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June 1954

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PROG. TEST AUTH. 9-7-67

NON COMM.TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-1-69 (OFF.No. 156)

Call letters --- WSBE-TV

Station location PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR EDUCATION, STATE OF RHODE
ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS (AL 11-14-73; EFF: 11-19-73)
(BALET-7 6-30-70 EFF:

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR EDUCATION, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Name of licensee XBOARD OF EDUCATION, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Transmitter location ON NEUTACONKANUT HILL, NEAR HIGHWAY 14, NEAR PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Main studio location 24 Mason St., Providence, R.I. (BSET 11-13-74)
X600 MT. PLEASANT AVENUE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPET-41	3-31-67	CH.36	V-240 kw	U	5-31-67
AH:600' MSL:824.7'		602-608	A-47.9 kw		11-30-67
CP OFOR A NEW NON-COMM.ED.TV B/C STATION.					
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ISSUED WITHOUT CALL LETTERS					
BPET-41	5-22-67	same	same	same	5-31-67
MOD. OF CP.		CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED	5-22-67		11-30-67
WIRE	5-19-67	PENDING FILING LIC. APPLI. AUTH.			
GR. OPER. WSBE-TV TEMP. IN ACCORD. BPET-41 AS AMENDED					
FOR PERIOD 5-22-67 to 6-5-67. ADVISE WHEN OPERATION					
COMMENCES UNDER THIS AUTH. Started 6-5-67					
WIRE	6-5-67	PENDING FILING LIC. APPLI. EXT. AUTH.			
GR. OPER. WSBE-TV TEMP. IN ACCORD. BPET-41 AS AMENDED					
FOR PERIOD 6-6-67 TO 7-6-67.					
WIRE	6-12-67	TEMPORARY AUTH. DATED 6-5-67 HEREBY			
MODIFIED TO PERMIT ZERO CARRIER OFFSET.					
WIRE	7-6-67	RE TENDERED LICENSE APPLI. AUTH. GR.			
OPERATE WSBE-TV ON PROG. TEST ACCORDANCE SEC. 73.629 RULES					
& CP BPET-41 EXCEPT WITH ZERO OFFSET CARRIER FREQUENCIES.					
BMPET-489	7-18-67	CH.36	V-479 kw	U	5-31-67
AH:600' MSL: 824.7'		602-608	A-95.5 kw		11-30-67
Mod. of CP (BPET-41, which auth. station) to chg. ERP, transm.					
WIRE	9-7-67	RE AMEND. TO LICENSE APPL. BLBT-176, AUTH.			
GR. OPERATE WSBE-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORDANCE SEC. 73.					
629 RULES AND CP BMPET-489.					
LETTER BY COMMISSION ADOPTED 9-13-67 GRANTED WAIVER OF					
SEC. 73.651 (c) of RULES FOR PER. END. 9-13-68 re -in					
school programming.					
LETTER BY COMM. 8-27-68 GRANTED WAIVER OF SEC. 73.651(C)					
FOR PERIOD END. ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF LTR. RE IN SCHOOL					
PROGRAMMING.					
BLBT-176	4-1-69	LICENSE (BPET-41) for a new station 4-1-72			
LETTER BY COMM. 7-31-69 GRANTED WAIVER OF SEC. 73.651(C)					
FOR PERIOD END. 8-1-72. RE IN SCHOOL PROGRAMMING.					
BALET-7	6-30-70	Vol A/L			
BLBT-156	3-30-72	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (1)			
		4-1-75			
Ltr.	4-3-72	Re in-school programming			
		4-1-75			

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Station location PROVIDENCE, ... RHODEZ-
ISLAND

Name of licensee

Transmitter location SEE CARD #1

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
EBSA	5-15-72				
BALET-12	11-14-73	Voluntary assignment of license. per attys. Ltr. 10-29-74			
BSET-156	11-13-74	To chg studio location (L) 4-1-75			
BRCT-156	9-26-75	Renewal of license (S)			4-1-78
BMLET-149	7-29-77	ML decrease aural pwr.			4-1-78
BRET-156	3-28-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			4-1-81
BRCETV-112	9-28-78	Ch-36	V-479kW	Unl.	9-28-78
AH:600' MSL:824.7'		602-608	A-47.9kW	RC	4-1-81
Remote control authority.					
PET-601	5-30-80	ch-36	V. 2140kw	unl.	11-30-81
	(602-608)		A. 214kw		
CP to chg. ERP; type trans., type ant.; ant. struc.					

CARD #1

FORM A-170

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NONCOMMERCIAL EDU. TV B/C

Call

Letters N-E-W WSBE-TVName BOARD OF EDUCATION STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS(205-Benefit-St., Providence 3, R. I.)c/o Rev. Cornelius B. Collins, Chairman, Roger Williams Bldg., Hayes Street, Providence, R. I.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPET-41	5-27-53	Construction permit for a new Noncommercial Educational TV B C Station.	GRANTED	3-31-67
Rec'd	6-1-53	Frequency: Ch. #22 (518-524 mcs)		
Filed	6-1-53	ERP: Vis. 250.3 kw, Aur. 131.2 kw		
		Hours of Operation: Unlimited		
		S-L: Providence Public Library, 150 Empire St., Providence, R. I.		
		T-L: Neutaconkanut Hill, Near Highway 14, Nr. Providence, R. I.		
		(Vis. & Aur. G.E. TT-25-A) (406')		
		Filed by Seymour Krieger, Atty.		
Amended	2-17-58	Amended to change frequency to Ch # 36, (602-		
Rec'd	2-19-58	608 Mcs. ERP to Vis. 215.5 kw, Aur. 125.7 kw		
Filed	2-19-58	Main studio location to Rhode Island College of Education, Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, Correct co-ordinates (not a move) change type of antenna, ant. hgt. above average terrain to 449' and make other equipment chgs.		
		Filed by Seymour Krieger, Atty.		
Amended	6-1-61	Amended to change Members of the Board		
R & F	6-2-61	Norman L. Jorgensen-Atty		

George P. Adair, Engr.
Washington, D. C.

