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June 1954

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NON-COMM. EDUCATIONAL TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 6-21-72 (OFF. #212)

CH 44

WGBX-TV (9-8-67)

Call letters X W G B X

Station location BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Name of licensee WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

350 CEDAR STREET, NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS (BMPET-375 1-10-66)

Transmitter location ~~GREAT BLUE HILLS MILTON,~~ MASSACHUSETTS

125 WESTERN AVENUE, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS (BMPET-375 1-10-66)

Main studio location ~~X~~ 84 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period	
					From	To
BPCT-3277	10-21-64	CH.44	V.229 kw	MSL:849'		12-21-64
DOCKET NO. 15325		650-656A	.115 kw	AH:580' U		6-21-65
Construction Permit for a New NON-COMM. ED. TV B/C STATION						
BMPET-356	9-24-65	same	same	same		12-21-64
Mod. of CP (BPCT-3277, Doc. No. 15325) to extend date 1-24-66						
BMPET-375	1-10-66	CH. 44	V. 324 kw	U		12-21-64
AH: 1050'	MSL: 1340'	650-656	A-32.4 kw			7-10-66
Mod. of CP (BPCT-3277) to chg. ERP, FL, SL, type of trans, AH						
BMPET-422	7-15-66	same	same	same		12-21-64
Mod. of CP (BPCT-3277, as mod.) to extend completion date 1-15-67						
BMPET-455	5-26-67	CH.44	V-295 kw	U		12-21-64
BMPET-483	"	650-656	A-58.9 kw			11-26-67
AH: 1090' Mod. of CP (BPCT-3277, as mod) to chg. ERP, type trans						
WIRE 9-20-67 RE TENDERED LICENSE APPL. AND PEND. REPLACE. OF ANTENNA, AUTH. GR. OPERATE WGBX ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SEC. 73.629 RULES AND CONSTRUCTION PERMIT BMPET-483. ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES UNDER THIS AUTHORITY.						
WIRE 7-24-68 PEND. RECEIPT AND INSTALLATION ANT. CONFORMING TO DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS AUTHORITY GR. OPER. WGBX-TV TEMP. PERIOD END. 10-24-68 WITH INTERIM ANT. DESCRIBED IN BLET-188.						
WIRE 10-30-68 PEND. RECEIPT & INSTALLATION ANT. CONFORMING TO DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS EXT. AUTH. GR. OPER. WGBX-TV TEMP. PERIOD END. 1-24-69 WITH INTERIM ANT. DESCRIBED IN BLET-188.						
WIRE 1-27-69 EXT. OF ABOVE AUTH. FOR PERIOD END. 4-24-69						
WIRE 4-25-69 EXT. OF ABOVE AUTH. PER. END. 7-24-69						
WIRE 7-29-69 EXT. of above auth. thru 10-24-69						
WIRE 10-27-69 EXT. OF ABOVE AUTH. END. 1-24-70						
WIRE 1-30-70 EXT. OF ABOVE AUTH. END. 4-24-70						
WIRE 4-28-70 EXT. OF ABOVE AUTH. END. 7-24-70						
WIRE 7-23-70 EXT. OF ABOVE AUTH. END. 10-24-70						

