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PTA 7-1-71
Started 7-4-71

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EDUC. TV
SATELLITE OF WMAA-TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 7-27-71 (Off. #191)

Call letters W M A B

Station location MISSISSIPPI STATE,
STATE COLLEGE,
MISSISSIPPI

Name of licensee MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

Transmitter location 2.75 mi. NNE of Ackerman, Miss.

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPET-327	6-18-70	Ch-2	V-100kw	Unl.	8-18-70
AH:1250' MSL:1769.5' 54-60 A-15.1kw					
CP for new station (Issued without call letters)					
CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED 8-10-70					
BMPET-692	10-22-70	Ch. 2	V.100 kw	U	8-18-70
AH:1250' MSL: 1769.3' 54-60 A.15.1 kw					
MP (BPET-327) chg. trans. & ant.					
ERPST-706	1-18-71	(MP(BPET-327) to ext. compl. date			12-18-71
WIRE 7-1-71 RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR.					
OPER. ON PTA ACCORD. CP BMPET-706. (Started 7-4-71)					
Ltr. 6-30-71 Auth. gr. for period of 90 days from commencement of the operation of station WMAB-TV to identify both WMAB & WMAA by means of a single visual slide and/or aural announcements.					
BLET-285	7-27-71	Lic. (BPET-327) for a new station			6-12-73
BLET-285	7-27-71	Ch-2	V-100kw	Unl.	7-27-71
AH:1250' MSL:1769.3' 54-60mas A-15.1kw					
Superseded new lic. to show correct facilities & equipment.					
EBSA 5-15-72					
BLET-119	2-28-73	To chg station location			
(1)					
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-101	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 station 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-191	4-26-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			6-1-79

CARD NO. 2
BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

NON-COMMERCIAL ED TV

First licensed, SEE CARD 1.....

Call Letters WMAB.....

Station Location.....

Name SEE CARD 1.....

Transmitter Location SEE CARD 1.....

Main studio location SEE CARD 1.....

Authorization Record

File No.

Granted

Facilities

Expires

BRET-790201KY 5-29-80 RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S) b-1-82

FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMM. ED. TV.

Call
Letters W M A B

Name MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION
(c/o William R. Smith, Jr. P. O. Drawer 2470 Jackson, Miss. 39205)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPET-327 R & F Press PN Rec'd	6-11-68 6-12-68 JUN 20 1968 4-21-70	Construction permit for a new Non-Commercial ED. TV B/C Station: CH # 2, 54-60 Mcs. ERP: Visual 100 kw Aural 15 kw Unlimited Hours TL: Near Ackerman, Miss., 1.25 Mi. NE of intersection of State 15 & 12, Miss. SL: To Be Determined, Jackson, Mississippi (RCA TT-25DL) AH: 1227-feet. STATION LOCATION: STATE COLLEGE, MISSISSIPPI George E. Gautney, Engr.	GRANTED	6-18-70
AMENDED Rec. & filed	3-30--70 4-1-70 APR 1 1970	Amended to change transmitter location to 2.75 miles NNE of Ackerman, Miss. (33 21 07 89 08 56) and HAAT to 1254 ft. AMENDED 4-21-70 re legal & financial.		
----- SCHWARTZ & WOODS represents WMAB per ltr. 9-15-70				

William R. Smith, Jr.

787 Lakeland Dr.

Jackson, Mississippi 39205

601 362-4442

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters WMABName MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION
CH-2 STATE COLLEGE, MISSISSIPPI

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-692 R & F PRESS:	9-25-70 10-5-70 OCT 1 1970	MP(BPET-327) to chg. type trans. to GE TT-530-B and type ant. to GE TY-50-N. Atty.: <u>Schwartz & Woods</u>	GRANTEAD	10-22-70
BMPET-706 R & F PRESS:	1-6-71 1-8-71 JAN 13 1971	MP(BPET-327) to extend completion date to 5-1-71. Atty.: <u>Schwartz & Woods</u>	GRANTED	1-18-71
Ltr.	6-3-71 JUN 9 1971	Req. waiver of Sec. 73.1201 of Comm's Rules to permit visual and aural identification of Station WMAB over the facilities of station WMAA-TV.		
BLET-285 Received Filed PRESS:	6-14-71 6-24-71 6-30-71 JUL 8 1971	Lic. to cover (BPET-327 as mod.) for new station. Atty.: <u>Schwartz & Woods</u>	GRANTED	7-27-71
Letter 10-4-72 from Robert A. Woods requesting a six month extension of waiver of Section 73.1201(c) - to Roy Stewart 10-12-72. F. C. B. WASHINGTON, D. C.				

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING NON COMMERCIAL ED. TV

Call
Letters WMAA

Name MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION
CH-2 X STATE COLLEGE, MISSISSIPPI
MISSISSIPPI STATE, MISSISSIPPI

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMLET-119 R & F PRESS:	1-26-73	Mod. of lic. to chg. station location to Mississippi State, Mississippi. Atty: Robert A. Woods (Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED	2-28-73
	1-30-73			
FEB 18 1973 Ltr. 2-28-73 from Robert Woods requesting ext'n. Waiver 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-191 R & F PN REC'D PRESS:	3-1-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Robert A. Woods (Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED	5-31-73
	3-1-73			
APR 4 1973 Ltr. 2-19-74 from Robert A Woods on behalf of Mississippi Authority for Educational TV request ing limited waiver of Section 73.674 of the Rules				

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING NON-COMMERICAL ED. TV

Call
Letters W M A B

Name MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION
CH-2 Mississippi State, Mississippi.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BRET-191 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	1-23-76 1-30-76 1-30-76 MAR 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Contours filed 1-30-76 Atty: Robert A. Woods (Schwartz & Woods) Amended 6-24-76 re additional information	GRANTED	4-26-76
BRET-790201KY R&F PN REC'D PRESS	2-1-79 '79 04 26 '79 05 24	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: ROBERT A. WOODS (SCHWARTZ & WOODS)	GRANTED	MAY 29 1980
BMI ET-800821KG		ML to reduce aur. ERP to 10kw.		

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 motion 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

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COM. ED. TV

Call Letters WMAB

Name MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION
CH-2 MISSISSIPPI STATE, MISSISSIPPI

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
PETITIONS CONT'D: PETITION TO DENY LICENSE APPLICATIONS 5-1-79 by CCBB FOR THE SAME. OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY LICENSE APPLICATION 5-31-79 by Louis Schwartz for Mississippi Auth.				

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

