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Form BC-126

June 1954

First Program: 4-17-56 (Started 6-25-56)

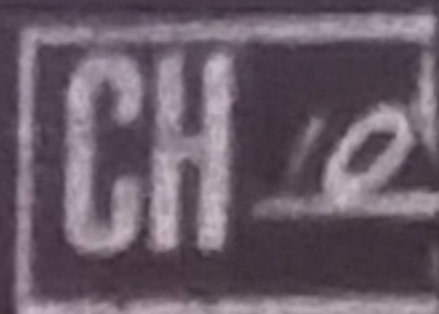
NON-COMM. SD TV B/C

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Card # 1

Official No: 15

Date first licensed 8-7-57 (Off. No. 15)



Call letters WCHD-TV

(Sta. Loc. Memphis, Tenn.)

Name of licensee MEMPHIS COMMUNITY TELEVISION FOUNDATION

Transmitter location 7192 Raleigh-LaGrange Road, Nr. Memphis, Tenn.

900 GETWELL; MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE; letter re: d by FCC 3-22-79  
X SOUTHERN AVENUE, MEMPHIS STATE UNIVERSITY, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (BPET 175 12-20-61)  
X Memorial Gymnasium, Memphis State University, Southern Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee (LTR 7-6-61 & auth. by Comm.wire 7-13-61)

X 268 Jefferson Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee (Lic. 8-7-57)

Main studio location X 4th and Jefferson, Memphis, Tenn.



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPET-49	11-23-55	Ch. # 10	V 26.9 kw	U	1-23-56
		192-198	A 13.5 kw		7-23-56
CP for a new Non-Comm. ED TV B/C Station.					
BPET-49	11-23-55	Same	Same	Same	
Superseding authorization mailed 12-16-55 to correct title of authorization.					
WIRE	6-28-56	Pending filing of Lic. Appl. auth. gr. opr.			
WKNO-TV Temp. Per. End. 7-23-56 regular program basis accord.					
CP BPET 49.					
BPET-112	6-27-56	same	same	same	1-23-56
cp. CP (BPET-49) to extend completion date					
WIRE	7-2-56	EXT. AUTH. operate pending filing lic. appl. accord. MPET-112 period 1-23-57			
WIRE	1-23-57	EXT. AUTH. operate <del>WKNO</del> pending filing Lic. Appl. accord. MPET-137 to 7-23-57			
BPET-17	8-7-57	CH #10	V-27.6 kw	U	8-7-57
AH: 650'		192-198	A-13.8 kw		8-1-58
License to cover CP (BPET-49, as mod.) to chg. studio location					
WIRE	7-17-57	PROGRAM TESTS ACCORD MPET-137			
BPET-15	7-30-58	same	same	same	8-1-58
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
WIRE	7-13-61	REURLET 7: NO OBJECTION SUSPENDING OPERATION WKNO-TV 7-29-61 THROUGH 8-24-61. STUDIO LOCATION CHANGE IS NOTED. ADVISE WHEN OPERATION RESUMED.			
BPET-15	7-20-61	same	same	same	8-1-61
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BPET-175	12-20-63	CH. 10	V-74.1 kw	U	2-20-64
AH: 650'		192-198	A-37.1 kw	SL: 972'	8-20-64
CP to chg. ERP, type of Trans. antenna, redescribe SL					
WIRE	4-30-64	PENDING COMPLETION CONSTRUCTION AND FILING LIC. APPL. AUTH. GR. OPERATE WKNO-TV TEMP. PER. END. 6-15-64 ACCORD. PROVISIONS YOUR LETTER. ADVISE			



Form BC 126 #2

June 1954

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WVNO-TV.....

Station location MEMPHIS, TENN......

Name of licensee MEMPHIS COMMUNITY TELEVISION FOUNDATION.....

