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-207 R & F	2-21-69 2-28-69	Renewal of license	GRANTED	4-7-69
BRSCA-321 R & F	2-21-69 2-28-69	Renewal of license---(S.C.A.)		
No fee required PRESS				
BPED-994 R & F	4-14-69 4-16-69	CP install circular polarized ant(Jampro- JSCP-7, 7 sects); chg. ERP:35.34kw(h&v) and chg. HAAT: 723 t.	GRANTED cond'1	5-1-69
BMPED-681 R & F	12-30-69 12-31-69	MP(BPED-994) ext. time to 2-1-70(FOR CHGS.)	GRANTED to	1-21-70 2-23-70
NO FEE REQUIRED PRESS:				
BMPED-685 R & F	1-6-70 1-9-70	MP(BPED-994) ant(CCA-6810-7, 7 sections);	GRANTED	1-28-70
NO FEE REQUIRED PRESS:				

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UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

Name Amherst, Massachusetts

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BLED-782 R & F PTA Amended PRESS	2-13-70 2-16-70 2-24-70 2-27-70 JUN 16 1970	Lic.(BPED-994, as mod.) for changes. Type Trans: G.E.L., FMT-15A. completed Sect. II-B	GRANTED	6-23-70
BPED-1,158 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED; PRESS: OCT 16 1970	10-1-70 10-8-70	CP to make changes in transmitting equipment. Atty - Richard Perry	GRANTED	4-5-71
BMPED-848 R & F No Fee Required Press JAN 11 1972	12-3-71 12-9-71	MP(BPED-1,158) chg. tran. (RCA Model BTF-10E). Atty---	GRANTED	1-18-72

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Amherst, Massachusetts

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			Nature	Date
BRED-207 R & F P.N. PRESS JAN 27 1972 BRSCA-321 R & F	12-17-71 1-3-72 1-3-72	Renewal of License AMENDED 2-18-72 re: employment policy	GRANTED	3-30-72
BLED-966 R & F PTA Amended PRESS MAY 10 1972	3-20-72 3-24-72 4-7-72 4-17-72	Lic.(BPED-1158, as mod.) for changes. pend. rec. amend of trans. type trans. type GEL FMT-10A mod with RCA BTE 15A BTS 1B stereo generator & BTX-1B	GRANTED	5-16-72
BRED-207 ReedF PN Recd. FILED PRESS	11-27-74 12-3-74 " 12-16-74 JAN 13 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-31-75

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AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS

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BRSCA-321 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-26-74 12-3-74	RENEWAL OF SCA	GRANTED	3-31-75
BRED-207 BRSCA-321 R & F PRESS	11-29-77 11-29-77 12-1-77 DEC 27 1977	Renewal of license AMENDED 2-23-81 re:programming	Granted	1/30/79
BRED801201D9 PRESS FEB	1981	Renewal of License Atty.: Maurice Baskin PETITION TO DENY filed 2-27-81 by Joseph Baltar OPPOSITION TO PLEADING ENTITLED PETITION TO DENY filed 3-27-81 by Maurice Baskin, Counsel on behalf of University of Massachusetts	GRANTED	10-6-81 ISSUED

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.

