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Form BC 126
June 1954

TEMP. AUTH auth. 11-13-64 re Tech. data
began 11-22-64 PROGRAM TEST 2-9-65

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NON-COMM. ED TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 12-9-65 (Off. No. 93)

Call letters WITF-TV

Station location HERSHEY, PA.

Name of licensee SOUTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING COUNCIL

Transmitter location BLUE MOUNTAIN, 3.8 MILES NORTH OF HARRISBURG, NEAR HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANI

Main studio location COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING, CHOCOLATE & COCOA AVENUES, HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	Period To
BPET-178	6-30-64	CH.65	V.240 kw	U	8-30-64	
AH: 770 feet		776-782	A.126 kw	MSL:1417'	3-28-65	

CP for a NEW Non-COMM.ED.TV BROADCAST STATION.

REPORT AND ORDER ADOPTED 9-30-64 IN DOCKET 15598 TO BE EFFECTIVE 10-2-64 AUTH. OF WITF-TV MODIFIED TO SPECIFY CHANNEL 33 in LIEU of 65, CONDITIONS, if acceptable and Technical Data to be filed by 11-2-64 for Mod.Authorization ATTY LTR. 10-9-64 re WITF-TV accepts modification

DOCKET No.15598	TECH.	CH.33	V.513 kw	U	12-2-64
DATA: EFF:	10-2-64	584-590	A.51.3 kw		6-2-65
GRANTED	11-13-64	AH: 860'	MSL: 1494'		

TECHNICAL DATA. Sub. Pursuant to Comm's Report & Order adopted 9-30-64. Specifins Change in CH. re DOC. #15598

WIRE 11-13-64 REURLET: PEND. FILING LIC. APPL. AUTHORITY GR. OPER. WITF-TV TEMP. PERIOD END. 12-16-64 ON CHANNEL #13 IN ACCORD WITH MOD. AUTH. SPECIFIED IN REPORT AND ORDER DOCKET NO. 15598 OCTOBER 2, 1964. ADVISE COMMENCEMENT OPERATION COMMENCED 11-22-64

WIRE 12-11-64 REURLET 6. PENDING FILING LIC. APPL., EXT. AUTH. GR. OPER. WITF-TV ED-TV TEMP PERIOD END 1-16-65 on CH. #33 IN ACCORD. WITH MOD. AUTH. SPECIFIED IN REPORT AND ORDER, DOCKET NO. 15598 10-2-64

WIRE 1-18-65 REURTEL 14. PENDING FILING LIC. APPL., EXT. AUTH. GR. OPER. WITF-TV TEMP. PERIOD END 2-16-65 ON CH. #33 IN ACCORD. WITH MODIFIED AUTH. SPECIFIED IN REPORT AND ORDER, DOCKET NO. 15598 10-2-64

WIRE 2-12-65 REURLET 8. PEND. FIL. LIC. APPL., EXT. AUTH. GR. OPER. WITF-TV TEMP. PERIOD END. 3-16-65 ON CHANNEL 33 IN ACCORD. WITH MODIFIED AUTH. SPECIFIED IN REPORT AND ORDER, DOCKET NO. 15598 10-2-64.

WIRE 3-9-65 RE TENDERED LIC. APPL., AUTH. GR. OPER. WITF-TV ON PRG. TEST ACCORD SEC. 73.629 RULES & MODIFIED AUTH. SPECIFIED IN REPORT & ORDER, DOCKET #15589 10-2-64

BLET-116	12-9-65	CH.#33	V-513 kw	U	12-9-65
AH:860'	MSL:1494'	584-590	A-51.3 kw		8-1-66

LICENSE to cover CP (BPET-178, as mod) which auth. a new Sta

Form BC 123
June 1954 #2

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WITF-TV

Station location .....

Name of licensee SOUTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING COUNCIL

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	8-19-66	RELETS	ATTY MAY 17 AND AUG. 10.		
AUTH. GR.	OPER. WITF-TV VIA	REMOTE CONTROL IN ACCORD.			
WITH SEC.	73.676 RULES AND PLAN OUTLINED IN REQUEST.				
BRET-93	9-8-66	SAME	SAME	SAME	9-8-66 8-1-69
RENEWAL OF LIC.					

