

W W FM

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

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Call Letters W W F MStation Location Trenton, New JerseyName MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGETransmitter Location On the Campus of Mercer County Comm. College, Trenton, New JerseyMain studio location Telecommunications Building, Trenton, New Jersey

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPED781226AH HAAT: 180' (H&V) (L)	10/24/79	89.1mhz ERP: 3.0kw (H&V) Class: A TPO: 1.6kw CP FOR NEW EDUCATIONAL/FM STATIO	10/24/80
BPED781226AH (1)	12/31/79	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED	& EBSA ISS.
BMPED-800707AS m (2)	7-29-80	MP (BPED-781226AH) for extension of time to:	1-25-81
BMPED-801219AK (3)	2-10-81	MP (BPED-781226AH, as for ext. of time to:	Mod.) 8-6-81.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WWFM
NEW EDUC

Name Mercer County Community College
Trenton, New Jersey (PO 1200 Old Trenton Rd., Trenton, N.J. 08690)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-781226AH PRESS:	MAR 16 1979	Construction permit for new Educ FM on: Frequency: 89.1MHz #206 ERP: 3.000KW HAAT: 178' Ant: PHELPS DODGE CFM LP-4,4 sections TL: On the campus of Mercer Ct Comm., College SL&RC: Telecommunications Bldg., 1200 Old Trenton Rd., New Jersey 40 15 30 74 38 59	GRANTED	10/24/79
AMENDED	7-2-79	financial		
BMPED800707AS PRESS: (0)	8-11-80	MP(BPED-781226AH) for Ext. of time to: _____ (NEW STATION)	GRANTED to	7-29-80 1-25-81

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

89.1MHz.

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Name: MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Station Location: TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMPED801219AK PRESS (Q)	FEB 6 1981	MP (BPED-781226AH, as Mod.) For Extension of Time to: <u>5-31-81</u> (NEW STATION)	GRANTED: 2-10-81 TO: 8-6-81
BMPED810702AL PRESS (O)	AUG 27 1981	MP (BPED-781226AH, as Mod.) For Extension of Time to: <u>10-30-81</u> (NEW STATION)	

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.

