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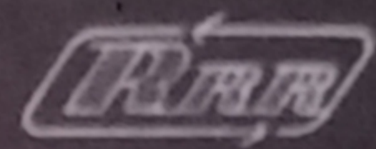

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Form BC 126 PROG. TEST AUTH 3-16-59 Began 3-23-59 NON COMM. EDUCATIONAL TV
June 1954

AUTH. SUSPENDED OPERATION 11-1-62 !!! RESUMED OPER. 1-18-63

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 6-1-59 (Official No. 36) Call letters WQED

Station location PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Name of licensee METROPOLITAN PITTSBURGH PUBLIC BROADCASTING, INC. (BPET-398 5-5-71)
X METROPOLITAN PITTSBURGH EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION. (BPLET-10 1-2-64)
XMETROPOLITAN PITTSBURGH EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION STATION

Transmitter location 2850 Berthoud St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Main studio location 4802 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
X4337 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Inc.	Period From	Period To
BPET-80	11-12-58	Ch.16	V-138 kw	U	1-12-59	
AH: 710ft.		482-488	A-69.2 kw		7-12-59	
CP for a new Non-Comm. ED TV B/C Station.						
WIRE	3-19-59 RE LIC. APPL. BLET-42, AUTH. CH. OPR. W EX ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SECTION 3.529 RULES & CP BPET-80 SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 3.640 OF RULES. ADVISE LTR. 5-29-59 from Atty Panzer 5-28-59 rec. 5-29-59; re: OPT AIR SUMMER RECESS begin 5-30-59 through 9-11-59					
BLET-42	6-1-59	Ch. 16	V-138kw	U	-1-59	
AH:710'		482-488	A-69.2kw(MSL:1765')		-1-60	
Mo. to cover CP(BPET-80)Auth. a new Non-Comm. TV B/C static						
ACTION ON RENEWAL DEFERRED 7-27-60						
BPET-36	9-7-60	same	same	same	9-7-60	
RENEWAL OF LICENSE--NON-COMM.ED B/C STATION					8-1-63	
LETTER 11-1-61 AUTHORIZED SUSPENDED OPERATION WQEX CH#16 TO FALL OF 1962: ADVISE PRIOR TO RESUMPTION REG. PROGRAMING						
LETTER 8-8-62 AUTHORIZED SUSPENDED OPERATION FOR PERIOD ENDING 2-1-63. ADVISE RESUMPTION						
WIRE	11-8-62	NO OBJECTION TO OPERATION WQEX-TV WITH TEST PATTERN AS PROPOSED. ADVISE WHEN REGULAR OPERATION COMMENCES.				
APPLICANT WIRE 1-16-63 WQEX CH.16 WILL RESUME REGULAR PROGRAMING FRIDAY JANUARY 18, 1963						
BRET-36	7-31-63	same	same	same	8-1-63	
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					8-1-66	
BLET-10	1-2-64	Ch. 16	V-138 kw			1-2-64
Mod. of License to change name to Metropolitan Pittsburgh Educational Television.		482-488	A-69.2 kw	AH:710' MSL:1765'		8-1-66
BRET-36	7-29-66	same	same	same		8-1-66
RENEWAL OF LICENSE						8-1-69
BRET-36	7-24-69	(S) RENEWAL OF LICENSE				8-1-72
BPET-398	5-5-71	Ch. 16	V. 174 kw	U		7-5-71
AH: 700'MSL:1765'		482-488	A. 32.4			11-5-72
CP chg. ant. HAAT & SL & CHG. NAME						
BMPET-733	1-28-72	Ch. 16	V. 170 kw	U		7-5-71
AH:700'MSL: 1765'		482-488	A. 33.9			11-5-72
MP (BPET-398) chg.		ERP				

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June 1954

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters WQEX

Station location PITTSBURGH, PENNA.

Name of licensee METROPOLITAN PITTSBURGH PUBLIC BROADCASTING, INC.

