

WKNJ

## BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed .....

Call Letters W K N J .....Station Location Union Township, New JerseyName KEAN COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY .....Transmitter Location Bartlett Hall, Kean College Campus, Union, New Jersey .....Main studio location Dougall Hall, Kean College Campus, New Jersey, Union .....

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPED-2696 HAAT: 18' (H&V) (L)	5/30/79	90.5mhz ERP: 8.7w (H&V) Class D Secondary Ch. #213 CP FOR NEW ED-FM STATION	5/30/80
BPED-2696 (1)	11/7/79	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED	& EBSA ISS.
B ED-800201AA	4-23-80	TPO: 10 watts License to cover (BPED-2696, as mod.) for a new station.	6-1-81

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call WKNJ  
Letters NEW EDUC FM

Name KEAN COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY  
Union Township, New Jersey (PO Morris Ave., Union, New Jersey 07083)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-2696 R&F PRESS:	6-2-78 6-6-78  JAN 19 1979	Construction permit for new Educ FM on: Frequency: 90.5MHz #213 ERP: 8.67KW HAAT: plus 18' trans LPB, INC FM-10SS Ant: PHELPS-DODGE ECFM -2,2 sections TL: Bartlett Hall Kean College Campus, Union New Jersey SL&RC: Dougall Hall, Kean College Campus, Union New Jersey 40 40 35      74 14 02	SECTION 73.509(c) is WAIVED AND APPLIC ACCEPTED FOR FILING  Gr.	5-30-79
BLED-800201AA PTA PRESS	2/4/80  MAR 19 1980	License to cover (BPED-2696, as mod.) for a new station. Atty: none	GRANTED	4-23-80

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## APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WKNJ

Name: KEAN COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

Station Location: UNION TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY (PO Morris Ave., Union, New Jersey 07083)

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRED-810203UA PRESS	MAR 5 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	Mh 7-31-81 <b>ISSUED</b>

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

