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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Card # 1

First programs: 9-19-55 (Started 9-27-55)

NON-COMM. ED TV B/C

Date first licensed 10-24-57 (Official No. 20)

Call letters W.T.V.S.

(Station Loc: Detroit, Mich.)

Name of licensee DETROIT EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FOUNDATION

26945 West 11 Mile Road, near Southfield, Michigan (BPET-296 9-28-67)

X West 11 Mile Road between Franklin and Inkster Roads, Near Southfield, Michigan (BPET-187

Transmitter location X 9345 Lawton Avenue, Detroit, Michigan

4-1-66)

X 26945 West 11 Mile Road, Near Southfield, Michigan (BPET-296 9-28-67)

Main studio location 9345 Lawton Avenue, Detroit, Michigan



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPET-37	7-14-54	Ch. # 56	V 214kw	U	9-14-54
		722-728mcA	115kw		3-14-55
CP for a new Non-Comm. TV B/C Station.					
BMPET-50	12-1-54	same	V-219 kw		9-14-54
			A-120 kw	U	5-30-55
Mod. CP(BPET-37) to chg. ERP, install new transmitters & Ant. Sys. & Make other equip. chg. (540')					
BMPET-73	5-2-55	same	same	same	9-14-54
Mod. CP(BPET-37, as mod) to extend completion date 11-30-55					
WIRE 9-19-55 STA granted WTVS oper. accord. CP(BMPET-73) pending filing of Lic. appl. Auth. expires 11-30-55. Wire comm. when reg. oper. begins.					
BMPET-90	10-28-55	same	same	same	9-14-54
Mod. CP (BPET-37, as mod) to extend completion date 5-30-56					
WIRE 10-31-55 EXT STA pr. accord. CP BMPET-90 pending filing of Lic. Appl. Auth. expires 5-30-56.					
BMPET-106	5-3-56	same	same	same	9-14-54
Mod. of CP(BPET-37, as mod.) to extend compl. dt. 11-30-56					
WIRE 5-7-56 Pending filing of lic. appl., ext. auth. granted to operate temp. for per. ending 11-30-56 accord. CP(BMPET-106).					
BMPET-126	11-2-56	same	same	same	9-14-54
Mod. CP(BPET-37, as mod) to extend completion date 5-30-57					
WIRE 11-8-56 PENDING FILING LIC. APPL. EXT. AUTH. OPR. ACCORD. MPET-126 to 5-30-57					
BMPET-155	5-7-57	M same	same	same	9-14-54
Mod. CP(BPET-37, as mod) to extend completion date. 8-30-57					
WIRE 5-8-57 PENDING FILING LIC. APPL. EXT. AUTH. OPR. ACCORDM MPET-155 to 8-30-57					
BMPET-167	9-12-57	CH #56	V-178 kw	U	9-14-54
AH 540' 722-728 A-100 kw 12-11-57					
Mod. of CP (BPET-37 as mod) chg. ERP make minor equip chgs.					
BLET-18	10-24-57	Ch #56	V-178 kw	U	10-24-57
AH 540' 722-728 A-100 kw 10-1-58					
License to cover CP (BPET-37, as mod.)					
WIRE 9-13-57 PROGRAM TESTS MPET-167					
WIRE 8-21-57 EXT. AUTH. OPR. ACCORD. MPET-155 to 10-30-57					



Form BC-126 CARD # 2  
June 1954

NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL T/V

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters **W T V S** .....

Name of licensee **DETROIT EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FOUNDATION** .....

