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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 6-30-67 (OFF. NO. 628)

Call letters WJET-TV

Station location ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

Name of licensee THE "JET" BROADCASTING CO., INC.

8700 Waterford Pike Road R.D. 4, near Erie, Pa. (BLCT-1574 6-30-67)  
\* PERRY HIGHWAY (U.S. 19), 3.75 miles South of Erie, Pennsylvania (EMPCT-6150, 10-4-65)  
Transmitter location \* PERRY HIGHWAY NEAR DORAN ROAD, 4 miles SOUTH OF ERIE, NEAR ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

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Main studio location \* 1635 ASH STREET, ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPCT-3324	5-26-65	CH. 24	V-331 kw	U	7-26-65
AH: 740' MSL: 1910.6'		530-536	A-178 kw		1-26-66
<u>Construction Permit for a New Comm. TV B/C Station: - - - -</u>					
BPCT-6150	10-4-65	CH. 24	V-295kw (DA)	U	7-26-65
AH: 740' MSL: 1910'		530-536	A-30.2kw (DA)		4-4-66
<u>Mod. of CP (BPCT-3324) to chg ERP; chg trans. &amp; studio location</u>					
<u>chg type of trans. &amp; chgs in antenna structure &amp; ant. height</u>					
WIRE	4-1-66	RE TENDERED LICENSE APPL., AUTH. GRANT.			
WJET-TV TEMP. PERIOD END 4-30-66 ACCORD. CONSTRUCTION PERMIT BPCT-6150. SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT ADDITIONAL FIELD INTENSITY MEASUREMENTS SHALL BE MADE ON THE 71° RADIAL OF THE NIGHT PATTERN OF STATION WJYN TO ESTABLISH THE INVERSE DISTANCE FIELD IN THAT DIRECTION & IN ADDITION THERE SHALL BE SUBMITTED A COMPLETE SET OF MONITOR POINT FIELD INTENSITY MEASUREMENTS FOR THE DAY AND NIGHT PATTERNS OF STN. WJYN TOGETHER WITH A TABULATION OF ALL PERTINENT METER INDICATIONS FOR EACH MODE OF OPER. WITHIN THIS PERIOD.					
WIRE	4-26-66	ABOVE STA EXTENDED TO 5-30--66 SUBJECT TO SAME CONDITION			
WIRE	5-31-66	RE TENDERED LIC. APPL. AUTH. GR. OPERATE WJET-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SECTION 73.629 RULES & CP BPCT-6150.			
BLCT-1574	6-30-67	CH. 24	V 295 <sub>DA</sub>	U	6-30-67
AH: 740 MSL: 1910		530-536	A 30.2 <sub>Da</sub>		8-1-69
Lic. to cover CP (BPCT-3324, as mod)					
WIRE	4-26-68	PEND. REPAIRS EXTEN. AUTH. GR. OPERATE WJET-TV TEMP. PERIOD END. 5-30-68 WITH REDUCED AURAL POWER. ADVISE WHEN NORMAL OPERATION RESUMED.			
WIRE	8-9-68	PEND. RECEIPT WRITTEN REQUEST ACCORD. SEC. 1.542 RULES AUTH. GR. OPER. WJET-TV TEMP. PERIOD END. 9-9-68 AT REDUCED AURAL POWER. ADVISE WHEN NORMAL OPER. RESUMED.			
WIRE	11--29-68	EXT. AUTH. GR. OPER. WJET-TV TEMP. PER. ND. 2-1-69 WITH EXP. AURAL AMPLIFIER PURPOSE INVESTIGATE POS			

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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WJET-TV

Station location Erie, Pa.

Name of licensee The Jet Broadcasting Co., Inc.

