

WSFP-TV

CARD NO. 1
BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

CH 30

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Call Letters WSFP-TV

Station Location FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

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STATE OF FLORIDA ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH FLORIDA

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Transmitter Location STATE RD. 31; 1.9 MILES S. OF TUCKERS CORNER

Main studio location 4202 FOWLER AVE., TAMPA, FLORIDA

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPET-604 AH: 970' HSB: 1023' CP FOR NEW NON-COMMERCIAL ED TV; UNL.	6-16-80	CH-30; V. 525KM; A. 105 KM; 566-572;	3-16-82
BPET-604	1-12-81	CALL LETTERS & EBSA	

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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FORT MYERS, FLORIDA (PO c/o Dr. William G. Mitchell, 4202 Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL

CH-30

Action

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BPET-604 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	2-21-78 2-23-78 APR 26 1978	CP for New Educ. TV on: Freq.: Ch-30, 566-572 MHz ERP: Vis. 644kW , Aur. 422kW HAAT: 968.3 ft. Hrs. of Oper.: Proposed Satellite of WUSF-TV, Ch-16, Tampa, Florida TL: 75 mi. SE of Lough Acres, Fla. (26-35-35.5 81-37-53) SL: 4202 Fowler Ave., Tampa, Fla. Trans.: RCA TTU-30C Ant.: RCA TFU-30J (BT) Atty.: Stanley S. Neustadt (Cohn and Marks) Engr.: Applicant AMENDED 5-13-80 re engineering.	GRANTED	9-16-80
	JUL 6 1978			
AMENDED R & F	5-2-80 5-8-80	RE chg. ERP to Vis. 637kW, Aur. 127kW; TL: 1.9 mi. S. of Tuckers corner on State Rd. #31, Ft. Myers, FL (26-49-48 81-45-44); type trans. to RCA TTU-30D; and HAAT 965.7 ft. MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION.		

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.

