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CH 13

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 10-22-64 (OFFICIAL # 78)

Call letters KPMB

Station location FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

PRAIRIE PUBLIC TELEVISION, INC. (ML 1-31-77)

X NORTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION, INC. (2-3-67- BMLET-87)

Name of licensee X NORTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.

1 mi. E. of Amenia, N. D. (8-27-80-BPET-605)

Transmitter location X 2.5 miles south of Fargo on U.S. 81, Near Fargo, North Dakota

4500 S. University Drive, Fargo, N.D. (BPET-605/8-27-80)

Main studio location X 2.5 miles south of Fargo on U.S. 81, Near Fargo, North Dakota



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl. No.  | Date Issued | Freq.                         | ERP Power | Time Div. | Period From - To |
|--|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| BPET-117   | 4-12-63     | CH #13                        | V-105 kw  | U         | 6-12-63          |
| AH: 390' MSL: 1328'  |             | 210-216                       | A- 63 kw  |           | 12-12-63         |
| Construction Permit for a New Non-Comm. ED TV B/C Station.   |             |                               |           |           |                  |
| BMPET-280  | 12-6-63     | Same                          | same      | same      | 6-12-63          |
| Mod. CP (BPET-117) to extend completion date   |             |                               |           |           |                  |
|  | 1-16-64     |                               |           |           | 3-1-64           |
| -----  |             |                               |           |           |                  |
| BLET-91  | 10-22-64    | CH. #13                       | V-105kw   | U         | 10-22-64         |
| AH: 390' MSL: 1328'  |             | 210-216                       | A-63kw    |           | 4-1-65           |
| License to cover CP (BPET-117, as mod.)  |             |                               |           |           |                  |
| BRET-78  | 3-19-65     | SAME                          | SAME      | SAME      | 4-1-65           |
| RENEWAL OF LICENSE   |             |                               |           |           |                  |
| -----  |             |                               |           |           |                  |
| BMLET-80   | 4-27-66     | Ch. #13                       | V-105Kw   | U         | 4-27-66          |
|  |             |                               | A-10.5Kw  |           | 4-1-68           |
| * Mod. of license to reduce Aural ERP  |             |                               |           |           |                  |
| BPET-260   | 6-23-66     | CH# 13                        | V-264 kw  | U         | 8-23-66          |
| AH: 390'   | MSL: 1326'  | 210-216                       | A-47.5    |           | 2-23-67          |
| CP to change ERP and type of Visual Transmitter  |             |                               |           |           |                  |
| BMLET-87   | 2-3-67      | Same                          | Same      | Same      | 2-3-67           |
| Mod. of lic. to change name to NORTE CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION, INC.  |             |                               |           |           |                  |
| -----  |             |                               |           |           |                  |
| BMPET-472  | 5-25-67     | same                          | same      | same      | 8-23-66          |
| Mod. of CP (BPET-260) TO ext. compl. date  |             |                               |           |           |                  |
| 11-25-67   |             |                               |           |           |                  |
| WIRE 5-16-67 RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPERATE KFME ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SEC. 73.629 RULES AND CP   |             |                               |           |           |                  |
| BMPET-472  |             |                               |           |           |                  |
| BRET-78  | 3-29-68(S)  | RENEWAL OF LIC.               |           |           | 4-1-71           |
| BLET-180   | 8-30-68     | LICENSE (BPET-260, as mod)(L) |           |           | 4-1-71           |
| BRET-78  | 3-25-71     | RENEWAL OF LIC. (L)           |           |           | 4-1-74           |
| -----  |             |                               |           |           |                  |
| EBSA   | 5-15-72     |                               |           |           |                  |
| Wire 11-16-72 Ext'n. auth. gtd. utilize display sys. corporation's selective calling sys. per. end. 6-73 (sch. yr.) subj. to conditions specified in Comm. ltr. 9-10-70. |             |                               |           |           |                  |



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June 1954

NON COMM. ED. TV.

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters K F M E

Station location .....

Name of licensee NORTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION, INC.