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--
BRET-20	9-24-58	same	same	U	10-1-58
<u>RENEWAL OF LICENSE</u>					
BRET-20	9-28-61	same	same	same	10-1-61 10-1-64
<u>RENEWAL OF LICENSE</u>					
BRET-20	9-18-64	CH. 456	V-178kw	U	10-1-64
AH:540'		722-728	A-100kw		10-1-67
<u>RENEWAL OF LICENSE (long form to omit cond.)</u>					
BPET-187	4-1-66	CH. 456	V-575 kw	U	6-1-66
AH: 960'		722-728	A-115 kw	MSL:1749'	12-1-66
<u>CP to chg. ERP, TL, type of trans. antenna struc. AH.</u>					
BMLET-53	3-14-66	same	same	same	3-14-66
			A-35.5		10-1-67
<u>MDD of Lic. to reduce Aural ERP &amp; add remote control</u>					
BMPET-441	5-24-67	same	same	same	6-1-66
<u>Mod. of CP (BPET-187) to extend completion date</u>					
					11-24-67
<p>WIRE 6-21-67 RE TENDERED LICENSE. PENDING FILING AND ACTION ON FCC FORM 340 FOR CHANGE OF STUDIO LOCATION AUTH. GR. OPERATE WTVS TEMPORARILY PERIOD ENDING 7-25-67 ACCORD. BMPET-441 EXCEPT WITH STUDIO LOCATED AT TRANSMITTER SITE &amp; WITH RCA TYPE TTU-50C TRANSMITTERS INSTALLED AND OPERATING WITH OUTPUT POWERS OF 55 KW VISUAL 6.1 KW AURAL. ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES UNDER THIS AUTHORITY.</p> <p>WIRE 7-17-67 PENDING ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR CHANGE STUDIO LOCATION EXTENSION AUTH. GR. OPERATE WTVS TEMP. PERIOD ENDING 9-25-67 ACCORD. BMPET-441 EXCEPT WITH STUDIO AT TRANSMITTER SITE AND WITH RCA TYPE TTU-50C TRANSMITTERS INSTALLED AND OPERATING WITH OUTPUT POWERS OF 55 KW VISUAL 6.1 KW AURAL.</p> <p>WIRE 9-18-67 PEND. ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR CHANGE STUDIO LOCATION EXTENSION AUTH. GR. OPERATE WTVS TEMP. PERIOD END. 12-23-67 ACCORD. BMPET-441 EXCEPT WITH STUDIO LOCATED AT TRANSMITTER SITE AND WITH RCA TYPE TTU-50C TRANSMITTERS INSTALLED AND OPERATING WITH OUTPUT POWERS OF 55 KW VISUAL 6.1 KW AURAL.</p>					
BPET-206	9-28-67	CH-56	V-617 kw	U	11-28-67
AH:960'	MSL:1749'	722-728	A-61.7 kw		5-28-68
<u>CP to change ERP and studio location</u>					



Form BC 126

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NON-COMM. ED. TV.

June 1954

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W T V S

Station location .....

Name of licensee DETROIT EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FOUNDATION

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
BLET-174	9-28-67	CH-56	V-617 kw	U	9-28-67
AH: 960'	MSL: 1749'	722-728	A-61.7 kw		10-1-67
License to cover CP (BPET-296) and BPET-187 as mod.					
BRET-20	9-15-67	Same	Same	Same	10-1-67
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					10-1-70
BLET-174	9-28-67	LICENSE (BPET-187, as mod).			
SUPERSEDED	10-7-67	To show chg. in tower descrp.			
BSCT-20	10-7-68	change tower description (S)			
BRET-20	1-20-71	Ch. 56	V. 617 kw	U	1-20-71
AH: 960 MSL:	1751	722-728	A. 61.7		10-1-73
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
EBSA	5-15-72				

BRCETV-33' 11-20-72' Remote control

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BRET-20	6-30-76	Ch. 56	V. 617 kW	U	10-1-76
AH: 960' MSL: 1751'		722-728	A. 61.7 kW		
Renewal of license					
BRET-20	9-15-76	Renewal of license (S)			10-1-79



Card # 1

FORM A-170

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-Commercial TV b/c

Call

Letters WTVS

Name

DETROIT EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FOUNDATION

(P.O. ~~474 W. Warren Avenue, Detroit 1, Michigan~~)~~See card # 3~~18323 James Couzens Highway, Detroit 35, Mich. Ltr ~~2-13-61~~ (posted ~~12-7-61~~)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BPET-37 Recd Filed	5-29-53 6-2-53 6-2-53	CP for a new Non-commercial TV b/c station Freq: Ch # 56, 722-728 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 212.35 kw Aur. 114.56 kw Hours of operation: Unlimited T-L: 9345 Lawton Avenue, Detroit, Michigan S-L: 9345 Lawton Avenue, Detroit, Michigan (Vis & Aur. RCA-TTU-10A) (519.5') Filed by Seymour Krieger, Atty.	GRANTED	7-14-54
BMPET-50 Recd & filed	9-24-54 10-4-54	Mod. of CP (BPET-37 which auth. a new non-comm. Educa. TV broadcast station) to change ERP from Vis. 214 kw, Aur. 115 kw to Vis. 219.4 kw, Aur. 119.4 kw, install new transmitters and antenna system and make other equipment change. (VIS. & AUR. GE-TT-25-A) (537.6) Filed by Seymour Kreiger, Atty.	GRANTED	12-1-54



William L. Foss, Inc. Engr.



