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NON-COMM. ED TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

PROGRAM TESTS AUTHORIZED 8-29-57

KTCA-TV (1-25-57)
xKTCA (10-22-56)
xKCTE-TV Ltr.

Date first licensed ~~1-6-59 (Off. No. 33)~~

Call letters

Station Location: St. Paul, Minnesota

TWIN CITIES PUBLIC TELEVISION, INC. (ML 8-22-78)

Name of licensee XTWIN CITY AREA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION CORPORATION

Gramsie Road, 0.4 mile East of Victoria St., Shoreview, Minnesota (BMPET-650 4-8-70)

Transmitter location X2070 W. Roselawn Ave., Falcon Heights(nr. St.Paul), Minnesota

1640 COMO AVENUE, ST. PAUL, MINN. (BMLET-4 5-26-60)

Main studio location X University of Minnesota, Campus Bldg. TSA-367, St. Paul, Minnesota

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPET-5[illegible]	6-[illegible]0-56	CH # 2	V-52.5 kw	U	[illegible]-[illegible]-56
AH 620 ft.		54-60	A-31.5 kw		[illegible]-[illegible]-57
CP f r a new Non-Comm. Educational TV B/C Station.					
BMPET-124	10-10-56	same	V-100kw A-50kw	same	8-20-56 4-10-57
Mod. of CP(BPET-59)to change ERP, install new transmitters and make other equipment changes.					
BMPET-146	4-11-57	same	same	same	8-20-56
Mod.of CP(BPET-59,as mod)to extend completion dt.					10-17-57
WIRE 8-29-57 PROGRAM TESTS AUTHORIZED BPET-146 CONDITIONAL - ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES					
BLET-20 AH: 620'	1-6-59	CH# 2 54-60	V-100 kw A-50 kw	U MSL:1547.6'	1-6-59 4-1-62
Lic. to cover CP(BPET-59)as Mod. for a new Non-Comm. Ed. TV B/C					
BMLET-4 AH: 620'	5-26-60	CH #2	V-100 kw A- 50 kw	U MSL: 1547.6'	5-26-60 4-1-62
Mod. of License to change Studio Location.					
ACTION ON RENEWAL DEFERRED 3-28-62					
BRET-33	11-14-62	Same	same	same	11-14-62/4-1-65
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BRET-33 AH:620'	3-12-65	CH.2 54-60	V.100 kw A. 50 kw	U MSL:1547.6'	4-1-65 4-1-68
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BMLET-63	3-23-66	same	same	same	3-23-66
Mod. of Lic. to reduce Aural ERP					4-1-68
BPET-298	7-27-67	CH.2 54-60	V-100 kw A-10 kw	U	9-27-67 3-27-68
CP to make changes in ant. & Transmission line					
WIRE 8-10-67 PENDING FILING WRITTEN REQUEST AND PENDING FILING LICENSE APPLICATION, AUTH. GR. OPERATE KTCA-TV TEMP. PENDING 9-11-67 ACCORD. CP BPET-298. ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES UNDER THIS AUTHORITY.					
WIRE 8-24-67 RE TENDERED LICENSE APPLICATION AUTH. GR. OPERATE KTCA-TV on prog. test ACCORD. SEC. 73.629 RULES AND CP BPET-298					
BRET-33	3-29-68	(S)	RENEWAL OF LIC.		4-1-71

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 4-6-59 (Off. No. 33)

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Station location St. Paul, Minnesota

Name of licensee TWIN CITY AREA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION CORPORATION

