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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed _6-9-67_(OFF_#112)_

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Station location SCRANTON, PENNSYLVA.

STATION ID: SCRANTON-WILKES-BARRE,

PENNSYLVANIA (8-5-66)

Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton
(7-23-74)

Name of licensee NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION ASSOCIATION

Transmitter location PENOBSCOTT KNOB, 2.5 MILES SOUTH OF WILKES_BARRE, Pa.

Old Boston Rd., Approx. 5 mi. S. of Scranton, Jenkins Township, Pa. (BMLET-110 3-24-72)
x2300 ADAMS AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA (Letter dated & Eff: 1-5-68,fr.Atty.)
XPENOBSCOTT KNOB, 2.5 MILES SOUTH OF WILKES-BARRE, PA.

Main studio location 2300 ADAMS STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed

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Station location

Name of licensee NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION ASSOCIATION

Transmitter location See Card # 1

Main studio location _See Card # 1

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed ______ Call letters __WVIA-TV

Station location

Name of licensee NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION ASSOCIATION

Transmitter location SEE CARD #1...

Main studio location SEE CARD #1

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl.	Date			Time	Period
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Name of licensee SEECARD #1

Transmitter location

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters NEW- WVIA-IV

Name NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION ASSOCIATION

PO c/o Richard F. McNichols, President, 81-83 North Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

			Act	ion
File No.	Dated	- Application for	Nature	Date
BPET- 231 Rec. Filled	6-17-65 6-21-65	Construction permit for a new Non-Commercial Educational Television station: Channel 64,-770-776-mes. ERP: Vie396-kw(Her-z), Aur39.6kw-(Herz) Unlimited hours Transmitter location: Penobscott Knob, South of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania Studio location: 2300 Adams Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania STATION LOCATION: SCRANTON, PENNSYLV ANIA (G. E. type 34A) Dow, Lohnes & Albertson-attys. (Chas.McKerns) John Creutz-engr.	SUBJECTTO WITH SECT: OF RULES.	4-20-66 COMPLIANCE TON 73.640

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call WVIA-TV Letters -NEW-

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Call To-be Assigned-

Name NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION ASSOCIATION CH. #44 SCRANTON, PA.

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File No	Dated	Application for	Nature	On Date
BMPET- 4 R & F	Street, or other Designation of the last o	Mod. of CP (BPET-231, which auth. a new statio to change ERP from Vis. 407 kw, Aur. 40.7 kw To Vis. 999 kw, Aur. 100 kw; change type of transmitters to Townsend TA-55-AG; change studio location from 2300 Adams St., Scranton, Pa. TO Penobscott Knob, 2.5 miles south of Wilkes-Barre, Near Wilkes-Barre, Pa. REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 73.613(B) OF COMM.S. RULES. Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Atty.	GRANTED	7-28-66
BMPET-439 R & F	9-30-66	Mod. of CP(BPET-231, as mod., which auth. a new station) to increase ERP to Vis. 999 kw, Aur. Glookw. Request Waiver of Footnote 1, to Section 73.614(b) of Comm. Rules. Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Atty.	RANTED 2-	23-67 NEW CP

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NON-COMM. ED. TV

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BLET- 156 R & F 10-21-66 R & F 10-26-66 Application for License to cover CP (BPET-231, as mod.,) which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV Station. Charles J. Robertson, Atty. (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) AMENDED to cover facilities authorized in CRANTED BMFET-439. BRET-112 R & F PRESS PN Recd. Application for License to cover CP (BPET-231, as mod.,) which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV Station. CRANTED 8-9-0 BRANTED 8-9-0 CRANTED 7-24-0 CRANTED 7-24	te
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BRET-112 4-21-69 RENEWAL OF LICENSE Chas. J. Robertson, Atty. (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) PRESS MAY 15 1969	57
R&F 5-5-69 Chas. J. Robertson, Atty. (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) PRESS MAY 15 1369	
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Call Letters

Name SCRANTON, PA.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BPET-352 R & F PRESS	4-30-69 5-8-69 MAY 2 2 1969	Construction Permit to make changes in the antenna -structure and increase antenna heigh above average terrain to 1,238.5 feet. Chas. J. Robertson, Atty. (Dow, Lohnes, Albertson)		6-9-70
		AMENDED 5-20-69 re Engineering (submission of contour map).		
	DET O LES	AMENDED 9-30-69 to make changes in antenna structu e and chg. HAAT to 1219.8 ft. AMENDED 4-21-70 re financial		
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BMPET-698 R & F PRESS:	12-11-70 12-15-70	MP(BPET-352) to make chgs. in transmitting pequipment. Atty.: D. W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes)	GRANTED issued with	4-8-71 h BMPET-711
BMPET-711 R & F PRESS:	1-11-71 1-29-71 FEB 1 9 1971	A + 1071	GRANTED issued with	4-8-71 BMPET-698