FORM A-170

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call  
Letters WTVSName Detroit Educational Television Foundation  
Detroit, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-73 Recd & filed Ext # 2	4-15-55 4-16-55	Mod. of CP (BPET-37 as mod., which auth. a new non-commercial educational TV b/c station) to extend completion date from 5-30-55 to 8-30-55 Filed by Seymour Krieger, Atty.	GRANTED	5-2-55
BMPET-90 Recd. & filed Ext. #3	10-20-55 10-21-55	Mod. of CP (BPET-37, as mod., which auth. a new Non-Comm. ED. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 11-30-55 to 5-30-56. Filed by Seymour Krieger, Atty.	GRANTED	10-28-55
BMPET-106 Recd & Filed Ext. #4	4-5-56 4-9-56	Mod. of CP (BPET-37, as mod., which auth. a new Non-Comm. ED. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 5-30-56 to 11-30-56. Filed by Seymour Krieger, Atty.	GRANTED	5-3-56
BMPET-126 Recd. & Filed Ext. # 5	10-3-56 10-5-56	Mod. of C.P. (BPET-37, as mod., which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 11-30-56 to 5-30-57. Filed by Seymour Krieger, Atty.	GRANTED	11-2-56



FORM A-170

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call  
Letters WTVSName Detroit Educational Television Foundation  
Detroit, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-73 Recd & filed Ext # 2	4-15-55 4-16-55	Mod. of CP (BPET-37 as mod., which auth. a new non-commercial educational TV b/c station) to extend completion date from 5-30-55 to 8-30-55 Filed by Seymour Krieger, Atty.	GRANTED	5-2-55
BMPET-90 Recd. & filed Ext. #3	10-20-55 10-21-55	Mod. of CP (BPET-37, as mod., which auth. a new Non-Comm. ED. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 11-30-55 to 5-30-56. Filed by Seymour Krieger, Atty.	GRANTED	10-28-55
BMPET-106 Recd & Filed Ext. #4	4-5-56 4-9-56	Mod. of CP (BPET-37, as mod., which auth. a new Non-Comm. ED. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 5-30-56 to 11-30-56. Filed by Seymour Krieger, Atty.	GRANTED	5-3-56
BMPET-126 Recd. & Filed Ext. # 5	10-3-56 10-5-56	Mod. of C.P. (BPET-37, as mod., which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 11-30-56 to 5-30-57. Filed by Seymour Krieger, Atty.	GRANTED	11-2-56



Card # 3

FORM BC-121

AUG. 1955

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMM. EDUCATIONAL  
TV B/CCall  
Letters WTVS

DETROIT EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FOUNDATION

Name  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN (~~P.O. 12300 Radio Place, Detroit-28, Michigan (Letter 9-8-58)~~)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-155 Recd. & filed Ext. #6	3-22-57 3-25-57	Mod. of CP (BPET-37, as mod., which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV B/c Sta) to extend completion date from 5-30-57 to 8-30-57. Filed by Seymour Krieger, Atty.	GRANTED	5-7-57
BLT-18 Recd & Filed	7-19-57 7-23-57	Lic. to cover CP (BPET-37, as mod.) which authorized a new Non-Comm. Ed. TV b/c station. Filed by Seymour Krieger, Atty. (Contingent on grant of BMPET-167)	GRANTED	10-24-57
BMPET-167 Recd & Filed	8-22-57 8-28-57	Mod. of CP (BPET-37, as mod.) to change ERP from Vis. 219 kw., Aur. 120 kw. to Vis. 214.9 kw., Aur. 117.1 kw. and make minor equip. changes. (BLT-18 contingent on grant of this, Seymour Krieger, Atty. /application)	GRANTED	9-12-57
BRET-20 Recd & Filed	6-19-58 7-1-58	Renewal of License. Filed by Seymour Krieger, Atty.	GRANTED	9-24-58



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-Comm. EDUCATIONAL TV

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Letters W T V S

Name DETROIT EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FOUNDATION  
Detroit, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRET-20	6-21-61	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-28-61
Recd.&Filed	6-26-61	Norman E. Jorgensen, Atty.		
BPET- 187	3-9-64	Construction permit to change ERP from Vis.	GRANTED	4-1-66
R & F	3-12-64	178 kw, Aur. 100 kw TO Vis. 575 kw, Aur. 260 kw, Transmitter location from 9345 Lawton Avenue, Detroit, Michigan TO West Eleven Mile Road, between Franklin and Inkster Roads, Southfield, Michigan; Type of transmitters to RCA TTU-50B; Type of antenna to RCA TFU-30J; make changes in antenna structure and antenna height above average terrain to 986.7-feet; (& amended By-Laws submitted)		
AMENDED	SEE CARD #5	Norman E. Jorgensen-atty Lappas & Lindberg-engr. 141 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, Illinois	Subject to compliance with SECTION 73.640.	

F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON COMM. ED TV.

