

WRKF

BC-126
June 1975

NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL-FM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-28-80

Call letters WRKF

Station location Baton Rouge, LA

Name of licensee PUBLIC RADIO, INC.

(LED-4-28-80)

200 yards SE of 16600 Frenchtown, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Transmitter location X1650 Highland Rd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
XSouth of Frenchtown Road, Near Baton Rouge, LA (MPED781219AI 4/25/79)

16600 Frenchtown, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (LED-4-48-80)

Main studio location X265 S. Foster Dr., Baton Rouge, Louisiana

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPED-2217 (L)	10-27-78	89.3mhz	TPO: 20kw	U (RC)	10-27-79
		CP for NEW EDUC. FM Station			
BPED-2217 (1)	2-12-79	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED &			EBSA ISSUED
BMPED781219AI (L)	4/25/79	89.3 mhz	ERP: 51kw (H&V)		10/27/79
		Mod of CP to chg TL type trans & type antenna			
BMPED791019AI (1)	1-22-80	MP (BPED2217, as mod.) for ext. of time to:			6-21-80
BLED- 800109AA (L)	4-28-80	89.3mhz	ERP: 51KW (H&V)		6-1-82
		HAAT: 410' (H&V) LIC: (BMPED-781219AI, as mod.) for a new station.			

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WRKF
NEW-EDUC-FM

Name Public Radio, Inc.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana (PO 318 Riverside Mall, P. O. Box 66142, Baton Rouge, La.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action 70896)	
			Nature	Date
BPED-2217	3-9-76	CP for New Educ. FM on: 89.3mhz #207	GRANTED	10-27-78
R & F	3-10-76	ERP: 100KW HAAT: 650.6'		
No Fee Required		Trans: Collins 831G-1; Ant: Phelps-Dodge		
Press	MAR 12 1976	CFM HP-12, 12 sects. (H&V)		
P. N. Rec'd	3-31-76	TL: 1650 Highland Rd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana		
	02-10-77	SL-RC: 265 S. Foster Dr., Baton Rouge, Louisiana		
		30° 25' 57" - 91° 11' 08"		
		Atty: -----		
		Engr: L.J.N. duTreil (Harahan, La.)		
AMENDED	11-8-76	Section VI		
AMENDED	12-5-76	Section II and VI		
amended	5-3-77	Financial (Section III)		
AMENDED		Articles of Incorporation <small>F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.</small>		
AMENDED	9-13-78	enr(additional info)		
AMENDED	9-25-78			

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WRKF
UNASSIGNED

Name PUBLIC RADIO, INC.
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPED781219AI PRESS	JAN 11 1979	Mod. of CP to change site; chg. TL to: South of Frenchtown Road, Near Baton Rouge, Louisiana; chg. type Trans. (COLLINS 831F-1); chg. type Ant. (PHELPS DODGE SFM LP-12, 12 sects. Circular Polarized); decre. ERP: 51.2kw; decre. HAAT: 503' 500' & chg. TPO.	Granted	4/25/79
AMENDED	2-14-79	engr(chg HAAT:) 30° 29' 34" 91° 00' 15" MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES.		

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING
89.3MHz.

Call Letters: W R K F

Name: PUBLIC RADIO, INC.

Station Location: BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMPED791019AI PRESS (0)	NOV 15 1979	MP (BPED-2217, as Mod.) For Extension of Time To: <u>12-1-79</u> (NEW STATION)	GRANTED 1-22-80
BLED-800109AA PTA PRESS	APR 03 1980	License to cover (BMPED-781219AI, as mod.) for a new station. Atty: None	GRANTED 4-28-80

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.