Transmitter location See Card # 1

Main studio location See Card # 1

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BLET-181	8-30-68	Lic.(BPET-292)			4-1-71
D-16782	4-8-70	Ch. 2	V. 100 kw	U	6-8-70
BPET-249			A. 20 kw		12-8-70
BMPET-650	AH: 1310'	MSL: 2375'			
(MP chg. ERP, T-L, Trans, & HAAT.					
BPET-401	1-18-71	CP replace exp. C2 (BPET-245 &BMPET-650)			7-18-72
BPET-401	SUPERSEDED & Mailed 3-11-71 to remove condition				
BRET-33	3-25-71	RENEWAL OF LIC. (S)			4-1-74
WIRE	9-7-71	PENDING FIL. LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR.			
OPER. TEMP. PER. END. 10-7-71 ACCORD. CP BPET-401					
WIRE	10-19-71	RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR.			
OPER. ON PTA ACCORD CP BPET-401.					
BLET-291	11-30-71	Ch. 2	V. 100 kw	U	11-30-71
AH:1310'MSL: 2375'		54-60	A. 20		4-1-74
Lic. (BPET-401) for chg.					
EBSA	5-15-72				
Wire	8-22-73	extend auth. gtd utilize systems corp selective calling sys. per. ending 4-1-74 (end current lic. per.) sub. to the cond. specified in comm. ltr.			
BRET-33	3-28-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			4-1-77
BRET-[illegible]	[illegible]-[illegible]-77	Renewal of license (S)			4-1-80
BMLET-154	8-22-78	ML to change Licensee Name.			
BRCETV-790423KI	9-28-79	Remote control authority			
BRET-791203KT	3-25-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE(S)			4-1-83

CARD # 1 NON-COMM. ED. TV

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name TWIN CITY AREA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION CORPORATION
(2070 West Roselawn Avenue, St. Paul 8, Minn.)
(Station Location: ~~Minneapolis~~-St. Paul, Minn.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPET-59 RECD & FILED	2-7-56 2-9-56	Construction permit for a new Non-Comm. Educational TV B/C Station. FREQ: CH. # 2, 54-60 MCS. E R P: Vis. 52.20 KW, Aur. 31.30 KW Hours of operation: Unlimited. T-L: 2070 W. Roselawn Ave., Falcon Heights, Minn. S-L: University of Minn., St. Paul Campus Building TSA-367, St. Paul, Minn. (Vis. & Aur. RCA TT-10AL) (615.75 FT.) Filed direct. (by President Loring M. Staples.)	GRANTED	6-20-56
BMPET-124 Recd & filed	9-12-56 9-17-56	Modification of construction permit (BPET-59 which authorized a new non-commercial Educational TV b/c station) to change ERP from Vis. 52.5 kw, Aur. 31.6 kw to Vis. 100 kw, Aur. 50 kw, install new transmitters and make other equipment changes. (DuMont 9000) (615.75) Filed direct(by applicant's engr. Berten A. Holmberg)	GRANTED	10-10-56

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BERTEN A. HOLMBERG, CHIEF ENGINEER.

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Name TWIN CITY AREA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION CORPORATION
St. Paul, Minn.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPET146 Recd. Ext. # 2 RESUBMITTED Recd.&filed	3-15-57 3-18-57 4-1-57 4-3-57	Mod.CP(BPET-59,as mod.,which authorized a new . Non-Comm. ED TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 4-10-57 to 10-17-57. Filed direct.	~~Appl. returned 4-28-57 as incomplete.~~ GRANTED	 4-11-57
BLET-20 Recd & Filed	8-26-57 8-28-57	Lic. to cover CP (BPET-59, as mod.) which authorized a new Non-Comm. Ed. TV b/c station. Filed direct.	GRANTED	4-6-59
BMLET-4 R & F	5-11-60 5-16-60	Mod of license to change studio location from University of Minnesota Bldg. TSA-367, St. Paul, Minn. (outside city limits) to 1640 Como Avenue, St. Paul, Minn.,(inside city limits) Filed direct	GRANTED	5-26-60
BHET-33 R & F	12-15-61 12-21-61	Renewal of license Filed direct	GRANTED	11-14-62

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Name TWIN CITY AREA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION CORPORATION

