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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 7-20-61

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Station location Cambridge, Massachusetts

Name of licensee TECHNOLOGY BROADCASTING CORPORATION (7-31-80)
X THE WTBS FOUNDATION, INC.

Transmitter location 60 Wadsworth Street, Cambridge, Mass. (PED-12-19-69)
X 3 Ames Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

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Main studio location 142 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Mass. (PED-12-19-69)
X 3 Ames Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Channel Freq.	TO Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPED-435	10-20-60	88.1mcs. Ch.201	10w	Unl.	12-20-60 6-20-61
Construction permit for a new FM Broadcast station.					
ALD-321	7-20-61	88.1mc	TPO:10w	Unl	7-20-61 4-1-63
License to cover CP(BPED-435) which authorized a new non-comm ed FM broadcast station					
BRED-208	3-11-63	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-66
BRED-208	4-7-66	Renewal of License			4-7 4-1-69
BRED-208(S)	3-26-69	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-72
BPED-1,043	12-19-69	88.1mcs	TPO:10watts		2-19- 8-19-70
HAAT:- -		Ch#201	ERP:- -		
BPED-1,043	12-19-69	CP: trans & studio loc. and ant.			
Superseding Authorization to correct transmitter location.					
BMPED-727 (1)	8-11-70	MP(BPED-1,043) ext. time to 1-19-71			
BMPED-773 (2)	1-29-71	MP(BPED-1,043 as mod) chg. antenna:			
BLED-866	3-5-71	Lic.(BPED-1,043) for changes. 4-1-72			
BRED-208	3-30-72	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (short)			4-1-75
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRED-208(S)	3-31-75	Renewal of License			4-1-78
BPED-1555	9-14-78	CP to install new trans., chg. TPO, ERP & HAAT.			9-14-79
BRED-208(S)	10-31-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-81
EBSA	5-24-79	chg. call			
BMPED79081 (1)	4AG 9/28/79	MP (BPED-1555) for ext. of time to 3/26/80			
BLED-791029AS (L)	3-5-80	88.1mhz ERP: 200 WATTS (H&V) HAAT: 285' (H&V) LIC: (BPED-1555, as mod.) for changes.			4-1-81
AD 3-4-80 (1)	7-31-80	LICENSEE NAME CHANGED.			

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Name THE WTBS FOUNDATION, INC.

Station location - Cambridge, Mass.

(P.O. - Box 565, #3 Ames Street, Cambridge 39, Massachusetts)

Letters - WTBS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-435 Rec'd Filed	4-22-60 5-10-60 5-10-60	Construction permit for a new noncomm Ed FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 88.1mc CH 201 TPO - 10 watts Type transmitter - GATES BFE 10B Type antenna - ANDREW 1302-1 (2 section) Trans. location - 3 Ames Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts Studio location - Same as transmitter	GRANTED	10-20-60
BPED-321 Rec'd & Filed	3-20-61 3-23-61	License to cover CP (BPED-435 which auth. a new FM Broadcast station).	GRANTED	7-20-61
BRED-208 R. & F.	12-17-62 12-20-62	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	3-11-63
BRED-208 R & F	1-18-66 1-19-66	Renewal of license	GRANTED	4-7-66

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Cambridge, Mass.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-208 R & F No Fee Requ. PRESS JAN 2 1968	12-3-68 12-4-68	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-26-69
BPED-1,043 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: <i>P.N. Rec'd 11-10-69</i>	10-10-69 10-15-69 OCT 24 1969	CP transloc studio loc. 142 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Mass., ant(Shively-6810, 4 sects); make chgs. in ant. system(incr. hght); trans loc. to 60 Wadsworth St., Cambridge, Mass. 42° 21' 42" - 71° 05' 03"	GRANTED	12-19-69
BMPED-727 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: <i>PT. 2nd with 1-8-70</i>	7-22-70 7-23-70 JUL 29 1970	MP(BPED-1,043) ext. time to 2-19-71(NEW STATION) CHANGES Atty-none	GRANTED	8-11-70

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88.1mhz.

