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COMM.-TV CHG. TO
NONCOMMERCIAL EDUC. (Eff: 6-14-74)

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed **SEPTEMBER 18, 1972** (Official No. **756**)

Call letters **WKAR-TV**

Station location **EAST LANSING,
MICHIGAN**

Name of licensee **BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

Transmitter location **4101 Dobie Rd. (1.25 mile SE of Okemos) near Okemos, Michigan**

Main studio location **600 Kalamazoo, East Lansing, Michigan**

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPCT-4399	9-21-71	Ch. 23	V. 1100 kw	U	11-21-71
AH: 970' MSL: 1889.5'		524-530	A. 219		3-21-73
CP for a new station					
CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED 11-15-71					
EBSA	5-15-72				
BNPCT-7392	6-12-72	MP (BPCT-4399)	chg. trans.		3-21-73
WIRE	9-6-72	RE TENDERED LIC.	APPLI. AUTH. GR.		
OPER ON PTA ACCORD CH BNPCT-7392.					
BLCT-2172	9-18-72	Ch-23	V-1100kw	Unl.	9-18-72
AH: 970' MSL: 1889.5'		524-530	A-219kw		10-1-73
Lic. to cover (BPCT-4399 as mod.) for new station.					
BRCTV-80	10-17-72	Remote control authority.			
BRCT-756	9-27-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			10-1-73 10-1-76
BSCT-233	6-14-74	Ch-23	V-1100kW	Unl.	6-14-74
AH: 970' MSL: 1889.5'		524-530	A-219kW	RC	10-1-76
Modified License to show chg. to Noncommercial Educational					
BRET-233	9-28-76	Renewal of license (S)			10-1-79
BRET-790601LE	9-21-79	Renewal Of License (S)			10-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

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Letters ~~NEW~~ WKAR-TV

Name **BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**
CH-23 (PO c/o Robert D. Page, WMSB Television, East Lansing, Mich. 48823)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-4399 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	10-27-70	CP for New Educational Television Broadcast Station requesting Noncommercial operation on Non-Reserved Channel: Freq.: Ch-23, 524-530mcs ERP: Vis. 1238kw, Aur. 247.5kw TL: 4101 Dobie Rd., 1.25 mi. SE of Okemos, Mich. (42-42-08 84-24-51) SL: 600 Kalamazoo, East Lansing, Mich. (RCA TTU-60A) HAAT: 975 ft. STATION LOCATION: EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.614(b) OF THE RULES. Atty.: Krieger & <u>Jorgensen</u> Engr.: Applicant	GRANTED	9-21-71
	10-30-70			
	NOV 1 1970 11-20-70			

c/o Mr. Robert D. Page
600 Kalamazoo Street
E. Lansing, MI
517 355-7440

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-COMMERCIAL TV (Eff: 6-14-74)

Call
Letters WKAR-TVName BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
CH-23 EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPT-7392 R & F PRESS:	4-17-72 4-24-72 MAY 1 1972	MP(BPCT-4399) to chg. type trans. to RCA TTU-60B1. Atty.: <u>Jorgensen & Resnick</u>	GRANTED	8-12-72
BRCTV-80 R & F PRESS:	4-17-72 4-24-72 MAY 1 1972	Req. auth. to oper. trans. by RC from 600 Kalamazoo Street, East Lansing, Michigan. Atty.: <u>Jorgensen & Resnick</u>	GRANTED	10-17-72
BLCT-2172 R & F PRESS:	9-3-72 9-5-72 SEP 15 1972	AMENDED 10-11-72 to submit addit'l Engr. data Lic. to cover (BPCT-4399 as mod.) for new station. Atty.: <u>Jorgensen & Resnick</u>	GRANTED (Canadian condition)	9-18-72
BRCT-756 R & F PN recd Press:	6-1-73 7-3-73 7-3-73 AUG 1 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Norman E. Jorgensen, atty. Amended 7-13-73 re programming	GRANTED	9-27-73

REPORT AND ORDER adopted 5-1-74, released 5-6-74 FCC 74-469 11427 (Doc. 19739 RM-2052):
Therefore in accordance with the provisions of Sections 4(i), 303(g) and (r), and 307(b) of
the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, IT IS ORDERED, That, effective June 14, 1974, the
Television Table of Assignments, Section 73.606(b) of the Commission's Rules, insofar as the
community listed below is amended to read as follows:

East Lansing, Michigan *23, *69

Form BC-121
September 1969

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Call Letters WKAR-TV

Name BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Ch-23 EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRET-233 R&F PN RECD PRESS	5-20-76 5-24-76 5-24-76 14 JUL 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-28-76
ltr. 4-8-77 advising Commission that SCHWARTZ & WOODS have been retained to represent the above licensee.				
BRET-781012KG PRESS	OCT 31 1978	CP to chg. type of Transmitter to RCA TTU60D2. Atty.: Lawrence M. Miller	GRANTED	2-22-79
BRET 790601LE R & F PN REC'D PRESS	5-17-79 6-1-79 79 07 25	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: RUSSELL E. ARKIN {SCHWARTZ, WOODS & MILLER}	GRANTED	9-21-79
Canadian Consent to 6-1-79				

606 Kalamazoo St. E. Lansing, MI 48904

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Name
CH-23 East Lansing, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BREET-801015KG R&F PRESS	10-15-80	Request authority to operate by trans. by remote control from 600 Kalamazoo, East Lansing, Michigan Robert A. Woods, atty. (Schwartz, Woods & Miller)	H 12	3 83
BLET-790912KF R&F	9-12-79	Lic. to cover CP(BPET-781012KG) to chg. type transmitter. Russell E. Arkin, Atty.	P	
BRCET-810519KG		Request for auth. to oper. trans. by RC from proposed SL at 84 Wilson Road, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.	J	7-9-81

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 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.