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Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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WIRE CONFORMING TEMP. PER. BLET-188.	10-23-70	PENDING RECEIPT AND INSTALLATION ANT. TO DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS EXT. AUTH. GR. OPR. END. 1-24-71 WITH INTERIM ANTENNA DESCRIBED IN			
WIRE	1-26-71	ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO 4-24-71			
WIRE	4-26-71	ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO 7-23-71			
BPET-411 AH: 1090' MSL: 1349'	5-11-71	Ch. 44	V. 259 kw	U	7-11-71
CP chg. ERP & ant.		650-656	A. 53.7		11-11-72
WIRE	7-14-71	ABOVE WIRE GR. 10-23-70 ext. to			10-23-71
WIRE	10-21-71	ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO			1-21-72
WIRE FORMING TO OPER. TEMP. PER. END. IN BLET-188.	1-18-72	PENDING INSTALLATION OF ANT. CON- TO DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS, EXT. AUTH. GR. OPR. 4-21-72 WITH INTERIM ANT. DESCRIBED			
Ltr.	4-3-72	Re in-school programming			4-1-75
WIRE	4-21-72	ABOVE AUTH. RE BLET-188			EXT. 5-21-72
WBSA Wire	5-15-72 5-22-72	Pending completion Construction & filing amend. to LET-188 auth. gtd. oper. temp. per. ending			
Wire	6-1-72	accord. CP & BPET-411.			
Wire	5-22-72	Auth. gtd. simul. b/cst. ID of WGBH-TV			
Wire	6-2-72	thru 6-11-72.			
WIRE OPER. ON PTA ACCORD BLET-310 BLET-188 AH: 1080' MSL: 1349'	6-9-72 6-21-72	RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. CP BPET-411 Ch. 44 V. 251 kw		U	6-21-72
Lic. (BPCT-3277 as mod) for a new station		650 656	A. 50.1		4-1-75
BSET212	8-29-72	to correct obstruction markings			
Wire	4-26-73	Waiver of Sect. 73.1201(c) rules gtd.			
	4-25-73	to permit simul. b/c id. of stations			
	6-10-73.	for per. during annual auction 6-1-73 thru.			
BPCT-212	3-31-75	Renewal of license (S)			4-1-78

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Wire station id. of WGBH-TV & WGBX-TV accord. your req. of	5-16-75	Auth. grtd. simultaneously b/cst.			5-30-75 thru 6-8-75
		of 3-13-75.			
		BRET-212 3-13-78 RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			4-1-81
		BPET-575 6-29-79 CP TO CHG. ERP&TYPE TRANS.			
		AH: 1080' MSL: 1349' CH-44 V-977kw Unl			12-12-80
		650-656 A-97.7KW			
		BMPET-801229KF 2-6-81 MP (BPET-575) extend time			8-6-81
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FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

~~COMMERCIAL TV~~ chg. to
NON-COMM. EDUCATIONAL TV
Call
Letters NEW YORK

Name WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
C/O Mr. Hartford N. Gunn, Jr., General Manager, 238 Main St., Cambridge 42, Mass.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT- 3277 Rec. & filed on form 340	12-11-63	Construction permit for a new Commercial Television B/C station: Ch.: 44, 650-656 Mcs ERP: Vis. 230 kw (Horz.) Aur. 115 kw (Horz) Unlimited Hours T-L: Great Blue Hill, Milton, Massachusetts S-L: 125 Western Avenue, Boston, Mass. (Same as WGBH-TV) (RCA TTU-12A) AH: 577 ft. STATION LOCATION: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS Covington & Burling, Atty. Jansky & Bailey, Engr.	GRANTED 10-21-64 kn DOCKET NO. 15325 ORDER ADOPTED. for new NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV STATION	
	12-13-63			
	9-16-64			
Amended	9-17-64	Amended to show revised financial data		
Received	10-1-64			
Filed				

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Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMM. EDUCATIONAL TV

Call Letters NEW-WGBX

Name WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-356 Recd. & Filed	5-21-65 5-24-65	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3277, Doc. No. 15325, which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 6-21-65 to _____ <u>Edgar F. Czarra, Jr. Atty. (Covington, Burling)</u>	GRANTED	9-24-65
BMPET-375 Recd. & Filed	9-17-65 9-23-65	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3277, Doc. No. 15325, as mod., which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED. TV B/C Station) to change ERP from Vis. 229 kw, Aur. 115 kw to Vis. 324 kw (Horz.), Aur. 32.4 kw (Horz.); change transmitter location to 350 Cedar St., Needham, Mass.; change studio location to 125 Western Ave., Boston, Mass; change type of transmitter to RCA TTU-30A; type of antenna to RCA TFU-30J; changes in the antenna system & antenna height above average terrain to 1084.5 feet. <u>Edgar F. Czarra, Jr. Atty. (Covington & Burling)</u>	GRANTED	1-10-66
BMPET-422 Recd. & Filed	6-16-66 6-17-66	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3277, as mod., which auth. a new Non-Comm. ED. Station) to extend completion date from 7-10-66 to _____ <u>Covington & Burling, Atty</u>	GRANTED	7-15-66

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Non Comm. ED. TV.

