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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 1-27-69 (OFF. NO. 145)

Call letters MUSI-TV

Station location OLNEY, ILLINOIS

Name of licensee BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Transmitter location 2 miles west of Dundas, Near Dundas, Illinois (BMPET-450 gr.2-14-67)
near West Liberty, Illinois

Main studio location X Same as transmitter (BMPET-450, gr.2-15-67)

Main studio location 2 miles northwest of West Liberty, 1 mile west of State Route 130, near West Liberty, Illinois

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl.  | Date  |  |  | Time   | Period   |
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| No.  | Issued  | Freq.  | Power  | Div.   | From To  |
| BPET-225   | 2-8-66  | CH. 445  | V-1000   | w U  | 4-8-66   |
| AH: 1000   |   | 656-662  | A- 200   | W MSL:152  | 0 10-8-66  |
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| LETTER RE  | 2-28-66   | APPLIKAN   | E WOORLA   |  |  |
| DPET-255   | 3-31-66   | same   | Same   | Same   | 4-8-66   |
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| DOCKET #14   | 229 4-15-6  | 6 CH.#16   | V-1000   | w U  |  |
| BPET-225 A   | :1000'<br>XXXXXXXX  | 447-444  | e. CH 16   | : PURSUALT   | TO FIFTH   |
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| BMPET-442  |   |  |  |  |  |
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| EMPET-450  |   |  | Marie Contract Contra | U  | 4-8-66<br>8-14-67  |
| AH: 920 51   | MSL:1449  | 482-488  | A-195 kw   |  | 8-14-67  |
| AH: 920 St<br>Mod. of C  |   | 482-488<br>to chg.   | A-195 kw<br>ERP; TL  | & SL loc;  | 8-14-67  |
| AH: 920 ft<br>Mod. of Cl<br>trans; an  | MSL:1449  | to chg.  | A-195 kw<br>ERP; TL<br>ant. hgt.   | & SL loc;  | 8-14-67 type   |
| AH: 920 St<br>Mod. of Co<br>trans; and<br>BMPET-500<br>Mod. of Co  | MSL:1449<br>P(BPET=225)<br>t. struc.<br>8-9-67<br>CP(BPET=225   | to chg. and dec. Same  | A-195 kw<br>ERP; TL<br>ant. hgt.   | & SL loc;  | 8-14-67  |
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| AH: 92056  Mod. of Clarans; and  BMPET-506  Mod. of Clarans  Complete  Mod. of   | MSL:1449<br>P(BPET-225)<br>t. struc.<br>8-9-67<br>P(BPET-225)<br>ion date.<br>1-18-63<br>CP(SPET-225)   | to chg and dec.  Same , as mod.  | ERP; TL ant. hgt. Same ) to ext  | & SL loc; Same end same compl.   | 8-14-67 type  4-8-66 2-9-68 4-8-66 18-68   |
| AH: 920 Cd<br>Mod. of Cd<br>trans; and<br>BMPET-500<br>Mod. of Cd<br>complet:<br>BMPET-555<br>Mod. of  | MSL:1449<br>P(BPET-225)<br>t. struc.<br>8-9-67<br>P(BPET-225)<br>ion date.<br>1-18-63<br>CP(SPET-225)<br>6 6-26-68                            | to chg and dec.  Same , as mod.  | ERP; TL<br>ant. hg.<br>Same<br>) to ext  | Same end compl.  | 8-14-67<br>type  4-8-66 2-9-68 8-6618-6818-68  |
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Form BC 126

June 1954

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WUSI-TV

Station location OLNEY, ILLINOIS

Name of licensee SEE Card #1

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl.  | Date   |                         |  | Time                                  | Period    |
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| No.  | Issued   | Freq.                   | Power  | Div.                                  | From- To- |
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| BRET-145   | 11-25-70   | RENEWAL                 | OF LICE  | NSE (S)                               | 12-1-73   |
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| EBSA   | 5-15-72  |                         |  |                                       |           |
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| BRET-145   | 11-28-73   | Street, Square, Square, | OF LICE  | THE R. P. LEWIS CO., LANSING MICHIGAN | 12-1-76   |
| Ltre   | Confederation Confederation  |                         |  | rogram log                            |           |
| BRET-145   | 11:15:76   | _RENEWAL                | OF_LICE!   | NSE_(L)                               | 12=1=79   |
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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORM BC-121 Aug. 1955

Call Letters TE+ NOI-TV

Name BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

c/o Buren C. Robbins, Director Broadcasting Service, Carbondale, Illinois 62903

| CAO Barell  | . RODULIIS.  | Director Broadcasting Service, Carbondate,         | 11 11013 05  | 903          |
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|   |              |  | Act          | on           |
| File No.  | Dated        | Application for                                    | Nature       | Date         |
| BPET-225  | 2-19-65      | Construction permit for a new Non-Commerc:         | iai          |              |
| Rec.& filed   | 2-23-65      | TV B/C station:                                    | GITA         |              |
|   |              | Ch16,-482-488-Mes- CH#45, 656-662 mcs.             |              |              |
|   |              | ERP: Vis. 1000 Kw Aur. 500 kw                      | FEB 8        |              |
|   |              | Unlimited Hours                                    |              | ESTATE       |
|   |              | T-L: Approx. 2 mi. NW of West Liberty and          | \$UBJECT TO  |              |
|   |              | 1 mi. W. of State Route 130 near West              | WITH SECTION |              |
|   |              | Liberty, Illinois                                  |              | THIS ACTION  |
|   |              | S-L Same as transmitter (RCA TTU-50B) AH: 1000 ft. | IS WITHOUT P |              |
|   |              |  | WHATEVER AC  |              |
|   |              | STATION LOCATION: OLNEY, ILLINOIS                  |              | MAY CONSIDER |
|   |              | (Request waiver of Sec. 73.613 of Commission       | SULT OF THE  | DPO          |
|   |              | Rules)   | CEEDING IN D | _            |
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FORM BC-121 AUG. 1955