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
EBSA	5-15-72				
Wire of WQED & WQEX per.	5-23-72	Auth. grtd.simultly.b/cst.station id. 6-5-72 thru 6-11-73.			
BMPET-762 (1)	11-29-72	MP(BPET-398 as mod.) to extend completion date to			5-29-73
BRET-36	12-22-72	Renewal of License (L)			8-1-75
BPET-458	7-10-73	CP to replace expired CP(BPET-398 as mod.)for mhrs.			9-10-73 1-10-74
Wire oper. Main Trans. & Ant.	7-6-73	Re tendered lic. appl., auth. grtd. PTA accord. 73.629 & BMPET-735.			
BLET-336 AH: 700' MSL:1765' Lic. (BPET-398 as mod) for changes.	7-30-73	Ch. 16 482-488	V.170 kw A.33.9 kw	U	8-1-75
BRET-36	5-25-76	Renewal of license (S)			8-1-78
BRET-36	7-12-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-82

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AUG. 1955

Call Letters NEW WQEX

Name METROPOLITAN PITTSBURGH EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION STATION
(P. O. 4337 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh 13, Penna.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPET-80 Recd Resubmitted Filed	9-9-58 10-15-58 10-23-58 10-24-58	CP for a new Non-Comm Educa TV B/C Station Freq: CH # 16, 482-488 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 180 kw; Aur. 90 kw. Hours of Operation: Unlimited S-L: 4337 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. T-L: 2850 Berthoud Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Station Location: Pittsburgh, Pa. (Vis & Aur. GE TT-25-A) 706 Filed by Irving R. M. Panzer, Atty.	~~Ret. to Atty 10-17-59 date~~ ~~70 & 70 after Sec. 1~~ GRANTED	11-12-58
BLET-42 Recd & filed	3-16-59 3-17-59	License to cover CP (BPET-80) which auth a new Non Comm Educational TV b/c station Filed by Irving R. M. Panzer, Atty.	GRANTED	6-1-59
BRET-36 Recd.&Filed	5-3-60 5-5-60	RENEWAL OF LICIENSE Filed by Henry G. Fischer, Atty.	GRANTED	9-7-60
BRET-36 Recd.&Filed	4-29-63 4-30-63	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Henry G. Fischer, Atty.	GRANTED	7-31-63

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FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WQEX

Name METROPOLITAN PITTSBURGH EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION (1-2-64)
~~METROPOLITAN PITTSBURGH EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION STATION~~

CH. 16 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMLET-10 R & F	12-9-63 12-10-63	Modification of license to change name of licensee from Metropolitan Pittsburgh Educational Television Station TO Metropolitan Pittsburgh Educational Television.	GRANTED	1-2-64
BRET-36 R & F	4-30-66 5-2-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Fischer & Willis, Atty	GRANTED	7-29-66
BRET-36 R & F PRESS PN Recd.	3-24-69 3-25-69 APR 8 1969	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-24-69

Covington & Burling now represents W Q E X

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NON COMM TV

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WQEX

Name METROPOLITAN PITTSBURGH PUBLIC BROADCASTING, INC.
X METROPOLITAN PITTSBURGH EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION
Ch. 16 Pittsburgh, Pa.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPET-398 Rec'd & filed PRESS	11-1-70 11-2-70 DEC 1 1970	Construction permit to chg. ERP to Vis. ~~280-kw~~, Aur. ~~140-kw~~; type of transmitter to GE TT25A; type of antenna to ~~RCA TF4300~~; make changes in antenna structure; and HAAT to ~~988.6~~-ft. Henry Goldberg (Covington & Burling)	GRANTED	5-3-71
HEW application filed 11-2-70				
AMENDMENT R & F PRESS:	12-15-70 12-15-70 DEC 21 1970	Re other business interests; chg. name of Applicant to Metropolitan Pittsburgh Public Broadcasting, Inc.; ERP to Vis. 160kw(H), Aur. 32kw(H); type ant. to RCA TFU-30J; and delete request to chg. HAAT (HAAT remains 710 ft.). Amended 1-21-71 re financial & engr. data.		
BMLET-106 R & F PRESS:	7-26-71 7-29-71 AUG 13 1971	ML to chg. name to Metropolitan Pittsburgh Public Broadcasting, Inc. Atty.: Robert H. Loeffler (Covington & Burling)	GRANTED	8-16-71