Call  
Letters W T V SName DETROIT EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FOUNDATION 48202  
Ch. 56 DETROIT, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRET-20 Rec. & filead	6-26-64 7-8-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Krieger & Jorgensen, Atty.	GRANTED	9-18-64
BPET-187 CONT'D FROM CARD 4 AMENDED Rec. & filed	10-20-65 11-12-65	Amended to change Aural ERP to 166 kw; make changes in antenna structure; make slight change in geographical coordiantes; reduce antenna height above average terrain to 964.8 ft. (additional HEW material).	GRANTED	4-1-66
BMLET-53 Recd. & Filed	1-7-66 1-13-66	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 100 kw to 35.6 kw; and request authority for remote control operation. Krieger & Jorgensen, Atty.	GRANTED	3-14-66
Norman E. Jorgensen, Atty.		Lt. dated 9-13-66 mailing address changed to 26945 West Eleven Mile Road, Southfield, Michigan 48075.		



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMM. ED. TV.

Call  
Letters W T V SName DETROIT EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FOUNDATION  
CH-56 Detroit, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-441 R & F	10-20-66 10-25-66	Mod. of CP(BPET-187, which authorized changes in existing station) to extend completion date from 12-1-66 to 4-1-67.	GRANTED	5-24-67
AMENDED R & F	3-3-67 3-7-67	Krieger & Jorgensen, Atty. (Norman E. Jorgensen) AMENDED to extend completion date to 6-18-67.		
BLET-174 R & F	6-13-67 6-15-67	LICENSE to cover CP (BPET-187, as mod.) which authorized changes in an existing station. Krieger & Jorgensen, Atty. also covers BPET-296.	GRANTED	9-28-67
BPET-296 R & F JUL 18 1967	7-3-67 7-5-67	Construction Permit to change ERP to Vis. 623 kw, Aur. 62.3 kw; studio location to 26945 W. 11 Mile Rd., Southfield, Michigan;	GRANTED	9-28-67
		Request Waiver of Section 73.613 of Comm's Rules. Krieger & Jorgensen, Atty. (Norman E. Jorgensen) Leonard D. Eden, Engr.		



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FORM BC-121

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NON-COMM.ED.TV

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters **W T V S**Name **DETROIT EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FOUNDATION**  
CH. 56 **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRET-20 R & F JUL 31 1967	7-11-67 7-17-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Krieger & Jorgensen, Atty.	GRANTED	9-15-67
BRET-20 R & F PRESS: FN REC'D:	6-12-70 7-6-70 JUL 9 1970 7-6-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Krieger & Jorgensen, Atty. (Robert A. Woods)	GRANTED	1-20-71
Engr. data filed 7-6-70 HEW application filed 10-23-70 Additional info re HEW appli. filed 11-5-70				
BRCETV-33 R & F PRESS:	7-5-72 7-11-72 JUL 27 1972	Req. auth. to oper. trans. by RC from 7441 Second Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan. Atty.: <u>Jorgensen</u> & Resnick Addit'l. Engr. data filed 10-31-72.  Licensee no longer represented by Schwartz & Woods ltr 4-2-73	GRANTED	11-20-72



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters W T V SName DETROIT EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FOUNDATION  
CH 56, Detroit, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRET-20 R & F PN recd. Press: <u>JUL 26 1973</u>	6-29-73 7-2-73 7-2-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Schwartz & Woods, R.A. Woods, atty.	GRANTED See over	6-30-76 for condition.
BRET-20 R&F PN RECD PRESS	5-26-76 6-1-76 6-1-76 14 JUL 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Robert A. Woods (Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED	✓ 9-15-76
BRET 790601K0 R & F PN REC'D PRESS	5-29-79 6-01-79 6-01-79 79 07 19	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: ROBERT A. WOODS (SCHWARTZ, WOODS & MILLER)		9-28-79



BRET-20 granted 6-30-76 - condition: This ~~is~~ grant is ~~subject~~ conditioned and without prejudice to, whatever action the Commission may deem appropriate as a result of the final determination of the employment discrimination complaint now pending before the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, Case No. 74-72368.

Order of Dismissal, and the Release executed by Kathleen Arnold Miller, in Case No. 74-72368 before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan filed 1-12-76 by Robert A. Woods - to Henry Baumann.



## APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

NON-COMM. TV

Call Letters: WTVS

Name: DETROIT EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FOUNDATION

CH-56

Station Location: DETROIT, MICHIGAN

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BPET-810112KE		CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 1850kW (M), Aur. 185kW (M); chg trans.: modified RCA TTU-50-C; chg. Ant. to RCA TFU-25G & HAAT: 959 ft.	Gr. 5-21-81 ✓



## 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 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.