Transmitter location SEE CARD #1.....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
WIRE WKNO-TV	6-15-64	PENDING FILING LIC. APPL.			AUTH. GR. OPERATE
TEMP. PER. END. 6-26-64 ACCORD. CP BPET-175.					
WIRE WKNO-TV	6-30-64	RE TENDERED LIC. APPL.			GR. OPERATE
ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. CP BPET-308 & SECTION					
73.629 RULES					
BPET-308	6-30-64	CH. #10	V-74.1 kw	U	2-20-64
AH: 650'	MSL: 972'	192-198	mcs. A-14.8 kw		12-30-64
Mod. of CP (BPET-175, which auth. chgs.) to reduce Aural ERP					
BRET-15	7-23-64	same	same	same	8-1-64
					8-1-67
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BLET-95	9-29-64	CH. #10	V-74.1kw	U	9-29-64
AH: 650'	MSL: 972'	192-198	A-14.8kw		8-1-67
License to cover CP (BPET-175 as mod.)					
BPET-283	3-7-67	CH-10	V-282 kw	U	5-7-67
AH: 1080'	MSL: 1449'	192-198	A-56.2 kw		11-7-67
CP to chg. ERP; type ant.; antenna struc.; & AH.					
BRET-15	7-18-67	Same	Same	Same	8-1-67
					8-1-70
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BPET-525	10-27-67	same	same	same	5-7-67
No 1 of CP (BPET-283) to with compl. date					4-27-68 ✓
WIRE	10-27-67	PENDING FILING	PROOF-OF-PERFORMANCE		
ESTABLISH COMPLIANCE WITH RULES FOR COLOR TRANSMISSIONS					
AUTH. GR. WKNO-TV BROADCAST COLOR PROGRAMS TEMP. PER.					
END. 1-27-68 SUBJECT CAUSING NO INTERFERENCE ANY OTHER					
AUTHORIZED SERVICE.					
LETTER BY COMMISSION 11-28-67 GRANTED WAIVER OF SEC.					
73.651(c) OF RULES FOR PERIOD END. 8-1-70 RE IN-SCHOOL					
PROGRAMMING.					
WIRE	1-24-68	PEND. FILING	PROOF-OF-PERFORMANCE		
ESTABLISH COMPLIANCE WITH RULES FOR COLOR TRANSMISSION EXTENSION					
AUTH. GR. WKNO-TV BROADCAST COLOR PROGRAMS TEMP. PERIOD					
END. 3-27-68 SUBJECT CAUSING NO INTERFERENCE ANY OTHER					
AUTHORIZED SERVICE.					
BPET-579	4-29-68	MP (BPET-283, as mod)	ext. time (2)		10-29-68 ✓



Form DC 126

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June 1954

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters **KBO-TV** .....

Station location .....

Name of licensee **MEMPHIS COMMUNITY TELEVISION FOUNDATION** .....

SEE CARD #1

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period	
					From	To
LETTER BY COM. 8-27-68 GRANTED WAIVER OF SEC. 73.651 (C) FOR PERIOD END. 8-1-70 RE IN SCHOOL PROGRAMMING.					73.651 (C)	
BMPET-624	3-27-69	MP (BPET-283, as mod)			Ext. time (4)	8-27-69
BMPET-640	9-19-69	M (BPET-283, as mod)			Ext. time (3)	3-19-70
BMPET-657 (6)	2-26-70	MP (BPET-283, as mod)			to extend completion date to	8-26-70 ✓
LTR.	7-28-70	Re in school program ext. to 5-21-71				5-21-71
BMPET-680	8-4-70	MP (BPET-283 as mod.)			to extend completion date	2-5-71 ✓
BRET-15	7-30-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)				8-1-70 8-1-73
BMPET-704	1-18-71	(MP (BPET-283 as mod.) to extend completion date				7-18-71
WIRE	6-1-71	PENDING COMPLETION OF NEW TOWER CONSTRUCTION AS AUTH. BY BPET-283 AUTH. GR. OPER. TEMP. PER. END. 6-18-71 ACCORD STEPS 1 THRU 3 YOUR REQ. SUB. TO PROVIDING ADEQUATE MEANS OF DE-ACTIVATING TRANSMITTER AT ALL TIMES AND MAKING APPROPRIATE ENTRIES IN OPERATING LOG.				
WIRE	6-15-71	PENDING COMPLETION CONSTRUCTION AND FIL. LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER. TEMP. PER. END. 7-18-71 ACCORD. BMPET-704.				
Wire	7-12-71	Re tend'd. lic. appl. auth. gtd. oper. PTA accord. 73.629 & BPET-283.				
7-20-71	Ltr. re	in-school programming.				8-1-73
BLET-287	8-10-71	Lic. (BPET-283 as mod) chg.				8-1-73
MAIN TRANS & ANT.	8-10-71	Lic. install Aux. Ant.				8-1-73
BLET-287	8-10-71					
EBSA	5-15-72					
BRET-15	7-31-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)				8-1-73
Main Trans. & Ant.		Aux. Ant.				8-1-73



