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Form BC 126 STA 9-24-71
June 1954 PTA 12-3-71
STARTED 9-26-71

Non-Comm. ED TV

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-5-72 (Off. #209)

Call letters WGBY-TV

Station location SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Name of licensee WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Transmitter location Atop Mt. Tom, Holyoke, Mass.

Main studio location 1 Armory Square, Springfield, Mass.
X Hampshire House, Amherst, Mass.

(Ltr. 7-16-71)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time	Period
				Div.	From To
BPET-286	6-12-70	Ch. 57	V. 468 kw	U	8-12-70
AH: 1000' MSL: 1345.5'		728-734	A. 93.3 kw		2-12-71
CP for a new station - issued without call letters					
8-10-70	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED				
BMPET-709	1-26-71	MP(BPET-286) to ext. date			12-12-71
WIRE 4-2-71 AUTH. TO OPERATE REMOTE CONTROL					
BMPET-899	5-24-71	Ch. 57	V. 851 kw	U	8-12-70
AH: 1000' MSL: 1345.5'		728-734	A. 170 kw		12-12-71
MP (BPET-286) chg. BRP & type of trans.					
BMPET-709 (reissued to show new studio location)					7-16-71
BMPET-727	9-13-71	Ch. 57	V. 851 kw	U	8-12-70
AH: 1000' MSL: 1341'		728-734	A. 170		12-12-71
MP (BPET-286 as mod) chg. Trans. & Ant.					
WIRE 9-24-71 PENDING FIL. LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR.					
OPER. TEMP. PER. END. 10-24-71 ACCORD CP BMPET-727.					
WIRE 10-21-71 ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO 11-23-71					
WIRE 11-23-71 ABOVE AUTH. EXT. TO 12-12-71					
WIRE 12-3-71 RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR.					
OPER. ON PTA ACCORD CP BMPET-727.					
WIRE 1-6-72 PENDING REPAIRS TO MAIN ANT. AUTH. GR.					
OPER. TEMP. PER. END. 2-19-72 AT REDUCED POWER AND WITH					
AMPEX BR-4U 4-BAY SLOTTED STANDBY ANT. SIDEMOUNTED ON					
AUTH. 100 FT ANT. SUPPORTING TOWER AT APPROX. 20-FT ABOVE					
GROUND LEVEL.					
Ltr. 4-3-72 Re in-school programming 4-1-75					
BLET-295	4-5-72	Lic. (BPET-286 as mod)			4-1-75
new station					
EBSA 5-15-72					
Wire 10-10-72 Pending diplexer repairs, auth. gtd.					
oper. temp. per. end. 12-10-72 at reduced sur. power.					
Advise when normal oper. resumed.					
Wire 12-26-72 re pend. diplexer repairs, ext. auth.					
gtd. oper. stat. temp. per. ending 3-10-73 at reduce sur.					
power. advise when normal oper. resume.					
Wire 3-1-73 Pend. filing & action on Applic. for					
ant. & diplexer replacement auth. gtd. oper. temp					
per. ending 6-1-73 at reduced power.					

Form BC 126 # 2
June 1954

NON-COMM. ED. TV

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Transmitter location SEE CARD # 1

Main studio location SEE CARD # 1

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPET-454	4-17-73	Ch. 57	V. 776 kW	U	6-17-73
AH: 1000' MDL: 1345.9		728-734	A. 155 kW		10-17-74
GP to chg. ERP & ant.					
Wire	6-1-73	Pending comp. construction accord BPET 454 and filing lic. applic. extend auth. gtd. oper. temp. per. ending 7-1-73 at reduced power			
Wire	6-8-73	Pending filing lic. appl., auth. grtd. oper. temp. per. end. 7-1-73 accord. BPET-454.			
Wire	6-27-73	tendered lic. applic. pending comp. diplexer repairs, extend auth. gtd oper. temp. per. ending 8-1-73 accord. construc. permit BPET-454, except at reduced aural power.			
Wire	7-26-73	Above auth. extended to 9-15-73.			
Wire	9-19-73	tendered lic. applic. pending comp. diplexer, extend auth. gtd. oper. temp. per. ending 10-15-73 accord construction permit BPET-454, except at reduced power.			
Wire	10-26-73	Re tendered lic. appl., auth. grtd. oper. PTA accord. 73.629 & BPET-454.			
BLET-345	12-14-73	Lic. to cover (BPET-454) for chgs.			4-1-75
BRCETV-26 (1)	3-8-74	Remote control authority			
BPET-209	3-31-75	Ch. 57	V. 776 kW	U	4-1-75
AH: 1000' MDL: 1345.5		728-734	A. 155 kW		4-1-78
Renewal of license					
BPET-209	3-13-78	Renewal of License (S)			4-1-81
BRCETV- 790910KH (2)	11-30-79	Remote control authority			

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FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-Commercial **ED**

Call
Letters **NEW WGBY-TV**

WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Name **UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS**

