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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD Non-Comm. Educ. TV

First Oper. 7-21-55 (Started 8-1-55) NDEA

WILL-TV (Letter 3-25-55)

Date first licensed 9-21-56 (Off.No. 4)

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Call letters X W T L C

(Station Loc: ~~Champaign, Ill.~~)
Urbana, Ill. (3-22-55)

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES (LET 9-21-56)

Name of licensee xUNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

N. W. Corner of Illinois

Transmitter location /Illinois Memorial Stadium, South First St. at Florida Ave., Champaign,/

302 NORTH GOODWIN AVENUE, URBANA, ILLINOIS (St. redesignation LETTER 2-14-63)

X 1112-14 W. Main Street, Urbana, Illinois (BMLET-8 11-21-62)

X South Wright St. Urbana, Ill. (BMPET-61 3-22-55)

Illinois

Main studio location X Illinois Memorial Stadium, South First St. at Florida Ave., Champaign/

FCC-65

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Des.	Period From To
BPET-34	11-4-53	Ch. #12 204-210 mc	V. 11.2 kw A. 9.12 kw	U	1-4-54 7-4-54
C. P. for a new non-commercial educational television station.					
BMPET-33	6-7-54	Same	Same	Same	1-4-54 1-4-55
Mod. of CP(BPET-34 etc.) for extension of completion date.					
BMPET-44	8-24-54	same	Vis-55kw Aur-27.5 kw	same	1-4-54 2-24-55
Mod.CP(BPET-34,as mod)to chg. ERP & install new Ant. Sys.					
BMPET-61 AH 160 ft.	3-22-55	same	Vis-45.7 Aur-22.9	same	1-4-54 9-21-55
Mod.CP(BPET-34,as mod)to chg. Station L., SL, ERP, Ant. etc.					

WIRE 7-21-55 STA GRANTED RENDER PROGRAM SERVICE ACCORD. CP (BMPET-61)PENDING FILING OF LIC. APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION EXPIRES 8-10-55. TO EXTEND THIS AUTHORIZATION NECESSARY SUBMIT VERIFIED REQUEST FROM OFFICER OF PERMITTEE.

WIRE 8-1-55 EXT. STA RENDER PROGRAM SERVICE ACCORD. CP (BMPET-61) PENDING FILING OF LIC. APPLI. AUTHORIZATION EXPIRES 9-21-55.

BLET-4 AH 160 ft.	9-21-56	CH #12 204-210	V-45.7 A-22.9 kw	U	9-21-56 12-1-58
License to cover CP (BPET-34, as mod).					
BRET-4 AH:160'	11-5-58	CH # 12 204-210	V-45.7 kw A-22.9 kw	U	12-1-58 12-1-61
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BRET-4	11-1-61	same	same	same	12-1-61 12-1-64
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BMLET-8 AH: 160'	11-21-62	CH #12 204-210	V-45.7 kw A-22.9 kw	U	11-21-62 12-1-64
Mod. of License to change studio location.					
ACTION ON RENEWAL DEFERRED 12-9-64					
BPET-160 AH:990' HSL:1737'	12-9-64	CH.#12 204-210Mc	V-316kw A-167kw	U	2-9-65 8-9-65
CP to change ERP;chg trans. location; chg type of trans.; chg. type of ant.; make chgs in ant system; chg ant. height					
BMPET-361	3-3-65	same	same	same	2-9-65 2-1-66
Mod. of CP(BPET-160) to extend completion date.					

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June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters ...WILL-TV.....

Station location .....