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Call Letters WUSI-TV

Name BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

CH. #16 Olney, Illinois

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|   | BPET-225 AME | DED continu  | ed from card #1                               | GR                   | ANTED              |
| - | AMENDED      | A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR | Amended pursuant to Fourth Report and Orde    | T                    | 71/41/1            |
|   | R&F          | 12-16-65   | in Docket #14229 on 6-4-65(Revised Table o    | f ro                 | 1000               |
|   |              |  | Allocations) to change from CH#16, 482-488mes | I FEE                | 3 1966             |
|   |              |  | to CH 45, 656-662 mcs.; and make changes in   | SEE C                | ARD #1             |
|   |              |  | antenna structure                             |                      |                    |
|   |              |  | Krieger & Jorgensen-atty                      |                      |                    |
|   |              |  | George P. Adair-engr.                         | _                    | -1                 |
|   | ENGR. DATA   | 2-21-66  | ENGR. data submitted pursuant to Appendix C   | 1707                 |                    |
|   | Rec. & filed | 2-28-66  | of Fifth Report & Order in Docket 14229       | CR                   | ANTED              |
|   |              |  | for modified authorization to specify Ch.     | 911                  |                    |
|   |              |  | 16, 482-488 Mcs in lieu of Ch. 45, 656-662 M  | es. Al               | PR 1 5 1968        |
|   |              |  | Krieger & Jorgenson, Atty.                    | ni ni                | 1 70 1000          |
|   | BMPET-442    | 11-4-66  | Mod. of CP (BPET-225) ,which auth. a          |                      | +                  |
|   | R & F        | 11-8-66  | new station) to extend completion date from   |                      |                    |
|   |              |  | 12-15-66 to 6-15-67.                          |                      |                    |
|   |              |  | Krieger & Jorgensen, Atty.                    | RANTED               | 2-14-67            |
|   |              |  | F.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.                       |                      |                    |
|   |              | Marie Marie Marie  |   |                      |                    |

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMM.ED. TV

Call WUSI-TV

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| File No.  | Dated       | Application for  | Nature    | Date    |
| BMPET-450 | 11-4-66     | Mod. of CP (BPET-225 which auth. a new statio  | n)        |         |
| R&F       | 11-8-66     | to make the following changes: ERP to Vis.975  |           |         |
|           |             | kw (HORZ), Aur. 195 kw (HORZ); TL and SL to  | GRANTED   | 2-14-67 |
|           |             | 2.1 miles West of Dundas, Illinois; type of  |           |         |
|           |             | transmitters to RCA TTU-50C; changes in the  |           |         |
|           |             | antenna structure and decrease antenna height<br>above average terrain to 925.6 feet.            |           |         |
|           |             | REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.613 OF COMM'S RULES   | 5.        |         |
|           |             | Norman E. Jorgensen, Atty.   |           |         |
|           |             | W-3/0/   |           |         |
| BMPET-506 | 7 20 47     | Modification of CP(BPET-225, as mod., which G authorized a new station) to extend completion     | RANTED    | 8-9-67  |
| R&F 31    | 1967        | date to 1-1-68.  |           |         |
| 301       |             |  |           |         |
| BMPET-555 | 12-26-67    | Krieger & Jorgensen, Atty (Norman E. Jorgense Mod. of CP (BPET-225, as mod., which authorized co | 14        |         |
| R&F       |             | a new station) to extend completion date from  | LANTED 1- | 18-68   |
|           | LEES .      | 2-9-68 to 6-1-68.  |           |         |
| JAN 1     |             | Norman E. Jorgensen, Atty.   |           |         |
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Name EQARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
CH. 16 OLNEY, ILLINOIS

| - | File No.  BMPET-586 R & F PRESS                       | Dated<br>6-10-68<br>6-19-68<br>JUN 2 4 1968 | Application for MP (BPET-225, as mod) to extend completion dat to 1-18-69. Krieger & Jorgensen, Atty. | Nature    | -        |
|---|---|---|---|-----------|----------|
|   | BLET-219<br>R & F<br>Press                            | 8-1-68<br>8-6-68                            | Lic. (BPET-225, as mod.) for a new station.<br>Krieger & Jorgensen, Atty. (Robert A. Woods)           | GRANTED   | 1-27-69  |
| - | ENGR. DATA f  BRET-145  Rec. & filed  PN Recd.  PRESS | 8-11-70                                     | DENIELLE OF LEGISLE   | RANTED    | 11-25-70 |
|   |   | 8-24-73<br>8-28-73<br>8-28-73               | RENEWAL OF LICENSE  Atty: Theordore Malyck (Mallyck & Bernton)  Amended 10-15-73 re equal employment  | GRANTED 1 | 11 28 73 |
|   |   |   | F.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.   |           |          |

September 1969

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Call WUSI.

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Name BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Ch-16 OLNEY, ILLINOIS

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#### **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.