Transmitter location See Card #1

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
WIRE PERIOD END.	11-29-68 2-1-69	EXT. AUTH. GR. OPER. WJET-TV TEMP. WITH EXP. AURAL AMPLIFIER PURPOSE			
INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY MORE EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL AURAL OPER. FINALIZED MOD. WILL REQUIRE FILING OF FORM 301 AND COMPLIANCE WITH SEC. 73640 OF THE RULES.					
WIRE 4-1-69	2-3-69	EXT. OF ABOVE AUTH. FOR PERIOD END.			
WIRE 4-1-69	2-4-69	EXT. OF ABOVE AUTH. FOR PERIOD END.			
WIRE 5-1-69	4-3-69	EXT. OF ABOVE AUTH. FOR PERIOD END.			
WIRE 7-1-69	5-1-69	EXT. OF ABOVE AUTH. FOR PERIOD END.			
WIRE 7-1-69	5-21-69	EXT. OF ABOVE AUTH. FOR PERIOD END.			
WIRE AUTH. GR. OPER. TEMP. POWER AND WITH EXPERIMENTAL AURAL AMPLIFIER FOR PURPOSE INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY OF MORE EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL OPERATION.	7-11-69	PEND. COMM. ACTION ON BPCT-4255 EXT. PER. ENDING 7-31-69 AT REDUCED AURAL			
BPCT-4255 AH: 740' MSL: 1910'	7-15-69	CH. 24 V-295 kw DA U 530-536A-30.2 kw DA			9-15-69 3-15-70
CP to make changes in transmitting equipment.					
BRCT-628	7-24-69	(S) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-72
WIRE OPER. ON PTA SEC. 73.629 RULES AND CP BPCT-4255.	8-20-69	RETENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR.			
BLCT-1903	7-29-71	Lic. (BPCT-4255) chg.			8-1-72
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRCT-628	7-31-72	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-75
BPCT-4570 AH: 740'	2-12-73	Ch. 24 V-295kw DA U MSL: 1910' 530-536 A-30.2kw DA			4-12-73 8-12-74
CP to make chgs in transmitting equip.					
Wire	5-31-73	Pending filing lic. applic. auth. gtd oper. temp. per. ending 7-31-73 accord constr. permit BPCT-4570			

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COMM TV B/C

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WJET-TV.

Station location Erie, Pa.

Name of licensee The Jet Broadcasting Co., Inc.

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.
BMPCT-7478	7-16-73.	Ch. 24 V. 7989 kw	530-536 A. 58.9 kw	TV	4-12-73 7-12-74
AH: 740' MSL: 1910' MP(BPCT-4570) to chg. ERP & Vis. Transmitter					
Wire	8-2-73	Pending filing lic. application, extend auth. gtd oper. temp. per. ending 9-30-73 accordance construction permit BPCT-4570			
Wire	10-2-73	Pending filing lic. applic. auth. gtd. oper. temp per. ending 11-3-73 accord construc. permit BPCT-4570 as modified by BMPCT-7478			
Wire	11-2-73	Pending filing lic. applic. extend. auth. gtd. oper temp. per. ending 12-3-73 accord cp BPCT-4570, as modified by BMPCT-7478			
WIRE	12-4-73	Pending filing License application, extension authority granted operate WJET-TV temporarily period ending December 18, 1973 accordance construction permit BPCT-4570, as modified by BMPCT-7478.			
WIRE	1-18-74	Pending Commission Action on License Application, authority granted operate WJET-TV temporarily period ending February 20, 1974 accordance construction permit BPCT-4570, as modified by BMPCT-7478.			
WIRE	3-8-74	Re Tendered License application, authority granted operate WJET-TV on program test accordance section 73.629 rules and construction permit BPCT-4750, as modified by BMPCT-7478.			
BLCT-2283	4-30-74	Lic. (BPCT-4570, as mod) for chgs.			8-1-75
BLCT-2283	4-30-74	Lic (BPCT-4570, as mod) for chgs.			8-1-75
Supersede auth. of same date to correct aural trans. & delete condition.					
BPCT-4788	11-25-74	CH. 24 V. 661 kW DA	530-536 A. 66.1 kW DA		1-25-75 5-25-76
AH: 740 MSL: 1910' CP to chg ERP and trans. equipment.					

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COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WJET-TV

Station location .....

Name of licensee THE JET BROADCASTING CO., INC.

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
WIRE oper. WJET-TV Advise when oper. commences under this auth.	12-11-74	Pend. fil. lic. appl., temp. per. end. 2-11-75			auth. grtd. CP BPCT-4788
WIRE oper WJET-TV	2-25-75	Pend. fil. lic. appl., temp. per. end. 4-11-75			est. auth. grtd accord. CP BPCT-4788.
WIRE oper WJET-TV	4-25-75	Pend. fil. lic. appl., temp. per. end. 5-27-75			ext. auth. grt accord. CP BPCT-4788.
Wire	6-18-75	Above auth. extended to			7-11-75.
WIRE	8-1-75	Above auth. extended to 8-25-75.			
WIRE oper WJET-TV on program test and CP BPCT-4788.	8-21-75	Re tendered lic. appl., accord. Sect. 73.629 rules auth. grtd.			
BRCT-628 BLCT-2427 AH: 740' MSL: 1910' Renewal of license and Lic(BPCT-4788) for chgs.	9-15-75	Ch. 24 530-536	V. 661 kW DA A. 66.1 kW		8-1-78
WIRE Aural Trans. at reduced power Auth. also grtd Temp. reduction of visual power as nec. to permit modification. Expires 12-6-76.	10-8-76	Auth. ext. temp. oper. of B/C TV pending mod. of Tube cavity.			
WIRE	10-13-76	above extended to 12-6-76.			
WIRE	2-9-77	Above extended to 4-6-77			
WIRE aural trans. at reduced pwr. pend. modification of tube cavity. Auth. also grtd. temp. reduction of visual pwr. as necessary to permit modification. This auth. expires 9-2-77.	7-12-77	Auth. ext. temp. oper. of WJET-TV pend. modification of tube cavity.			
WIRE	9-7-77	Above auth. ext. to 10-28-77.			
BPCT-4984 AH: 740' MSL: 1910' CP for chgs. in transmitting	4-28-77	Ch-24 530-536	V-661kW(DA) Unl. A-66.1kW		6-28-77 10-28-77

## BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed .....

Call Letters **WJET-TV** .....Station Location **ERIE, PA** .....Name **THE JET BROADCASTING CO., INC.** .....

Transmitter Location .....

Main studio location .....

## Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BMPCT-781006KI (1)	3-22-79	MP (BPCT-4984) to extend completion date to	9-22-79
BMPCT-790411KG AH:950' MSL:2125 MP (BPCT-4984 as mod.) to chg. ERP, trans., ant. structure, HAAT,	8-2-79 ERP:V-1	Ch-24, 530-536MHz Unl. 50kW(DA), A-115kW(DA)	6-28-77 2-2-80
BMPCT-800128KG {1}	7-22-80	MP (BPCT-4984) to extend completion date to	1-22-81
BMPCT-810119KE {2}	4-7-81	MP {BPCT-4984} TO EXTEND COMPLETION DATE TO:	10-7-81

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FORM BC-121  
Aug. 1955

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters NEW WJET-TV

Name THE JET BROADCASTING CO., INC.  
PO c/o Myron Jones, President, 1635 Ash Street, Erie, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT- 3324 R & F	4-24-64	Construction permit for a new Commercial Television broadcast station: Channel #24, 530-536 mcs. ERP: Vis. 329 kw, Aur. 175 kw Unlimited hours Transmitter location: Perry Highway near Doran Road, Erie, Pennsylvania Studio location: <del>To be Determined</del> , Erie, Penna. STATION LOCATION: ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA (RCA TTU-12A) AH: 742 feet John H. Midlen-atty John H. Mullaney & Associates-engr.	GRANTED	5-26-65
	4-24-64			
Amended R & F	10-7-64 10-7-64	Amended to specify main studio location as 1635 Ash Street, Erie, Pennsylvania (and financial data)		

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV

Call  
Letters WJET-TVName THE JET BROADCASTING CO., INC.  
CH. 24 ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-6150 Recd. & Filed	8-6-65	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3324, which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) to change ERP from Vis. 331 kw, Aur. 178 kw TO Vis. 201 kw (RMS), Aur. 21 kw (RMS); change Transmitter and Studio location to Perry Highway (U.S. 19), 3.75 miles South of Erie City Limits, Erie, Pa.; and change type of transmitter to RCA TTU-25B and change in antenna structure and antenna height above average terrain to 744 feet. REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.613 OF COMM'S. RULES Midlen & Harrison, Atty. Raymond E. Rohrer & Assoc. (Engr.)	GRANTED	10-4-65
	8-9-65		CONDITION: Construction shall not affect oper. of WYIN (AM) & skeleton proof performance shall be made before & after construction to est. that TV tower has been detuned	
BLCT-1574 Recd. FILED	3-23-66 3-25-66 3-28-66	License to cover CP (BPCT-3324, as mod.) which authorized a new Commercial TV Broadcast Station. Leo I. George, Atty. (Midlen & Harrison)	GRANTED	6-30-67

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Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV

Call  
Letters WJET-TV

Name THE JET BROADCASTING CO., INC.  
CH. 24 ERIE, PA.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-628 R & F \$100 #511933 PRESS PN Recd.	4-30-69 5-5-69 " MAY 20 1969	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Midlen & Reddy, Atty	GRANTED	7-24-69
BPCT-4255 R & F \$30 #525030 PRESS	6-20-69 6-27-69 " JUL 3 1969	CP to make changes in transmitting equipment. ED. B. Reddy, Atty. (Midlen & Reddy)	GRANTED	7-15-69
BLCT-1903 R & F \$30 #530763 PRESS ENGR. DATA file 5-8-70	7-18-69 7-23-69 " AUG 25 1969	LICENSE (BPCT-4255) for changes. Ed. B. Reddy, Atty.	GRANTED	7-29-71