11-23-66 COMM. WAIVED FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR SEC. 73.651 (c) OF ITS RULES AND GR. AUTH. for WITF to ACCOMPANY ITS VISUAL TRANSMISSION OF SLIDES OR FILMS WITH AURAL TRANSMISSION OF MUSIC DURING SCHEDULED BREAKS IN ITS IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMING SCHEDULES. SEE BROADCAST ACTIONS REPORT #6229

LETTER BY COMMISSION 11-28-66 GRANTED WAIVER OF SEC. 73.651 (c) OF RULES FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR RE IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING.

LETTER BY COMMISSION 11-28-67 GRANTED WAIVER OF SEC. 73.651(C) OF RULES FOR PERIOD END. 8-1-69 RE IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMING.

BRET-93 7-24-69 (S) RENEWAL OF LICENSE 8-1-72

LTR. 9-21-71 RE IN SCHOOL PROGRAMMING 8-1-72

EBSA 5-15-72

BRET-93 8-9-72 RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S) 8-1-75

LTR. 8-11-72 RE IN SCHOOL PROGRAMMING 8-1-75

Wire 10-6-72 Pending filing 301-A & Commission consideration of appl. auth. gtd. oper. temp. per. end. 12-6-72 with formerly licensed RC facilities.

BRCETV-43 2-27-73 Remote control authority (1)

BRCETV-43 2-27-73 Superseded to correct Grant Date.

BRET-93 12-15-75 Ch. 33 V. 513 kW U 8-1-78
AH: 860' MSL: 1497' 584-590 A. 51.3 kW
Renewal of license

BPET-537 8-6-76 Ch-33 V. 437kW Unl. 10-6-76
AH:1420' MSL:2049' 584-590 A. 43.7kW RC 2-6-78
CP to chg. ERP, type trans., ant. structure & HAAT.

BC-126
June 1973

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WITF-TV

Station location Hersey, Pa.

Name of licensee SOUTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING COUNCIL

SEE CARD #1

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
WIRE	8-11-77	Auth. grtd. oper. WITF-TV with facilities as proposed in your letter, temp. per. end. 11-8-77. Obstruction marking specification shall be in accord. with Para. 1, e, 11, 21 and 22 of FCC Form 715. This auth. subject to the filing a a properly executed request in accord. with Sec. 1-542 of Commission's rules. Advise when oper. commences under each phase of your proposal.			
WIRE	9-30-77	Auth. grtd. temp. oper. WITF-TV in accord. with BPET-537 pend. filing. lic. appl. This auth. expires 11-29-77.			
BRET-93	7-12-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-81
BPET-586	5-22-80	CH-33 (584-590) FOR EMERGENCY, TEST AND MAINTENANCE PURPOSES ONLY CP TO INSTALL AN AUXILLARY ANT.			11-22-81
BLET-436	5-15-80	Lic. to cover (BPET-537) for chgs. in ERP, Type Trans., Ant. structure & HAAT.			8-1-81

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Non-Comm. ED TV

FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters ~~NEW~~ WITF-TV

Name SOUTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING COUNCIL
c/o ~~Fred E. Bryan~~, Community Center, Hersey, Pennsylvania
c/o Woodrow Brown, President

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPET-178 Rec. & filed	12-10-63 12-13-63	Construction permit for a new Non-Commercial Educational Television station: Ch. 65, 776-782 Mcs ERP: Vis. 283 kw (Horz) Aur. 126 kw (Horz) Unlimited Hours T-L: On Blue Mountain, Near Harrisburg, Pa. S-L: Community Center Bldg., Chocolate & Cocoa Avenue, Hershey, Pennsylvania (RCA TTU25B) AH: 767 ft. STATION LOCATION: HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Atty. George Davis and Associates, Engr.	GRANTED BUREAU STAFF ACTION DELEGATED AUTHORITY	6-30-64
Harrisburg allocation				
TECH.DATA(3) Received	10-29-64 11-2-64	Engineering Technical Data submitted pursuant to Commission's Report and Order, Docket #15598 adopted 9-30-64, Effective 10-2-64 for modified authorization of WITF-TV to specify operation on Channel 33 instead of Channel 65 in Hershey, Pennsylvania; with ERP Vis. 484kw(Horiz), Aur. 48.4 kw(Horiz) and Antenna height above average terrain 864 feet. same atty & engr	GRANTED	11-13-64

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NON-COMM. EDUCATIONAL TV

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WITF-TV

Name SOUTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING COUNCIL
HERSHEY, PA.