CH.2 ST. PAUL, MINN. zip 55108

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRET-33 Recd&Filed	12-18-64 12-28-64	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-12-65
BPET-249 R & F See amendment on Card 4	1-18-66 1-20-66	Construction Permit to change TL from 2070 W.Roselawn,Falcon Heights (Nr.St.Paul),Minn. TO 920 W. County Road F. Shoreview,Minn. (5 miles NE of Minn. city limits)reduce aural ERP from 50 kw ~~to 10 kw~~; change type of transmitter to RCA TT-25DL; change type of antenna to RCA TF-12AL (Lower Half); changes in the antenna structure, and ~~increase~~ antenna height above average terrain to 1,610'. Flv,Shuebruk,Blume & Gaguine,Atty. Wayne A. Mayer,Chief Engr.	GRANTEAD ORDER #36786 adopted issued with BMPET-650	D-16782 9-17-69
BMLET-63 R & F	2-11-66 2-14-66	Mod. of License to reduce Aural ERP from 50 kw to 10 kw.	GRANTED	3-23-66

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Name TWIN CITY AREA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION CORPORATION
CH-2 St. Paul, Minnesota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPET-249 AMENDED Rec'd Filed	Cont'd 3-31-67 4-7-67 4-24-67	AMENDED to change Aural ERP to 16.8 kw; change antenna structure and decrease antenna height above average terrain to 1,336 feet.		
BPET-298 Rec'd filed	7-10-67 7-13-67	Construction permit to change type of antenna to CE, TY-50F and make changes in transmission line.	GRANTED	7-27-67
BLET-181 R & F	7-28-67 7-31-67	License to cover CP(BPET-298) which auth. changes in an existing station.	GRANTED	8-30-68
BRET-33 R & F	12-29-67 1-2-68	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-29-68

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Name TWIN CITY AREA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION CORPORATION
CH-2 ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPET-650 R & F PRESS:	2-1-70 2-9-70 FEB 17 1970	MP(BPET-249) chg. Aur. ERP to 20kw; chg. TL to Gramsie Rd., 0.4 mi. E. of Victoria St., Shoreview, Minn. (45-03-29.5 93-07-27); type trans. to Dumont 9000; type ant. to RCA Bufferfly TFB-6AL; and HAAT to 1313 ft. Atty.: Jarome S. Boros (Fly, Shuebruk, Blume and Gaguine) AMENDED 3-12-70 re V-G to correct heights of radiating elements.	GRANTED issued with BPET-249 Condition: re type accepted eqpt.	4-8-70
HEW appli. filed 9-23-70				
BPET-401 R & F PRESS:	12-31-70 1-4-71 JAN 13 1971	CP to replace expired (BPET-249 & BMPET-650) for chgs.	GRANTED	1-18-71

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Name TWIN CITY AREA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION CORPORATION
Ch. 2 St. Paul, Minnesota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRET-33 Rec. & filed PN RECD PRESS	12-29-70 1-4-71 1-4-71 JAN 15 1971	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-25-71
BLET-291 R & F PRESS	10-6-71 10-12-71 NOV 8 1971	Lic. to cover (BPET-401 as reins.) for chgs. Amended 11-15-71 re Engr. data	GRANTED	11-30-71
BRET-33 R & F PN rec'd: PRESS:	12-22-73 12-27-73 12-27-73	Renewal of License Amended 1-28-74 re equal employment.	GRANTED	3-28-74
BPET-471 R&F PRESS:	12-14-73 12-18-73	CP to chg. type transmitter to GATES BT-25L	GRANTED Not issued; CP Cancelled per req. ltr. 6-30-78.	1-31-78
BRET-33 R&F PN RECD PRESS	11-24-76 11-29-76 11-29-76 DEC 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE No Contours	GRANTED	3-22-77

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Name TWIN CITIES PUBLIC TELEVISION, INC.
~~TWIN CITY AREA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION CORPORATION~~
Ch-2 St. Paul, Minnesota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMLET-154 R&F PRESS	1-13-78 1-18-78 MAR 13 1978	Mod. of License to change name to Twin Cities Public Television, Inc. Atty.: Applicant	GRANTED	8-22-78
BRCETV-790423KI R & F PRESS:	3-29-79 4-23-79 8-16-79	Request authority to operate trans. by remote control from 1640 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN.	Granted	9-28-79
BRET-791203KT R & F PN REC'D PRESS	11-30-79 12-03-79 12-03-79 79 12 20	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-25-80

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.