PO: ~~c/o Robert L. Larsen, Secretary, 125 Western Ave., Boston, Mass. 02134~~

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File No.	Dated	Application for	ACTION	
			Nature	Date
BPET-286 Rec. & filed	12-21-66 1-13-67	Construction permit for a new Non-Commercial Educational TV station: Ch. 57: 728-734 Mcs ERP: Vis. 450 kw (Horz) Aur. 90 kw (Horz) T-L: Atop Mt. Tom, Holyoke, Massachusetts S-1: Hampshire House, Amherst, Mass. Unlimited Hours (ROA TTU-30-A) AH: 1000 ft. STATION LOCATION: Springfield, Massachusetts (Req. waiver of Sec. 73.613 of Comm's Rules) ENGR: Jansky & Bailey	GRANTED	6-12-70
AMENDMENT R & F	3-30-70 4-1-70	AMENDED to chg. Applicant to WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION.		
PRESS: FN REC'D:	APR 1 1970 5-1-70	Atty.: Henry Goldberg (Covington & Burling)		

HEW application filed 4-1-70 - to Stewart 4-7-70
Amendment to HEW application filed 4-17-70
F. C. C. WASHINGTON, D. C.

c/o Mr. Robert J. McCartney
Univ. of Massachusetts
Amherst, Massachusetts
area code 413 Local No. 545-2212

Form BC-27
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters NEW WGBY-TVName WGBY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
Ch. 57, Springfield, Mass.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPET-286 AMENDED Rec. & filed	4-17--70 4-21-70 APR 23 1970	Amended to change ERP to Vis. 462 kw (H); Aur. 92.5 kw (H); make changes in antenna structure. Req. remote control operation. Ltr. 6-16-70 req. remote control.		
HEW application filed 11-2-70				
BMPET-699 R & F PRESS:	12-15-70 12-21-70 JAN 7 1971	MP(BPET-286) to chg. ERP to Vis. 843kw(H), Aur. 168.8kw(H); and type trans. to RCA TTU-50C. Atty.: H. Goldberg (Covington & Burling)	GRANTED	12-12-71
BMPET-709 R & F PRESS:	1-12-71 1-15-71 JAN 15 1971	MP(BPET-286) to extend completion date to 9-1-71. Atty.: H. Goldberg (Covington & Burling)	GRANTED	1-26-71

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV

Call Letters WGBY-TV

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CH-57 SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-727 R & F PRESS:	8-31-71 9-7-71 SEP 10 1971	MP(BPET-286 as mod.) to chg. ERP to Vis. 843kw(H), Aur. 168.8kw(H); type trans. to Ampex TA-55BT; type ant. to Ampex ER-30; and HAAT: 998 ft. Atty.: Nicholas W. Fels (Covington & Burling)	GRANTED	9-13-71
Ltr.	10-5-71 OCT 8 1971	Req. waiver of Sec. 73.651(c) of Commission's Rules.		
BLET-295 R & F PRESS	11-22-71 11-30-71 DEC 20 1971	Lic. to cover (BPET-286 as mod.) for new station. Atty.: Nicholas W. Fels (covington & burling)	GRANTED	4-5-72
BRGETV-26 R & F PRESS: AMENDMENT R & F	4-28-72 5-8-72 MAY 30 1972 8-8-72 8-14-72 AUG 25 1972	Req. auth. to oper. trans. by RC from One Armory Square, Springfield, Massachusetts. Atty.: Nicholas W. Fels (Covington & Burling) Re Request Waiver of Section 73.676(f) of the	GRANTED	3-8-74
		Rules.		

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Letters WGBH-TV

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CH-57 SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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			Nature	Date
BPET-454 R & F PRESS:	3-5-73 3-8-73 MAR 28 1973	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 863kW(H), Aur. 173kW(H) and type ant. to RCA TFU-30J Atty.: Nicholas W. Fels (Covington & Burling) AMENDED 4-10-73 re ERP.	GRANTED	4-17-73
BLST-345 R&F PRESS: ✓	6-19-73 6-20-73 NOV 14 1973	Lic. to cover (BPET-454) for changes. Atty: Nicholas W. Fels (Covington & Burling)	GRANTED	12-14-73
BRET-209 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	11-27-74 12-2-74 12-2-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Nicholas W. Fels (Covington & Burling) Amended 12-20-74 re PN.	GRANTED	3-31-75
BRET-209 R&F PN RECD PRESS	JAN 7 1975 11-25-74 12-1-77 12-1-77 DEC 16 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Corinne Goldstein (Covington & Burling)	GRANTED	3-13-78

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV
APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WGBY-TV

Name: WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
CH-57

Station Location: SPRINGFIELD, MA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRCETV-790910KH R & F PRESS:	9-4-79 9-10-79 11-9-79	Request authority to change SL and RC point to 44 Hampden Street, Springfield, MA	GRANTED 11-30-79
BRET-801202KE R & F PN REC'D	11-26-80 12-2-80 12-2-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: MICHAEL S. BERNSTEIN {COVINGTON AND BURLING}	GRANTED 5-81 4-16-81

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.

