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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

WMPB(4-15-68)

Date first licensed 3-25-70 (OFFICIAL NO. 175)

Call letters WMETM

Station location BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

THE MARYLAND PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION (BMPET-630 7-7-69)
X THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL-CULTURAL BROADCASTING COMMISSION (BMPET-517, ET. 9-28-67)

Name of licensee X MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL-CULTURAL TELEVISION COMMISSION

Transmitter location GWYNNBROOK STATE GAME FARM, NEAR REISTERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Main studio location GWYNNBROOK STATE GAME FARM, NEAR REISTERSTOWN, MARYLAND

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div	Period From To
BPET-280	5-17-67	CH.67	V-646 kw	U	7-17-67
AH: 820' NSL:1349'		788-794	A-129 kw		1-17-68
CP FOR A NEW NON-COMM.ED.TV B/C STATION.					
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ISSUED WITHOUT CALL LETTERS					
BPET-280	7-12-67	SAME	SAME	SAME	7-17-67 1-17-68
Mod. of CP(BPET-280) to assign call letter					
BMPET-517	9-28-67	Same	Same	Same	7-17-67
Mod. of CP(BPET-280) to change name					1-17-68
BMPET-551	1-5-68	same	same	same	7-17-67 7-5-68
Mod. of CP(BPET-280) to ext. const. date					
BMPET-522 (1)	4-22-68	MP (BPET-280,as mod)chg.loc.tower			7-5-68
BMPET-584	6-14-68	MP (BPET-280,as mod) (1) Ext. time			12-14-68
BMPET-614	11-21-68	MP (BPET-280,as mod)(2) Ext.Time			5-21-69
BMPET-625	6-9-69	MP (BPET-280,as mod)(3) (S)			
BMPET-628	"	chg.type trans.& ext.date			12-9-69
BMPET-630	7-7-69	MP (BPET-280)chg. name			12-9-69
WIRE 9-3-69 RETENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. ON PTA ACCORD. SEC. 73.629 RULES AND CP BMPET-630. ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES UNDER THIS AUTHORITY. RESUMED 1-21-70					
BLET-250	3-25-70	LICENSE (BPET-280)NEW STATION.			10-1-72
BRCETV-3	12-17-71	OPER. REMOTE CONTROL (S)			
BLET-250	Superseded 4-17-72 tocorrect TOP & ERP				
EBSA BPET-435	5-15-72 6-12-72	CP install freq. control			8-12-72 12-12-73
BPET-435	7-11-72	PENDING RECEIPT AND ACTION ON LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER. TEMP. PER. END. 8-11-72 ACCORD CP BPET-435.			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters ....W H P B....

Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Dis.	Period From To
WIRE	7-26-72	RE TENDERED LIC.		APPLI.	AUTH. GR.
OPER. ON PTA ACCORD CP BPET-435.					
BLET-312	8-1-72	(BPET-435) for a freq.			10-1-72
	control	unit			
BRET-175	10-27-72	Ch-67	V-646kw	Unl.	10-27-72
AH:820' MSL:1349'		788-794	A-129kw	RC	10-1-75
BRET-175	9-12-75	Renewal of license		(L)	10-1-75
AH: 820' MSL:1349'		Ch. 67	V.646	U	10-1-78
		788-794	A. 129 kW		
BMLET-148 (1)	6-24-77	Mod of lic to decr aural HP			
BMLET-148 (1)	6-24-77	Superseding authority			
BRET-175	9-26-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			10-1-81

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters New- [redacted]

Name MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL-CULTURAL TELEVISION COMMISSION
c/o Dr. Frederick Breitenfield, Jr., 1101 St. Paul Ave. Baltimore, Md. 21202

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPET-280 Recd. FILED	11-8-66 11-9-66 11-21-66	Construction Permit for a New Non-Comm.ED.TV B/C Station: CH.267, 788-794 mcs. ERP: Visual 648 kw (HORZ) Aural 129 kw (HORZ) Unlimited Hours TL: Gwynnbrook State Game Farm, Near Reisterstown, Maryland SL: SAME AS ABOVE (RCA TTU-50C) AH: 816 feet STATION LOCATION: BALTIMORE, MARYLAND REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.613 & 73.610 OF COMM'S. RULES. Norman E. Jorgensen, Atty. Jansky & Bailey, Engr.	GRANTED Commission Action Waiver of Sec. 73.710(a) granted & ltr. 99539 adopted.	5-17-67

STATEMENT OF ASSOCIATION OF MAXIMUM SERVICE TELECASTERS, INC. filed 1-18-67 by Czarra, Jr. on behalf of MST.

