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June 1954

NON COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

OFFICIAL NUMBER: 513

Date first licensed 9-1-71

Call letters K T R U

Station location Houston, Texas

Name of licensee William Marsh Rice University

Transmitter location 6100 Main Street, Richardson Dormitory, Rice University, Houston, Texas
(PED-2-9-71)

Main studio location 6100 Main St., Rice Memorial Center, Houston, Texas (LH 9-1-71)
x Same as Transmitter

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPED-1,201 HAAT: --')	2-9-71	91.7mc Ch#219 CP For New EDUC Station.	ERP: -- TPO: 10watts		4-9 2-9-72
BPED-1,201(1)	5-17-71	Call letters assigned.			
BLED-887(L) HAAT: --	9-1-71	91.7 LIC.(BPED-1201, as mod.) for New FM ED Station CHG. antenna.	ERP: -- TPO: 10w	RC	8-1-74
EBSA	5-15-72				
BPED-1599 HAAT: 155'	6-25-73	91.7mhz. #219 CP install new trans., chg. TPO, ERP, HAAT.	ERP: 340w Class E	(RC)	6-25-74
BLED-1230(L)	5-31-74	Lic.(BPED-1599)-Changes			8-1-74
BRED-513	7-31-74	(S) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-77
BPED-2512 HAAT: 155' (L)	6-23-77	91.7mhz #219 CP chg TL (same site); mke chg transmission line	ERP: 0.34kw (RC)	U	6-23-78
BRED-513	10-20-77	(S) REN. OF LICENSE			8-1-80
BLED-1793 (L)	7-30-79	Lic. (BPED-2512) for chgs.			8-1-80
BPED800225AB HAAT: 160'(H&V) (L)	8-4-80	91.7mhz CP to incre. ERP, HAAT & mke chgs in antenna system.	ERP:650watts	(H&V)	8-4-81
BRED800331VX (S)	7-18-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-83
BLED-801112AA HAAT: 165'(H&V) (L)	3-5-81	91.7mHz License to cover (BPED-800225AB) for changes.	ERP:0.65kW(H&V)		8-1-83

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters: K T R U

NEW-EDUC-FM

Name: William Marsh Rice University
Houston, Texas(PO 6100 Main St., P. O. Box 1892, Houston, Texas 77001)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPED-1,201	12-8-70	CP for New Educ. FM on: 91.7mc. #219	GRANTED	2-9-71
R & F	12-11-70	TPO: 10 Watts.		
NO FEE REQUIRED		Trans: GATES-BFE-10C; Ant:GATES-FM-22, 2 sect.		
PRESS: DEC 2 8 1970		TL: Richardson Dormitory, 6100 Main Street, (Rice Univ.,) Houston, Texas.		
PN REC'd:	1-13-71	29° 42' 55" - 95° 23' 56"		
		SL & RC: Rice Memorial Center, 6100 Main St., (Rice Unvi.) Houston, Texas.		
		Atty---		
		Engr---		
AMENDED	12-15-70	Top. Maps which was omitted.		
AMENDED	4-9-71	Section VI.		

Publication notice mailed 12-17-70.

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91.7mhz.

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters K T R U

Name WILLIAM MARSH RICE UNIVERSITY
Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLED-887 R & F PTA Amended PRESS	3-30-71 3-31-71 5-17-71 4-9-71 AUG 26 1971	License (BPED-1.201,as mod.) for New FM Educational Broadcast Station. Section VI.	GRANTED	9-1-71
BPED-1,599 Rec'd PRESS: MAR 27 1973 Resub. Filed Press APR 12 1973	3-5-73 3-8-73 3-30-73 3-30-73	CP to install new trans. (Gates FM-250B); chg. TPO; ERP: .344KW and HAAT: 155.258'.	RETURNED---3-23-73-- Sect.-I-not-property-- signed:- GRANTED	6-25-73
BLED-1230 Rec'd. Resub. Filed PTA PRESS	3-9-74 3-18-74 3-23-74 3-29-74 4-10-74 MAY 8 1974	Lic. cover CP (BPED-1599) for changes.	RETURNED 3-19-74 ~~improperly dated & signed~~ GRANTED	5-31-74

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91.7 mhz.

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters K T R U

Name WILLIAM MARSH RICE UNIVERSITY
HOUSTON, TEXAS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRED-513 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-25-74 4-29-74 " JUN 5 1974	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-31-74
BRED-513 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-23-77 3-25-77 " MAY 2 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	10-20-77
BPED-2512 R & F PRESS	5-23-77 5-25-77 JUN 15 1977	CP chg TL {same site}; mke chgs in transmission line Atty--- Engr---	GRANTED	6-23-77

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May 1976

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91.7MHz

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters K T R U

Name WILLIAM MARSH RICE UNIVERSITY
Houston, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLED-1793 R & F PTA: PRESS:	1-5-78 1-9-78 1-19-78 SEP 18 1978	License to cover (BPED-2512) for changes. No atty.	Gr.	7-30-79
BPED-800225AB (O) PRESS:	APR 18 1980	Construction permit to incr ERP: .65KW; HAAT: 159'and make changes in antenna system	GRANTED	8-4-80
BRED800331VX PRESS	APR 24 1980	Renewal of License	GRANTED	7-18-80

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: KTRU

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Name: WILLIAM MARSH RICE UNIVERSITY

Station Location: HOUSTON, TEXAS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BLED-801112AA PTA PRESS	NOV 20 1980	License to cover (BPED-800225AB) for changes. Atty: ----	GRANTED 3-5-81

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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 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.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) 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 radio station history.