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Form BC 126
June 1954

PTA 1-7-72

NON COMM. ED. TV.

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 1-25-72 (Off. #204)

Call letters W M A U

Station location BUDE, MISSISSIPPI

Name of licensee MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

Transmitter location Approx. 8 miles SE of Bude, Mississippi

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPET-374	2-24-71	Ch.17	V.550kw	U	4-24-71
AH:1120' MSL	1065.75	488-494	A.110kw		8-24-72
GP for a new station - issued without call letters					
CALL LETTERS ISSUED 5-3-71					
WIRE	1-7-72	RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER ON PTA ACCORD GP BPET-374.			
BLET-204	1-25-72	Lic. (BPET-374) new station 6-1-73			
EBSA	5-15-72				
Wire	3-23-73	Sect. 73.1201(c) Waived period			
	4-19-73	thru 10-19-73.			
LTR	6-5-73	Sect. 73.651(c) waived thru 6-1-76			
BRET-204	5-31-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S) 6-1-76			
Wire	11-13-73	Pending installation microwave distribution system, extend auth. gtd. b/c i.d. of stations WMAO, WMAB, WMAH, WMAU, WMAV & WMAW over the facilities of WMAA, Jackson, Miss. accord. your request per 10-19-73 thru 4-19-74			
BRET-204	4-26-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S) 6-1-79			
BRET-790201LC	5-29-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S) 6-1-82			

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Form NC-121
September 1969Call Letters WMAU
NEW EDUC. TVName **MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION**
CH-17 (PO c/o William R. Smith, Jr., Drawer 1101, Jackson, Miss. 39205)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPET-374 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	9-15-70	CP for new Educ. TV on:	GRANTED COMMISSION ACTION	2-24-71
	9-25-70	Ch-17, 488-494mc		
	OCT 12 1970	ERP: Vis. 660kw; Aur. 132kw		
	11-3-70	Hrs. of Oper.: Proposed Satellite of WMAU, Ch-23, Jackson, Miss. TL: 7.75 mi. SE of Bude, Miss. (31-22-19 90-45-05) SL: 3825 Ridgewood Rd., Jackson, Miss. (GE TT-57-B) HAAT: 1121 ft. STATION LOCATION: BUDE, MISSISSIPPI Atty.: Schwartz & Woods		
HEW application to Roy Stewart 10-8-70				
BLET-298 R & F PRESS	12-29-71 1-4-72 JAN 21 1972	Lic. to cover (BPET-374) for new station. Atty.: Schwartz & Woods AMENDED 1-12-72 re construction completed.	GRANTED	1-25-72

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV

Call

Letters WMAUName MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISIONCH-17 BUDE, MISSISSIPPI

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
		Letter 10-4-72 from Robert A. Woods requesting 6 month extension of waiver of Section 73.1201(c) of the Rules - to Roy Stewart 10-12-72.		
		tr. 2-28-73 from Robert Woods requesting ext'n. Waiver Sect. 73.651(c) - to Roy Stewart 3-16-73.		
		Letter received 3-21-73 from Robert A. Woods requesting 8 month extension of waiver of the provisions of Section 73.1201(c) of the Rules - to Roy Stewart 3-26-73.		
BRET-204 R & F PN REC'D PRESS:	3-1-73 3-1-73 APR 4 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Robert A. Woods (Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED	5-31-73
		Ltr. 2-19-74 from Robert A. Woods on behalf of Mississippi Authority for Educational TV requesting limited waiver of Section 73.674 of the Rules		

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

Call
Letters WMAU

Name MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION
CH-17 Bude, Mississippi

File No.	Dated	Application for	ACTION	
			Nature	Date
BRET-204 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	1-23-76 1-30-76 1-30-76 8 MAR 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Contours filed 1-30-76 Atty: Robert A. Woods (Schwartz & Woods) Amended 6-24-76 re additional information	GRANTED	4-26-79
BRET-790201LC R&F PN REC'D PRESS	2-1-79 79 04 26 79 05 24	RENEWAL OF LICENSE atty: Robert A. Woods (Schurtz & Woods)	GRANTED 29 MAY 1980 Min.	
BMLET-800821KJ		ML to reduce Aur. ERP to 55kW.		

SEE WMAA(TV) FOR PETITIONS.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER adopted 4-26-79, released 5-18-79, FCC 79-246 5662: Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That the petition to deny the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television's applications for renewal of licenses for stations W M A A, W M A B, W M A E, W M A H, W M A O, W M A U, W M A V and W M A W filed by the Community Coalition for Better Broadcasting IS DENIED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the petition to deny the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television's application for a new translator station at Columbia, Mississippi, filed by the Community Coalition for Better Broadcasting IS GRANTED IN PART, insofar as that matter was considered in conjunction with the renewal matter and all allegations were considered with regard to both the renewal and new applications, and IS DENIED IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS. IT IS ALSO ORDERED, That the notion to strike certain new matter raised in petitioner's reply pleading IS DENIED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the applications of the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television for renewal of licenses for stations W M A A, W M A B, W M A E, W M A H, W M A O, W M A U, W M A V AND W M A W ARE GRANTED for the remainder of their regular term, to expire June 1, 1979. IT IS ALSO ORDERED, That the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television, shall within thirty (30) days of the release of this Order, amend its pending applications for renewal of license for Stations W M A A, W M A B, W M A E, W M A H, W M A O, W M A U, W M A V and W M A W with reasonable goals and timetables for the hiring and promotion of minorities, particularly in management positions during the 1979-1982 license term. IT IS FINALLY ORDERED, That the application of the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television for a new translator station at Columbia, Mississippi, IS GRANTED.

CARD NO. 4

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

NON-COMMERCIAL ED TV
Call Letters: WMAU

Name: MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION
CH-17

Station Location: BUDE, MISSISSIPPI

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER ADOPTED MAY 29, 1980, RELEASED JULY 24, 1980

RCC 80-304: 27357:

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, THAT THE PETITION TO DENY THE MISSISSIPPI
AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION'S APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF
LICENSES FOR STATIONS WMAA-TV, WMAB-TV, WMAE-TV, WMAH-TV, WMAO-TV, WMAU-TV,
WMAV-TV, AND WMAW-TV FILED BY THE COMMUNITY COALITION FOR BETTER
BROADCASTING IS DENIED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED
APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL ARE GRANTED.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER ADOPTED MAY 29, 1980, RELEASED JULY 24, 1980

FCC 80-305, 27355: ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED THAT THE PETITION FOR
RECONSIDERATION FILED JUNE 15, 1979, IS DENIED.

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.