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Cambridge, Massachusetts

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPED-773 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED PRESS: 27 JAN 1971	1-13-71 1-14-71	MP (BPED-1,043 as mod) chg. Ant (SHIVELY-6811, 4 sections). Atty-None.	GRANTED	1-29-71
BLED-866 Rec'd Amended & F PTA PRESS FEB 24 1971	12-30-70 12-31-70 2-12-71 2-17-71	Lic. (BPED-1,043, as mod.) for changes. re antenna type	GRANTED	3-5-71
BRED-208 R & F PN PRESS JAN 18 1972	12-29-71 1-3-72 1-3-72	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-30-72
BPED-1,555 R & F No Fee Required P. N. Rec'd Press JAN 22 1973	12-21-72 1-2-73 1-17-73	CP to install new trans. (General Electric 4BT1B1); chg. TPO; ERP: 200 watts; and HAAT: 285'. Atty: Robert A. Woods AMENDED 1-17-73 Sect. II. F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C. (SEE OVER FOR PETITION).	GRANTED	9-14-78

2-21-73 PETITION TO DENY FILED BY WGAL TELEVISION, INC.
3-8-73 OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY FILED BY WTBS
FOUNDATION, INC.
3-20-73 REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY FILED BY
WGAL TELEVISION, INC.
PETITION TO DENY DENIED 9-14-78

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BPED-1,555 CONTINUED FROM AMENDED	2-27-73 5-31-74	CARD #3 Chg. transmission line and make changes in antenna system. & Engr. Data. PETITION TO DENY FILED BY WTBS(FM).	GRANTED	9-14-78
BRED-208 R & F P. N. Rec'd Press	11-27-74 12-2-74 12-2-74 FEB 4 1975	Renewal of License. Atty: Lawrence M. Miller	GRANTED	3-31-75
BPED-1,555 CONTINUED FROM AMENDED AMENDED	4-11-75 6-10-77	CARD #3 Sections I and III. Section III,I SectionIV revisedand supplement to Section V-B	GRANTED	9-14-78
BRED-208 R & F PN PRESS	11-16-77 11-28-77 " "	Renewal of license Atty- Lawrence M. Miller	GRANTED	10-31-78

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PETITION TO DENY OR CONSOLIDATE filed 12-23-77 by
WLSR-FM, Inc.

REQUEST FOR DISMISSAL IN PART AND OPPOSITION TO PETITION
TO DENY OR CONSOLIDATE filed 1-23-78 by The WTBS Founda-
tion, Inc.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY OR CONSOLIDATE
filed 2-2-78 by John P. Bankson, Jr., counsel, on behalf
of WLSR-FM, Inc.

MOTION TO STRIKE the request for Dismissal in Part and
opposition to Petition to Deny or Consolidate filed
2-2-78 by John P. Bankson, Jr., Counsel, on behalf of
WLSR-FM, Inc.

OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO STRIKE filed 2-3-78 by Robert A.
Woods, Counsel, on behalf of the WTBS Foundation, Inc.

PETITIONS DENIED MO&O 9-14-78

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88.1MHz.

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Name: THE WTBS FOUNDATION, INC.

Station Location: CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMPED790706AF PRESS (0)	JUL 27 1979	Mod. of CP (BPED-1555) to make chgs. in Ant. Sys.; chg. type Trans. & chg. TPO. Atty. Lawrence M. Miller (Schwartz, Woods & Miller)	DISMISSED 8-28-79 Include on 341 when filed.
BMPED790814AG PRESS (0)	SEP 11 1979	MP (BPED-1555) for Extension of Time to: <u>1-14-80</u> (FOR CHANGES) Atty. Lawrence M. Miller (Schwartz, Woods & Miller)	GRANTED 9/28/79
BMPED790706AF PRESS (0)		Mod. of CP (BPED-1555, as Mod.) To make chgs. in Ant. Sys.; chg. type Trans. & chg. TPO. Atty. Lawrence M. Miller (Schwartz, Woods & Miller)	DISMISSED 12-11-79 (Unnecessary)
BLED-791029AS PRESS	JAN 22 1980	License to cover (BPED-1555, as mod.) for changes. Atty: Lawrence M. Miller	GRANTED 3-5-80

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TECHNOLOGY BROADCASTING CORPORATION

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File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
APPL. DATED PRESS (0)	3.4.80 JUL 16 1980	Filed by Lawrence M. Miller Request to change Name of Licensee to: TECHNOLOGY BROADCASTING CORPORATION.	GRANTED 7-31-80
BRED-801201XT PRESS	JAN 23 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Lawrence M. Miller (Schwartz, Woods & Miller) AMENDED 4-3-81 re: ascert. of comm. needs & problems	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.