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMM. EDUCATIONAL TV

Call
Letters NEW WEBB-TV

Name BOARD OF EDUCATION, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
Providence, Rhode Island (PO c/o Dr. Wm. P. Robinson, Jr. Commissioner of Education, Dept.
of Education, Roger Williams Building, Providence, Rhode Island)

BPET File No	Continued from	card #1	Application for	Nature	Date
AMENDED BPET-41 R. & F.	11-13-63 11-21-63		Amended to change ERP from Vis. 215.5 kw, Aur. 125.7 kw to Vis. 230.0 kw, Aur. 124.4 kw; Change type of transmitters to RCA-TTU-12A; Type of antenna to RCA-TTU-27-J; minor change in transmitter location to Neutaconkanut Hill, Near Highway. 14, near Providence, Rhode Island; make changes in antenna system; antenna height above average terrain to 593.5 feet; and show amended Charter. Norman E. Jorgensen-atty George P. Adair-engr.	GRANTED SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 73.640 OF RULES.	3-31-67
AMENDED Rec. & filed	1-12-67 1-17-67		Amended to change ERP to Vis. 240 kw, Aur. 48 kw; type of transmitters to GE TT-56-A; type of antenna to GE TY-25-D; increase antenna height above average terrain to 596.17 ft. Submitted current list of officers & members of the Board; additional financial and programming data.		

Leter both from atty. & permittee 4-24-67

address mail to:

c/o Robert P. Danilowicz, Gen. Mgr.
Educational TV Services
600 Mt. Pleasant Ave.
Providence, R.I. 02908

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMM.ED.TV

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Letters **WSBE-TV**Name **BOARD OF EDUCATION, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**CH. 36 **PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-489 R & F	5-11-67 5-29-67	Mod. of CP (BPET-41, which authorized a new Non-Comm.ED.TV B/C Station) to make the following changes: ERP Vis. 480 kw; Aur.96 kw; type of transmitters to General Electric TT-57A. Norman E. Jorgensen, atty.	GRANTED	7-18-67
BLET-176 R & F JUL 21 1967	6-28-67 6-30-67	License to cover CP(BPET-41) which authorized a new station. Krieger & Jorgensen, Atty. (Norman E. Jorgensen)	GRANTED	4-1-69
AMENDED R & F	9-2-67 9-5-67	AMENDED to cover facilities authorized in BMPET-489.		
HEW application filed 3-14-69 - Roy Stewart 3-18-69				
Amendment to HEW application filed 4-1-70				

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WSBE-TV

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR EDUCATION, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

Name STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, - STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
CH-36 PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BALET-7 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	6-19-70 6-22-70 JUN 25 1970	Voluntary assignment of license to Board of Regents for Education, State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. Atty.: R. A. Woods (Krieger & Jorgensen)	GRANTED EFF:	6--30-70
HEW application filed 10-19-70				
BRET-156 R & F PN REC PRESS	12-2-71 12-29-71 12-29-71 JAN 7 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Norman E. Jorgensen (Jorgensen & Resnick) Amended 2-4-72 re Sec. VI. Amended 2-14-72 re Sec. VI.	GRANTED	3-30-72
BALET-12 R & F PN REC'D PRESS: Form 314	8-7-73 8-10-73 9-20-73 AUG 27 1973	Voluntary assignment of license to Board of Regents for Education, State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. Atty.: Norman E. Jorgensen	GRANTED	11-14-73 Eff: 11-19-73 (per Ownership)

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Name BOARD OF REGENTS FOR EDUCATION, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
CH-36 Providence, Rhode Island

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRET-156 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	11-27-74 11-29-74 JAN 21 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Norman E. Jorgensen (Jorgensen & Baron)	GRANTED	9-26-75
BMLET-149 R & F PRESS:	7-19-77 7-21-77 JUL 7 1977	Mod. of Lic. to decr. Aur. ERP to 47.9kW(H). Atty.: Jorgensen, Johnson & <u>Northrop</u>	GRANTED	7-29-77
BRZT-156 R&F PN RECD PRESS	11-25-77 12-1-77 12-1-77 DEC 6 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Robert A. Woods	GRANTED	3-28-78
BPET-601 R&F PN RECD PRESS	12-9-78 12-12-78 MAR 3 1978	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 2377kW(Max), Aur. 237.7 kW(Max), chg trans. to RCA, TTU-110C, type Antenna to RCA, TFU-25G(BT), increase hght. of Antenna Structure to 541.3 ft. Atty.: Robert Woods.	GRANTED	5-30-80

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 Ch-36 PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCETV-112 R&F PRESS	6-9-78 6-16-78 JUL 10 1978	Request for authority to operate trans. by remote control from 24 Mason Street, Providence, Rhode Island. Atty.: Louis Schwartz	GRANTED	9-28-78

CARD NO. 6

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING
NON-COMMERCIAL ED TV

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Name: BOARD OF REGENTS FOR EDUCATION, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE
CH-36, PLANTATIONS

Station Location: PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRET-801201LB R & F PN REC'D	10-30-80 12-01-80 12-01-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: LOUIS SCHWARTZ {SCHWARTZ, WOODS AND MILLER}"	MARCH 31, 1981
BALET811007KL		assignment	gr. 12-10-81

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.

