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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 1-15-74

Call letters WRFN

Station location Nashville, Tennessee

Name of licensee FISK UNIVERSITY

Transmitter location 906 - 17th Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee (MPED-10-10-72)
X1615 Meharry Boulevard Nashville, Tennessee (PED-3-30-72)

Main studio location X Same as transmitter (MPED-10-10-72)
X Same as transmitter

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPED-1346 HAAT: 6'	3-30-72	88.1mc #201	ERP: 700w CP for New ED Station		3-30-73
BPED-1346(1)	6-19-72	Call letters assigned.			
EBSA	7-6-72				
BMPED-916(L)	10-10-72	MP(BPED-1346)	chg. TL & SL.		
HAAT: 6'		88.1mc #201	ERP: 700w	Unl.	3-30-73
BMPED-976 (1)	4-9-73	MP(BPED-1346 as mod)	Extension time		6-30-73
BLED-1104 HAAT: 6'	1-15-74	Lic.(BPED-1346, as mod.) 88.1mhz.,	ERP: 700w	NEW	8-1-76
BRED-672	9-30-76	Renewal of License			8-1-79
BRED- 790402UI(S)	7-18-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters NEW-EDUC-FM

Name Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee (PO c/o William R. Harvey, President, Nashville, Tenn. 37203)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-1,346 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: JAN 10 1972 PN REC'd:	11-24-71 11-26-71	CP for New Educ. FM on: 88.1mc. #201 HAAT: 6' ERP: 0.700Watts. Trans:General Electric-BT-1B; Ant:CCA-FMH- LP-3, 3 sections. T-SL: 1615 Meharry Blvd., Nashville, Tenn. 36° 10' 05" - 86° 48' 17" Atty-- Engr- William O. Barry (Lebanon, Tenn.)	GRANTED	3-30-72
AMENDED	2-28-72	Section VI		
BMPED-916 R & F No Fee Required Press AUG 15 1972 AMENDED	8-3-72 8-7-72 9-14-72	MP (BPED-1,346) chg. TL & SL to: 906-17th Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee. (SITE WILL REMAIN ON FISK CAMPUS) chg. coordinates to: 36° 10' 00" - 86° 48' 17"	GRANTED	10-10-72

pn mailed 1-5-72.

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Nashville, Tennessee
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Nashville, Tennessee

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			Nature	Date
BMPED-976 R & F No Fee Required Press APR 4 1973	3-19-73 3-21-73	MP (BPED-1,346, as mod.) ext. time to 5-15-73. (New Station)	GRANTED TO:	4-9-73 6-30-73
BLEP-1104 Rec'd Resub. & F PTA PRESS MAY 11 1973	3-29-73 4-3-73 4-17-73 4-25-73	Lic. (BPED-1346) for New FM Educational B/c Sta. as mod.	RETURNED resubmitted on Form 341. GRANTED	4-5-73 to be resubmitted on Form 341. 1-15-74
BPED-1,758 R & F No Fee Required Press P. N. Rec'd JAN 22 1974	12-10-73 1-7-74	CP to install new trans. (General Electric BT-3-B); chg. transmission line and change ERP: 8.5KW.	<u>DISMISSED</u>	<u>12-19-77</u>

Form BC-121
September 1969
8-74

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Name FISK UNIVERSITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-672 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-31-76 4-5-76 APR 15 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	Granted	9-30-76
BRED790402UI PRESS	APR 20 1979	Renewal of License Atty. Sheila Trice Bell (Nashville, TN)	GRANTED	7-18-79

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.