CH. 33

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPCT- Recd.	2-8-65 2-10-65	Mod. of CP (BPET-178, which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 2-28-65 to 4-28-65. Charles J. McKerns, Atty (DOW, LOHNES, ALBERTSON)	~~not accepted for expires in June - 1964~~ RETURNED 3-23-65 as Unnecessary. (See License BLET-116)	
BLET-116 Recd. & Filed	3-1-65 3-4-65	License to cover CP(BPET-178 as modified by Docket #15598) which authorized a new Non-Comm. Ed. TV Broadcast Station. Charles J. McKerns, Atty. (DOW, LOHNES, ALBERTSON)	GRANTED	12-9-65
BRET-93 R & F	4-29-66 5-3-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Atty.	GRANTED	9-8-66
BRET-93 R & F PRESS PN Recd.	1-23-69 3-17-69 MAR 24 1969	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Chas. J. Robertson, Atty. (Dow, Lohnes, Albertson) Req. waiver of Sec. 73.651(c) of Rules.	GRANTED	7-24-69

Form BC-121 #3
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMM ED TV

Call Letters WITF-TV

Name SOUTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING COUNCIL
CH-33 HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
LETTER	9-15-71	Request for Waiver of Section 73.651(c) of the Rules.		
BRET-93 R & F PN REC PRESS	5-2-72 5-3-72 5-11-72 MAY 9 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) Amended 6-15-72 re Sec. VI.	GRANTED	8-9-72
BRCETV-43 R&F PRESS	12-5-72 12-6-72 JAN 15 1973	Request authority for remote control operation of trans. from Community Center Bldg., Chocolate and Cocoa Avenues, Hershey, Pennsylvania. Atty: Daniel W. Toohey (Dow, Lohnes, and Albertson) Amended 2-16-73 re engineering	GRANTED	2-27-73

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Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WITF-TV

Name SOUTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING COUNCIL
CH-33 Hershey, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRET-93 R & F PN Rec;d: PRESS:	3-27-75 4-1-75 4-1-75 4 APR 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Amended 8-22-75 re equal employment.	GRANTED	12-15-75
BPET-537 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	12-8-75 12-12-75 8 FEB 1976	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 1107kW(Max) 438kW(H), Aur. 43.8kW; type trans. to RCA TTU-60C; make chgs. in ant. structure (incr. hght.); and HAAT 1419 ft. Atty.: Richard D. Marks (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) Engr.: Cohen and Dippell	GRANTED Auth. to oper. with Vis. ERP in excess of 1000kW may be terminated by the Commission after 6-1-78 in the event Canada refuses to consent to a further extn.	8-6-76
BPET-586 R & F PRESS:	7-29-77 8-3-77 AUG 19 1977	CP to install an Auxiliary Ant. (Bogner BBUOM). Atty.: Richard D. Marks (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	5-22-80

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NON-COMMERCIAL EDUC. TV

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WITF-TV

Name SOUTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING COUNCIL
CH-33 HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRET-93 R&F PN RECD PRESS	3-30-78 3-31-78 3-31-78 APR 13 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Richard D. Marks No Contours filed:	GRANTED	2-12-79
BMLET- 800213KG MAR 1980	2-5-80 2-13-80	Mod. of Lic. to chg. Station Location from Hershey, PA, to Harrisburg, PA. MAR 30 '81 MAY 11 '81 Atty.: Todd D. Gray (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)		
BLET-436 R & F	12-22-77 12-27-77	Lic. to cover (BPET-537) for chgs. in ERP, type trans., ant. structure & HAAT. Atty.: Richard D. Marks (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson)	GRANTED	5-22-80

CARD NO. 6

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING
NON-COMMERCIAL ED TV

Call Letters: WITF-TV

Name: SOUTH CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING COUNCIL
CH-33

Station Location: HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRET-810401KS R&F PN RECm'D	3-31-81 4-01-81 4-01-81	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: FREDERICK D. COOKE, JR. {DOW, LOHNES AND ALBERTSON}	GRANTED 7-27-82

Form BC-121
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.