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION ASSOCIATION CH-44 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

	File No.	Dated	Application for	<u>Act</u> Nature	Date
1	BMLET-110 R & F PRESS:	3-8-72	ML to chg. SL to Old Boston Rd., approx. 5 mi S. of Scranton, Jenkins Township, Pennsylvania Atty.: Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes)	GRANTED	3-24-72
	BRCETV-18 R & F PRESS:	4-19-72 4-21-72 APR 26 1972	Req. auth. to oper. trans.by RC from Old Boston Road, Jenkins Township, Pennsylvania. Atty.: Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes & Alberts	GRANTED son)	6-28-72
	BRET-112 R & F PN REC PRESS	4-19-72 5-1-72 5-1-72 MAY 8 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) AMENDED 5-11-72 in resp. to Comm. ltr. of 5-9-72 re Equal Employment (women).	GRANTED	8-9-72
	BMPET-767 R & F PRESS:	111-9-72	MP(BPET-352 as mod.) to extend completion GR. late to 5-9-73. Atty.: Richard D. Marks (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	ANTED	12-29-72
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Name NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION ASSOCIATION CH-44 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

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	4-13-73 PR 3 0 1973	MP(BPET-352) to chg. ERP to Vis. 1200kW; Aur. 120kW; TL to Penobscot Knot, 2.5 mi. S of Wilke Barre, Fairview Twp; Pa. (41-10-55 75-52-17); SL to Old Boston Rd., Pittston, Pa; type ant. t RCA TFU-36J; make chgs. in ant. structure; and HAAT: 1674 feet. Atty: Richard D. Marks(Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	0	7-24-73
BMPET-791 R & F PRESS:	6-20-73 6-21-73	MP(BPET-353) to extend completion date to December 29,1973. Atty: Richard D. Marks (Dow, Lohnes &	per	7-24-73
BMPET-810 R & F PRESS:	12-27-73	MP(BPET-352 as mod.) to extend completion date to April 30, 1974 Atty: Daniel Toohey (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	RANTED	2-11-74
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STATEMENT OF ASSOCATION OF MAXIMUM SERVICE TELECASTERS, IN C filed 5-30-73 by Jonathan D. Blake.

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Name NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION ASSOCIATION CH-44 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date Date
Letter rec'd. PRESS:	6-11-74	Request Waiver of Section 73.1201(a)(2) of the Rules to identify Station as Scranton- Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton, Pennsylvania.	GRANTED	7-23-74
		Atty.: Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes & Albert	son)	
BLET-375	7-29-74 8-5-74	License to cover (BPET-352, as mod.) for changes.	GRANTED	<u>[5-23-75</u>
no fee requi PRESS:	PR 1 0 1975	Atty: Richard D. Marks (Dow, Lohnes & Albertso	on)	
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		P.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.		

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	BPET- 581 R&F PRESS	5- 18- 77 5- 31- 77 JUL 1 1977	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 2000kW, Aur. 200kW; and type trans. to Ampex TA-100BT. Atty.: Patrict Connolly (Dow, Lohnes & Alberta	GRANTE	D 11-14-77
	BRET-112 E&F PN RECD PRESS	3-27-78 3-28-78 3-28=78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Daniel W. Toohey	GRANTE	7-12-78
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			Canadian consent extended to 6-1-77 Canadi	ian Conse	ent to 6-1-79

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Call Letters WVIA-TV

Name CH-44 NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION ASSOCIATION CH-44 Scranton, Pennsylvania

File No. BLET-7901291 R&F PRESS	Dated 0 1-29-79	Application for Lic to cover CP(BPET-581) to chg. erp; and type trans. Daniel W. Toohey, atty. (DOW, LOHNES & ALBERTSON)	Natur	e Date
	3-27-81 3-31-81 3-31-81	RENEWAL OF LICENSE {DOW, LOHNES AND ALBERTSON} ATTY: TODD D. GRAY	GRANTED	7-7-87-81
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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 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.