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June 1954

Card No. 4

NON-COM. ED TV B/C

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WKNO-TV

Station location MEMPHIS,  
TENNESSEE

Name of licensee MEMPHIS COMMUNITY TELEVISION FOUNDATION

Transmitter location SEE CARD NO. 1

Main studio location SEE CARD NO. 1







Card # 1

FORM A-170

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-Commercial Educational TV  
Broadcast

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call  
Letters NEW WKNO-TVName MEMPHIS COMMUNITY TELEVISION FOUNDATION  
(P.O. 268 Jefferson Avenue, Memphis 3, Tennessee)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPET-49 ✓ Recd & filed	2-5-54 2-11-54	New CP for a Non-commercial Educational TV broadcast station Freq: Ch.# 10, 192-198 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 31.4 kw, Aur. 15.7 kw Hours of operation: Unlimited T-L: <sup>Storrick Bldg.</sup> / 3rd and Madison, Memphis, Tenn. S-L: 4th & Jefferson, Memphis, Tenn. (GE-TT-3D) (390') Filed by Robert W. Pharr, Atty. (Memphis, Tenn)	GRANTED	11-23-55
Amended (Recd. 4-9-54) (not verified) (Amendment ret'd. by TV facilities, without B/C License having obtained <sup>date of amendment</sup> dates in connection therewith) and (amendment included legal, financial & Engr. data.)			Amendment only / Ret'd. to applicant 4-16-54 (Letter)	

Cont'd on card # 2



/ Consulting Engr. Geo. O. Davis ( Joe W. Collier )  
Washington, D. C.

(Per Phone call 10-13-55 call Cy Braun (enr.) at  
Hudson 3-6620 for additional data)

Robert W. Pharr, Atty (and Executive Trustee for  
Foundation) Commerce Title Bldg., Memphis 3, Tenn.



Card # 2

FORM A-170

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-Comm. Educational TV B/C

Call  
Letters NEW VICTO-TVName MEMPHIS COMMUNITY TELEVISION FOUNDATION  
(P.O. 368 Jefferson venue, Memphis 3, Tenn) Sta. Location Memphis, Tenn.

File No.	Dated	Application for	ACTION	
			Nature	Date
BPET-49 Cont'd from Card # 1 Amended 10-10-55 Recd & filed 10-12-55	10-4-55	Amended re additional financial and legal data, change in officers and trustees, chg. ERP from Vis. 31.4 kw, Aur. 15.7 kw, to Vis. 26.82 kw, Aur. 13.41 kw, change transmitter location from Sterrick Bldg., 3rd and Madison, Memphis, Tenn., to 7192 Raleigh-La Grange Road, 13 miles East of Business District, near Memphis, Tenn., change ant. height above average terrain from 390' to 648' and make other minor equipment changes. Filed direct.	See Action Card # 1	
BPET-112 Recd Filed	4-17-56 4-18-56	Mod. of CP(BPET-49 which authorized a new Non-Commercial Educational TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 7-23-56 to <u>8-1-56</u> . Filed direct.	<del>PROCESSED TO APPLICANT</del> <del>WRONG EXTENSION DATE</del> <del>Letter 4-20-56</del>	GRANTED 6-29-56
Resubmitted Recd & Filed Ext. #1	6-22-56 6-25-56			



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters MEMO-TVName MEMPHIS COMMUNITY TELEVISION FOUNDATION  
Memphis, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-137 Recd & Filed Ext. #2	12-21-56 12-26-56	Mod. of CP (BPET-49, as mod., which auth. a new Non-Commercial Educational TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 1-23-57 to <del>7-23-57</del> Filed Direct	GRANTED	1-21-57
BLET-17 Recd & filed	7-12-57 7-15-57	License to cover CP (BPET-49, as <del>modified</del> <sup>reclassified</sup> ) which authorized a new non-comm/TV b/c station and to change studio location from 4th & Jefferson, Memphis, Tenn to 268 Jefferson Ave., Memphis, Tenn. Filed direct	GRANTED	8-7-57
BRET-15 Recd. & Filed	4-29-58 5-5-58	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Filed direct.	GRANTED	7-30-58
BRST-15 R & F	4-28-61 5-1-61	Renewal of license Filed direct	GRANTED	7-20-61



APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMM. SD TV B/C

Call  
Letters WKNO-TV

Name MEMPHIS COMMUNITY TELEVISION FOUNDATION  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (c/o Memphis State University, P.O. Box 642 Memphis, Tenn. 38111) 5-12-64