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WQEX

Name METROPOLITAN PITTSBURGH PUBLIC BROADCASTING, INC.
CH-16 PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPET-235 R & F PRESS:	12-14-71 1-4-72 JAN 18 1972	MP(BPET-398) to chg. ERP to Vis. 171kw(H), Aur. 34.2kw(H). Atty.: J. Peter Luedtke (Covington & Burling)	GRANTED	1-28-72
BRET-36 R & F PN REC PRESS	4-28-72 5-3-72 5-3-72 MAY 8 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Robert H. Loeffler (Covington & Burling) Amended 5-31-72 re Sec. VI. AMENDED 9-26-72 re Equal Employment.	GRANTED	12-22-72

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CARD#5

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WQEX

Name METROPOLITAN PITTSBURGH PUBLIC BROADCASTING, INC.

CH-16 PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPET-762 R & F PRESS:	10-25-72 10-26-72 NOV 22 1972	MP(BPET-398 as mod.) to extend completion date to 3-1-73. Atty.: J. Peter Luedtke (Covington & Burling)	GRANTED	11-29-72
BPET-458 R & F PRESS:	6-18-73 6-20-73	CP to replace expired CP (BPET-398 as mod.) for chgs. Atty: J. Peter Luedtke (Covington & Burling)	GRANTED	7-10-73
BLET-336 R & F PRESS: JUL 23 1973	6-11-73 6-20-73	License to cover (BPET-398, as mod) for changes. Covington & Burling, atty.	GRANTED	7-30-73

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NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WQEX

Name METROPOLITAN PITTSBURGH PUBLIC BROADCASTING, INC.
Ch 16, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRET-36 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	3-31-75 4-1-75 4-1-75 24 APR 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Theodore Voorhees, Jr. (Covington & Burling) Amended 6-10-75 re programming. Amended 9-10-75 re programming. Ltr. 10-16-75 re programming.	GRANTED	5-25-76
BRET-36 R&F PN RECD PRESS	4-2-78 4-3-78 4-3-78 APR 13 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Michael Berg	GRANTED	7-12-78
BPET-810116KE		CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 1320kW(M), Aur. 132 kW(M).	✓	5-20-81

BRST-36

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PETITION TO DENY filed 7-1-75 by The National Assoc. for the advancement of Colored People

OPPOSITION TO "MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PETITION TO DENY" filed 7-2-75 by Metropolitan Pittsburgh Public Broadcasting, Inc.

AFFIDAVIT of Robert L. Pitts filed 7-14-75

PETITION TO DENY filed 7-11-75 by NAACP

OPPOSITION filed 8-1-75 by Edgar F. Czarra, Jr. on behalf of Metropolitan Pittsburgh Public Broadcasting, Inc.

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 8-25-75 by the NAACP

Ltr. 10-17-75 from Edgar Czarra on behalf of WQEX replying to ltr. from NAACP re Amendment #2 - to James Brown 10-22-75.

Ltr. 4-9-76 from Richard Shiben to Pittsburgh Chapter, NAACP denying there inform objection (filed 7-11-75).

Ltr. rec'd. 7-3-78 from NAACP, Pittsburgh Branch requesting action on renewal be withheld for 30 days.

CARD NO. 7

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING
NON-COMMERCIAL ED TV

Call Letters: WQEX(TV)

Name: METROPOLITAN PITTSBURGH PUBLIC BROADCASTING, INC.
CH 16, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Station Location: PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRCT-810401KY	3-30-81	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	8-7-81
R&F	4-01-81	ATTY: MICHAEL D. BERG	GRANTED
PN REC'D	4-01-81	(COVINGTON AND BURLING)	7-7-81

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March 1979

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.