Call Letters WOBX-TV

WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Name
CH-44

Boston, Massachusetts

zip 02134

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-455 R & F	12-15-66 12-16-66	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3277, as mod., which auth. a new Non-Comm. Ed. Station) to extend completion date to June 15, 1967. Jonathan D. Blake, Atty. (Covington & Burling)	GRANTED issued with BMPET-483	5-26-67
BMPET-483 R & F	4-24-67 5-4-67	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3277, as mod., which auth. a new station) to make the following changes: ERP: Vis. <u>298 kw</u> (HORZ); Aur. <u>59.5 kw</u> (HORZ); type of transmitters to MARCONI B-0500; type of antenna to GE TY 95 C; antenna height above average terrain 1086 feet. Covington & Burling, Atty (Edgar Czarra, Jr.)	GRANTED issued with BMPET-455	5-26-67
BLET-188 R & F HEW application filed	9-19-67 9-19-67 11-2-70	LICENSE to cover CP (BPCT-3277, as mod., which auth. a new Non-Comm. ED. TV Station. Henry Goldberg, (Atty), Covington & Burling	GRANTED issued with BLET-310	6-21-72

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CH-44 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BPET-411 R & F PRESS: +	4-21-71	GP to chg. ERP to Vis. 267.8kw(H), Aur. 53.6kw(H); and type ant. to RCA Custom Built 3 V-Z Panels. Atty.: HGoldberg (Covington & Burling)	GRANTED	5-11-71
	4-23-71			
Ltr.	10-5-71 DCT 8 1971	Req. waiver of Sec. 73.651(c) of Commission's Rules.		
BLET-310 R & F PRESS:	5-26-72	Lic. to cover (BPET-411) for chgs. Atty.: Nicholas W. Fels (Covington & Burling)	GRANTED	6-21-72 issued with BLET-188
	5-30-72			
	JUN 15 1972			

Ltr. 3-23-72 from the Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ requesting a Commission inquiry "to determine whether there is actual intent to discriminate against minorities as against failure to carry our affirmative programs of equal employment opportunity . . ." DENIED 5-24-72, Letter By Direction of the Commission.

Name WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
CH-44 Boston, Massachusetts

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRET-212 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	11-27-74 12-2-74 12-2-74 JAN 7 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Nicholas W. Fels (Covington & Burling) Amended 12-20-74 re PN.	GRANTED	3-31-75
BPET-575 R&F PRESS	4-20-77 4-25-77 MAY 11 1977	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 1500kW, Aur. 150kW; and chg. type trans. to RCA TTU-110B. Atty.: Nicholas W. Fels (Covington & Burling) Amended 5-3-77 re Sec. 1, Para. 3(a) Amended 8-7-78 re EEO	GRANTED	6-29-79
BRET-212 R&F PN RECD PRESS	12-1-77 12-1-77 12-1-77 DEC 8 1977	RENEWAL OF LICEMSE Atty.: Covington & Burling)	GRANTED	3-13-78

LETTER 10-31-80 by Michael S. Bernstein for WGBH Educational Foundation, notifying that WGBX-TV will cease broadcasting from 11-1-80 through 12-31-80, in order to replace equipment and make other construction modifications.

CARD NO. 6

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING
NON-COMMERCIAL ED TV

Call Letters: WGBX-TV

Name: WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
CH-44

Station Location: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRET-801202 KF R & F PN REC'D	11-25-80 12-2-80 12-2-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: MICHAEL S. BERNSTEIN {COVINGTON AND BURLING}	GRANTED 4-30-81
BMPET-801229KF		MP (BPET-575) to extend completion date.	2-6-81
BMPET-810717KJ		MP (BPET-575, as mod.) to extend completion date.	

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 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 television station history.