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl.<br>No.  | Date<br>Issued | Freq.  | Power      | Time<br>Div. | Period<br>From - To |
|---|----------------|--|------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Wire  | 8-22-73        | Comm. wire dated 9-17-73 is hereby modified to correct exp. date of auth. to 4-1-74 (end of current lic. per.) |            |              |                     |
| BRET-78   | 3-28-74        | RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)   |            |              | 4-1-77              |
| BMLET-142<br>(1)                                      | 1-31-77        | Mod of license to chg name   |            |              |                     |
| BRET-78   | 3-22-77        | Ch. 13   | V. 264 kW  | U            | 4-1-77              |
| AH: 390'  | MSL: 1328'     | 210-216  | A. 47.5 kW |              | 4-1-80              |
| Renewal of license                                    |                |  |            |              |                     |
| BPET-405  | 8-27-80        | CH. 13   | V. 245KW   | Un1          | 2-27-82             |
| AH: 1130'   | MSL: 2122'     | 210-216  | A. 45.7KW  |              |                     |
| CP TO CHG. ERP.; TL; type trans.; type ant. and HAAT. |                |  |            |              |                     |
| BRET-791128LC   | 3-31-80        | RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)   |            |              | 4-1-83              |



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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON COMM. EDUC. TV

Call  
Letters ~~NEW~~ K P M E

Name NORTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION ASSOCIATION, INC  
PO c/o Dr. Theodore I. Donat, P. O. #6, Fargo, North Dakota  
/or Mr. Richard Berdahl -same add.

| File No.                                    | Dated                                   | Application for  | Action   |         |
|---|---|--|--|---------|
|   |   |  | Nature   | Date    |
| BPET-117<br>Rec.<br>Amended<br>Rec. & Filed | 6-7-62<br>6-11-62<br>6-13-62<br>6-15-62 | Construction permit for a new Non-Commercial Educational television B/C station<br>Channel #13, 210-216 mcs.<br>ERP: Vis. 104 kw, Aur. 63.0 kw<br>Hours of operation: Unlimited<br>STATION LOCATION: FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA<br>Studio loca: 2.5 miles South of Fargo on U. S.<br>81, Fargo, North Dakota<br>Transmitter loca: Same as studio<br>(RCA TT-10AH) AH: 395 feet<br>Marmet & Schneider-attys<br>Lohnes & Culver- engrs. | STAFF ACTION, NEW<br>DELEGATED AUTHORITY<br>GRANTED<br>APR 12 1962 |         |
| AMENDED<br>Rec. & filed                     | 7-5-62<br>7-6-62                        | Amended By-Laws and request Waiver of Sec.<br>3.613 of Comm.'s Rules,  |  |         |
| BMPET-280<br>Recd. & Filed                  | 11-18-63<br>11-20-63                    | Mod. of CP (BPET-117, which authorized a new Non-Commercial Educational TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 12-12-63 to 3-1-64.   | GRANTED  | 12-6-63 |



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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-Comm. ED TV

Call Letters **K F M E**

Name  NORTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION, INC.  
 NORTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.

CH. 13 FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA zip 58102

| File No.               | Dated              | Application for <u>as mod.</u>  | Action  |          |
|------------------------|--------------------|---|---------|----------|
|                        |                    |   | Nature  | Date     |
| BLET-91<br>Recd.&Filed | 1-13-64<br>1-15-64 | License to cover CP (BPET-117) which authorized a new Non-Commercial Educational TV B/C Station.<br>Robert A. Marmet, Atty.                                   | GRANTED | 10-22-64 |
| BRET-78<br>Recd.&Filed | 1-7-65<br>1-11-65  | RENEWAL OF LICENSE  | GRANTED | 3-19-65  |
| BMLET-80<br>R & F      | 3-17-66<br>3-21-66 | Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 63 kw to 10.16 kw and modify aural transmitter.  | GRANTED | 4-27-66  |
| BPET- 260<br>R & F     | 4-25-66<br>4-27-66 | Construction Permit to change ERP from Vis. 105 kw, Aur. 10.5 kw TO Vis. 264 kw, Aur. 47.5 kw; change type of visual transmitter to RCA TT-10AH Plus TT-25BH. | GRANTED | 6-23-66  |
| BMLET-87<br>R & F      | 1-13-67<br>1-19-67 | Mod. of license to change name to NORTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION, INC.<br>Robert A. Marmet, Atty.   | GRANTED | 2-3-67   |