Name of licensee .....UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES.....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Inv.	Period From To
BMPET-393	3-23-66	same	same	same	2-9-65 9-23-66
Mod. of CP to extend completion date					
BMPET-394	3-23-66	same	same A-63.1	same	2-9-65 9-23-66
Mod. of Lic. to reduce Aural ERP					
BMPET-434	10-26-66	same	same	same	2-9-65 12-15-66
Mod. of CP to extend completion date					
WIRE	10-25-66 RE TENDERED LIC. APPL. AUTH. GR. OPER. WILL-TV ON PROGRAM TEST ACCORD. SEC 73.629 RULES AND CP BMPET-394.				
BMLET-57	2-28-66 Authorization not issued see BLET-155				
Mod. of Lic. to reduce aural ERP					
BLET-155	11-10-66 CH. 12		V-316 kw	U	11-10-66
Ant: 990' MSL 1737 204-210 mcs A-63.1 kw					12-1-67
License to cover CP (BPET-160, as mod.)					
BRET-4	11-9-66	same	same	same	11-9-66
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					12-1-67
BRET-4	11-24-67	same	same	same	12-1-62
RENEWAL OF NDEA		RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-70
BRET-4	11-25-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE & NDEA (S)			12-1-73
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRET-4	11-28-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			12-1-76
BRCSTV-74	4-18-75	Remote control authority			
BRET-4	11-21-76	Ch. 12	V. 316 kW	U	12-1-79
Ant: 990' MSL: 1737' 204-210 A. 63.1 kw					12-1-79
Renewal of License					
BRET-790726KE	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			12-1-82

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FORM A-170

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-commercial Educational TV b/c

Call Letters ~~[illegible]~~ W T L C

Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

(% Frank E. Schooley, 228 Gregory Hall, Urbana, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPET-34 Recd Filed	5-21-53 5-28-53 5-28-53	CP for a new Non-commercial TV b/c station Freq: Ch # 12, 204-210 Mc. ERP: Vis. 18.6 kw Aur. 10 kw Hours of operation: Unlimited T-L: University of Illinois Campus, Illinois Memorial Stadium, South First Street Champaign, Illinois S-L: University of Illinois Campus, Illinois Memorial Stadium, South First Street Champaign, Illinois (Vis & Aur. GE-TT-6D) (161') Filed direct	GRANTED	11-4-53
BMPET-33 Recd.&Filed	4-14-54 4-16-54	Mod. of CP(BPET-34, which authorized a new Non-Comm. Ed. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 7-4-54 to 10-15-54. Filed direct.	GRANTED	6-7-54

Oscar W. N. Reed, Jr. Engr.

Card # 2
FORM A-170
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-Commercial Educational TV b/c Station
Call Letters WILL-TV (3-25-55) X WILG

Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPET-44 Recd & filed	7-21-54 8-2-54	Mod. of CP (BPET-34 as mod. which auth a new non-comm. TV b/c sta.) to change ERP from Vis. 18.2 kw, Aur. 9.12 kw to Vis. 54.87 kw, Aur. 29.57 kw and install new antenna system Filed direct (179.65)	GRANTED	8-24-54
BMPET-61 Recd & filed	1-3-55 1-17-55	Mod. of CP (BPET-34 as mod. which auth. a new Non-Comm. TV b/c station) to change station location from Champaign, Illinois to Urbana, Illinois, transmitter and studio location from Illinois Memorial Stadium, South First Street at Florida Avenue, Champaign, Ill. to T-L: NW Corner of University of Illinois Stadium, South First Street at Florida Avenue, Champaign, Ill., and S-L: to South Wright, Urbana, Ill., respectively, change ERP from Vis. 55 kw. Aur. 27.5 kw to Vis. 52.24 kw, Aur. 28.18 kw, make antenna and other equipment changes. (158.5') (Filed direct by New York Atty. Telford Taylor)	GRANTED	3-22-55

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

Card # 3

Form A-170

Formerly FCC Form 31

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Non-Comm. ED TV S/C

Call Letters WILL-TV

Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Urbana, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLET-4 Recd.&Filed	8-19-55 9-2-55	License to cover CP(BPET-34, as mod.) which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED TV S/C Station and to add Board of Trustees to applicant name. Filed by Telford Taylor, Atty. (New York)	GRANTED	9-21-56
BRET-4 Recd & Filed	8-27-58 9-5-58	Renewal of License. Filed by Francis X. McDonough, Attorney	GRANTED	11-5-58
BRET-4 Recd.&Filed	7-17-61 8-30-61	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Keith S. Putbrese, Atty.	GRANTED	11-1-61
BMLET-8 Recd.&Filed	10-29-62 11-2-62	Modification of License to change Studio Location from South Wright St., Urbana, Illinois TO 1112-14 W. Main St., Urbana, Illinois. Earl R. Stanley, Atty.	GRANTED	11-21-62