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV

Call Letters WJET-TV

Name THE JET BROADCASTING CO., INC.  
CH-24 ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-628 R & F PN REC PRESS	5-3-72 5-3-72 5-3-72 MAY 30 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE  Amended 5-26-72 re Fig. 3A to Exh. 3 (Listings of Members of General Public.	GRANTED	7-31-72
BPCT-4570 R & F #133684 \$50 AC: 062 PRESS:	11-30-72 12-4-72 12-4-72 JAN 30 1973	CP to make chgs. in transmitting equipment. Atty.: Midlen & Reddy	GRANTED See over	12-12-73 for condition.
BPCT-7478 R&F #190106 \$50 AC: 062 PRESS:	5-11-73 5-22-73 5-22-73 JUN 19 1973	MP(BPCT-4570) to chg. ERP Vis. 401KW(H) RMS, Aud. 40.6KW(F) RMS, I and change Visual trans. O. E. TP8-PA. Atty: John H. Midlen	GRANTED	8-16-73  Lic

BPCT-4570 - condition

The visual exciter/amplifier combination specified herein has not been type accepted. Accordingly, acceptable data shall be submitted with the license application for type acceptance in accordance with the requirements of Section 73.640 of the Commission's Rules.



APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters WJET-TV

Name THE JET BROADCASTING CO., INC.  
CH-24 Erie, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-2283 R & F #261659 \$50. AC: 058 PRESS:	12-14-73 12-18-73	License to cover (BPCT-4570, as mod.) for chgs. Atty: Dennis F. Begley (Midlen & Reddy)	GRANTED	4-30-74
BPCT-4788 R & F #341455 \$50 AC: 058 PRESS:	APR 9 1974 8-30-74 9-3-74 9-3-74 OCT 9 1974	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 652kW(H), Aur. 65.2kW(H) and make chgs. in transmitting equipment.  Atty.: Dennis F. Begley (Midlen & Reddy) AMENDED 10-16-74 to submit clear copy of Exhibit E-2 (map of area served).	GRANTED	11-25-74 <i>PRCT</i>

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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September 1969

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Call  
Letters ..... WJET-TVName THE JET BROADCASTING CO., INC.  
CH-24 Erie, Penns

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-628 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	3-31-75 4-1-75 4-1-75 24 APR 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Annual Report Filed ✓ Atty: Edward B. Reddy (Midlen & Reddy) Amended 7-22-75 re Section II.	GRANTED Issued with	9-15-75 BLCT-2427
BLCT-2427 R & F #460018 \$100 AC: 001 PRESS:	7-30-75 8-6-75 8-6-75 10 SEP 1975	License to cover (BPCT-4788) for changes. Atty: Dennis F. Begley (Midlen & Reddy)	GRANTED Issued with	9-15-75 Renewal
BPCT-4984 R&F 646003\$100 PN RECD AC: 001 PRESS	12-2-76 12-10-76 12-10-76 27 DEC 1976	CP to make chgs. in transmitting equipment. Atty.: Dennis F. Begley (Midlen & Reddy)  Canadian Consent to 12-1-78 F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D.C.	GRANTED	4-28-77

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May 1978

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters WJET-TV

THE JET BROADCASTING CO., INC.

Name THE JET BROADCASTING CO., INC.  
Ch-24 ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-628 R&F FN RECD PRESS	3-8-78 3-31-78 3-31-78 APR 3 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: None		
BMPCT- 781006KI  R&F PRESS	10-2-78  10-6-78 79 02 13	MP(BPCT-4984) to extend completion date to  ATTY. DENNIS F. BEGLEY	GRANTED	3-22-79
BMPCT- 790411KG R&F PRESS	4-9-79 4-11-79 79 05 18	MP(BPCT-4984 as mod.) to chg. ERP to 2090kW(M), Aur. 209kW(M); chg. type trans. to Vis. Townsend TA-55, Aur. GE TT-59-A; type Ant. to RCA TFU-25G; make chgs. in Ant. structure (inc. hght.); and HAAT 960 ft. Dennis F. Begley, Atty. (MIDLEN & REDDY)	GRANTED	8-2-79 Conditions on reverse.

BMPCT-790411KG grtd. 8-2-79 - conditions:

The visual transmitter has not been type accepted. Before program test authority is granted, the transmitter must be type accepted in accordance with Section 73.640 of the Commission's Rules.

Authority to operate with visual effective radiated power in excess of 1000 kilowatts may be terminated by the Commission after June 1, 1981 in the event that Canada refuses to consent to further extension.

## APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WJET-TV

Name: THE JET BROADCASTING CO., INC.  
Ch. - 24

Station Location: ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMPCT-800128KG R&F	1-23-80 1-28-80	MP(BPCT-4984, as mod.) to extend completion date.	GRANTED 7-22-80
BMPCT-810119KE		Mp (BPCT-4984, as mod.) to extend completion date.	GRANTED 4-7-81
BRCT-810331K0 R & F PN REC'D	3-27-81 3-31-81 3-31-81	RENEWAL OF LICENSE-SUPPLEMENTAL ATTY: EDWARD B. REDDY {MIDLEN AND REDDY}	

## 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.