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters K F M ENAME NORTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION, INC.  
CH. 13 FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

| File No.                                    | Dated   | Application for   | Action  |         |
|---|---|---|---------|---------|
|   |   |   | Nature  | Date    |
| BMPET-472<br>R & F<br>Amended<br>R & F:     | 2-9-67<br>2-13-67<br>5-4-67<br>5-8-67           | Mod. of CP (BPET-260, which authorized changes in existing station) to extend completion date from 2-23-67 to 5-23-67.<br>Amended to extend completion date to 6-23-67. | GRANTED | 5-23-67 |
| BLET-180<br>R & F<br>AUG 22 1967            | 8-10-67<br>8-14-67                              | LICENSE to cover CP (BPET-260, as mod.) which authorized changes in an existing station.  | GRANTED | 8-30-68 |
| BRET-78<br>R & F                            | 12-27-67<br>12-29-67                            | RENEWAL OF LICENSE  | GRANTED | 3-29-68 |
| BRET-78<br>Rec. & filed<br>PN RECD<br>PRESS | 12-28-70<br>12-30-70<br>12-30-70<br>JAN 13 1971 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE  | GRANTED | 3-25-71 |



APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-Commercial Educational TV

Call  
Letters K F M E

Name PRAIRIE PUBLIC TELEVISION, INC.  
 NORTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION, INC.  
CH-13 FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

| File No.                                | Dated                                      | Application for  | Action  |          |
|---|--|--|---------|----------|
|   |  |  | Nature  | Date     |
| BRET-78<br>R & F<br>PN Rec'd:<br>PRESS: | 12-26-73<br>1-2-74                         | Renewal of License<br>Amended 2-11-74 equal opportunity  | GRANTED | 3-28-74  |
| EMLET-142<br>R & F<br>PRESS:            | 11-22-76<br>11-26-76<br>14 DEC 1976        | Mod. of Lic. to chg. name to Prairie Public<br>Television, Inc.<br><br>Atty.: Robert A. Marmet | GRANTED | 1-31-77  |
| BRET-78<br>RF<br>PN RECD<br>PRESS       | 11-24-76<br>11-29-76<br>11-29-76<br>3 1977 | RENEWAL OF LICENSE   | GRANTED | 13-22-77 |



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters K F M EName PRAIRIE PUBLIC TELEVISION, INC.  
CH-13 FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

| File No.                                  | Dated  | Application for   | Action  |         |
|---|--|---|---------|---------|
|   |  |   | Nature  | Date    |
| BPET-605<br>R & F<br>PRESS:<br>PN REC'D:  | 2-23-78<br>APR 3-6-78<br>APR 8 1978<br>3-20-78 | CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 305.5kW, Aur. 55.7kW;<br>TL to 1 mi. E. of Amania, N. Dak. (47-00-41<br>97-11-59); SL to 4500 S. University Dr.,<br>Fargo, N. Dak.; type trans. to Harris BT-25H2;<br>type ant. to RCA TW-15A; and HAAT 1142 ft.<br><br>Atty.: Marmet Professional Corporation<br>Engr.: Applicant<br><br>AMENDED 3-13-78 re legal and financial | GRANTED | 8-27-80 |
| BRET-791128<br>R & F<br>PN REC'D<br>PRESS | 11-21-79<br>11-28-79<br>11-28-79<br>79 1207    | RENEWAL OF LICENSE<br>ATTY: MARMET PROFESSIONAL CORP.}  | GRANTED | 3-31-80 |

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KEME

Name prairie public television, inc.  
CH-13 Fargo, ND

| File No.                       | Dated    | Application for  | Action  |         |
|--------------------------------|----------|--|---------|---------|
|                                |          |  | Nature  | Date    |
| BRCET-801010KG<br>R&F<br>press | 10-10-80 | REQUEST AUTHORITY TO OPERATE BY REMOTE CONTROL FROM 4500 South University Drive, Fargo, North Dakota |         |         |
| BLET-810616KH                  |          | Lic. to cover BPET-605 for chgs.   |         |         |
| BLET-810602KH                  |          | Lic. to utilize former main trans. and ant. for aux. purposes only                                   | GRANTED | 9-10-81 |



## 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 radio 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.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. 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 television station history.