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPET-175 Recd. & Filed	11-15-63 11-20-63	Construction Permit to change ERP from Vis. 27.6 kw, Aur. 13.8 kw TO Vis. 73.6 kw, Aur. 36.8 kw; change type of transmitter to RCA TT-25DII; correct type of antenna to RCA TT-6AI and redescribe studio location as Memorial Gymnasium, Memphis State University, Memphis, Tennessee.	GRANTED	12-20-63
BRET-15 Recd. & Filed	4-27-64 4-29-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-23-64
BMPET-308 Recd. & Filed	6-15-64 6-16-64	Mod. of CP (BPET-175 which authorized changes in existing station) to reduce Aural ERP from 37.1 kw to 14.8 kw.	GRANTED	6-30-64
BLET-95 Recd. Filed	6-15-64 6-16-64 6-30-64	License to cover CP (BPET-175, as mod.) which authorized changes in existing station	GRANTED	9-29-64



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

Call  
Letters WKNO-TVName **MEMPHIS COMMUNITY TELEVISION FOUNDATION**  
CH. 10 **MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPET-283 R & F	11-7-66 11-8-66	Construction Permit to make the following changes: ERP Vis. 316 kw Aur. 63.2 kw; type of antenna to RCA TW-18A10-P; antenna structure and increase antenna height above average terrain to 1,080 feet.	GRANTED	3-7-67
BRET-15 R & F	4-28-67 5-3-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-18-67
NEW APPLICATION FILED 5-10-67 - B7C Fac. 5-11-67				
BMPET-525 R & F	10-5-67 10-9-67	Modification of CP(BPET-283, which authorized changes in an existing station) to extend completion date to July, 1968.	GRANTED	10-27-67
BMPET-579 R & F Press	3-26-68 4-18-68	MP (BPET-283, as mod) to extend completion date to November 1968.	GRANTED	4-29-68
BMPET-610 R & F	9-20-68 9-25-68	MP (BPET-283, as mod) to extend completion date to MAY 1969.	GRANTED	10-4-68



323E - Ownership



APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMM. ED. TV

Call  
Letters WKNO-TV

Name MEMPHIS COMMUNITY TELEVISION FOUNDATION  
CH. 10 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-624 R & F PRESS	3-5-69 3-7-69	MP (BPET-283, as mod.) to extend completion date to Nov. 1969.	GRANTED	3-27-69
BMPET-640 Recd. Resubmitted R & F	9-27-69 8-27-69 8-27-69 9-8-69 SEP 11 1969	MP (BPET-283, as mod.) to extend completion date to March 1970.	RETURNED Incorrectly-dated. GRANTED	9-2-69 9-19-69
BMPET-657 R & F PRESS	2-18-70 2-20-70	MP (BPET-283, as mod.) to extend completion date to Sept. 1970.	GRANTED	2-26-70
BRET-15 R & F PN Recd. PRESS ENGR. DATA FILED	4-27-70 4-29-70 " MAY 13 1970 7-8-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-30-70



NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION  
APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WKNO-TV

Name MEMPHIS COMMUNITY TELEVISION FOUNDATION  
CH-10 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-680 R & F PRESS:	7-24-70 7-27-70 JUL 21 1970	MP(BPET-283 as mod.) to extend completion date to January 1971.	GRANTED	8-6-70
BMPET-704 R & F PRESS:	1-5-71 1-8-71 JAN 10 1971	MP(BPET-283 as mod.) to extend completion date to March 1971.	GRANTED	1-18-71
BLET-287 R & F PRESS:	6-25-71 6-28-71 AUG 2 1971	Lic. to cover (BPET-283 as mod.) for chgs. Application also req. Aux. Ant.	GRANTED	8-10-71
BRET-15 R & F PN RECD. PRESS:	4-30-73 5-2-73 5-2-73 MAY 11 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE MAIN TRANS. & ANT. - AUX. ANT. Amended 5-29-73 re equal employment	GRANTED	7-31-73



Section 73.651(c) waived per end. 8-1-76



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Form BC-171  
September 1968Call  
Letters WKNO-TVName MEMPHIS COMMUNITY TELEVISION FOUNDATION  
CH-10 Memphis, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRET-15 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	3-19-76 3-31-76 3-31-76 18 APR 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Contours not filed.	GRANTED	7-30-76
BRET 790403KE R & F PN REC'D PRESS	3-28-79 4-3-79 4-3-79 '79 04 19	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-18-79



Ltr. to WKNO-TV from Wallace E. Johnson, Bureau Chief, granting accompaniment of music with visual transmission during scheduled breaks in its in-school programming schedule, for a period not to exceed 10 hrs. per week. - to Auston's box (Ltr. dated 9-1-76).



## 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.