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NON-COMM ED TV B/C

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WILL-TV

Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Urbana, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPET-150 Rec.&Filed	8-23-63 9-10-63	CP to change ERP from Vis. 45.7 Kw, Aur. 22.9 kw TO Vis. 316 kw, Aur. 167 kw; change transmitter location from NW Corner of Illinois Memorial Stadium, So. First St., at Florida Ave., Champaign, Ill. TO RR #2, Monticello, Willow Branch Twp., Ill.; type of transmitter to RCA TT-25DH; type of antenna to RCA TW-18A12-P; make changes in the antenna system; and antenna height above average terrain to 987 feet. (Earl R. Stanley, atty.) (Jansky & Bailey, engr's.)	GRANTED	12-9-64
BRET-4 Recd.&Filed	8-18-64 8-27-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Charles J. McKerns, Atty. (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	11-9-66

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Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters WILL-TV

Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CH.12 URBANA, ILLINOIS Zip 61801

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPET-361 R & F	6-30-65 7-6-65	Mod. of CP (BPET-160, which authorized changes in existing station) to extend completion date from 8-9-65 to 2-9-66. Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Atty.	GRANTED	8-3-65
BMPET-393 R & F	12-30-65 1-4-66	Mod. of CP (BPET-160, as mod., which authorized changes in existing station) to extend completion date from 2-3-66 to 7-1-66. Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Atty.	GRANTED	3-23-66
BMPET-394 R. & F.	12-30-65 1-4-66	Modification of CP (BPET-160, as mod., which authorized changes in existing station) to reduce Aural ERP from 167 kw to 63.2 kw Dow, Lohnes & Albertson-atty	GRANTED	3-23-66
BMLET- 77 R & F	1-13-66 1-17-66	Modification of license to reduce Aural ERP from 22.9 kw to 7.14 kw	GRANTED	2-28-66

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Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CH-12 Urbana, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPET-434 R & F	9-13-66 9-19-66	Mod. of CP(BPET-160, as mod., which auth. changes in existing station) to extend compl. date from 9-23-66 to 12-15-66. Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Atty.	GRANTED	10-26-66
BLET-155 R & F	10-18-66 10-19-66	License to cover CP(BPET-160, as mod.) which authorized changes in existing station. Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Atty. (Daniel W.Toohey) Jansky & Bailey(Rob R. Beldon) Engr.	GRANTED	11-10-66
BRET-4 R & F	8-14-67 8-22-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Daniel W. Toohey,Atty.(Dow,Lohnes,Albertson)	GRANTED	11-24-67
SEP 2 1 1967		RENEWAL OF NDEA		

ENGR. DATA FILED 6-3-70

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WILL-TV

Name UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Ch. 12, Urbana, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRET-4 Rec. & filed PN RECD PRESS	8-20-70 8-26-70 8-26-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Daniel Toohy, (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	11-25-70
BRET-4 R & F PN REC'D PRESS:	8-27-73 9-4-73 9-4-73 SEP 11 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	11 28 73
BRCETV-74 R & F no fee required PRESS:	1-31-75 2-10-75 APR 1 1975	Request to operate transmitter by remote control from 302 North Goodwin Avenue, Urbana, Illinois. Atty: Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes) AMENDED 5-7-75 re engineering	GRANTED	6-18-75

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WILL-TV

Name UNIVERISTY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Ch-12 URBANA, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRET-4	7-28-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-23-76
R&F	8-2-76			
PN RECD	8-2-76	NX CONTOURS: 9-30-76		
PRESS	8 SEP 1976	323 filed with WILL (AM)		
BRET-790726KE	7-20-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: FREDERICK D. COOKE, JR. {DOW, LOHNES & ALBERTSON}	G	1-30-79
R & F	7-26-79			
PN REC'D				
PRESS	'79 0904			

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.