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Call Letters WETA-TV

Name THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL-CULTURAL BROADCASTING COMMISSION
~~MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL-CULTURAL TELEVISION COMMISSION~~
CH.67 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPET-517 R & F SEP 9 1967	9-7-67 9-8-67	Mod. of CP (BPET-280,which auth. a new station) to change name to The Maryland Educational-Cultural Broadcasting Commission Norman E. Jorgensen,Atty.	GRANTED	9-28-67
BMPET-522 R & F OCT 6 1967	9-27-67 9-28-67	Mod. of CP (BPET-280,as mod.,which auth. a new station) to change location of the tower to a point approximately 1500 feet northeast of the authorized site. Krieger & Jorgensen,Atty.	GRANTED	4-22-68
BMPET-551 R & F DEC 21 1967	12-15-67 12-18-67	Mod. of CP (BPET-280,as mod.,which auth. a new station) to extend completion date from 1-17-68 to Jan.1969	GRANTED	1-5-68
BMPET-584 R & F PRESS	5-29-68 6-4-68 JUN 7 1968	MP (BPET-280,as mod.)to extend completion date to JULY 1969. Krieger & Jorgensen,Atty	GRANTED	6-14-68

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THEMARYLAND PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION

Name THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL-CULTURAL BROADCASTING COMMISSION

CH. 67 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPET-614 R & F Press	11-12-68 11-14-68 NOV 20 1968	MP (BPET-280, as mod.) to extend completion date to JUNE 1969. Louis Schwartz, Atty. (Krieger & Jorgensen)	GRANTED	11-21-68
BMPET-625 R & F PRESS	3-5-69 3-13-69 MAR 26 1969	MP (BPET-280, as mod.) change type of transmitter to RCA TTU60-A.	GRANTED	6-9-69
BMPET-628 R & F PRESS	4-8-69 4-10-69 APR 16 1969	MP (BPET-280, as mod.) to extend completion date to 10-1-69. Louis Schwartz, Atty. (Krieger & Jorgensen)	GRANTED	6-9-69
BMPET-630 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	6-20-69 6-23-69 JUN 30 1969	MP(BPET-280), chg. name to MARYLAND PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION Atty.: Louis Schwartz (Krieger & Jorgensen)	GRANTED	7-7-69

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Name THE MARYLAND PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION
CH-67 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLET-250 R & F	8-28-69 9-3-69 SEP 11 1969	Lic. (BPET-280) for new station. Atty.: Louis Schwartz (Krieger & Jorgensen)	GRANTED	3-25-70
Engr. data filed 6-16-70 SCHWARTZ & WOODS now represetns W M P B				
BRCETV-3 Received Filed PRESS:	5-13-71 5-21-71 8-9-71 AUG 12 1971	Mod. of lic. to oper. trans. by remote control from Gwynnbrook State Game Farm, Bonita Ave., near Reisterstown, Maryland. Atty.: Schwartz & Woods Amended 11-15-71 re engr. data. Amended 11-28-71 re engr. data.	GRANTED	12-17-71
BPET-435 R & F PRESS:	4-14-72 4-21-72 MAY 1 1972	CP to install a frequency control unit. Atty.: Schwartz & Woods	GRANTED	6-14-72 Lic

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

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Name THE MARYLAND PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION
CH-67 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRET-175 R & F PN REC PRESS	6-26-72 6-28-72 6-18-72 JUL 7 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods) Amended 7-10-72 re engr. data.	GRANTED	10-27-72
BLET-312 R & F PRESS:	7-6-72 7-10-72 JUL 31 1972	Lic. to cover (BPET-435) for a frequency control unit. Atty.: Schwartz & Woods	GRANTED	8-1-72

LTR. 6-20-74 from Louis Schwartz requesting Waiver of Sects. 73.669 & 73.670 - to Roy 6-28-74

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Call Letters WMPB

Name THE MARYLAND PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION
CH-67 Baltimore, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRET-175 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	5-16-75 6-2-75 JUN 2 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED	9-12-75
BMLET-148 R&F PRESS	5-10-77 5-17-77 JUN 7 1977	Mod. of Lic. to decr. Aur. ERP to 76.38kW. Atty.: Louis Schwartz	GRANTED	6-24-77
BRET-175 R&F PN RECD PRESS	4-24-78 5-26-78 5-26-78 JUN 1 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
BRET- 810601KG R&F PN REC'D	5-1-81 6-1-81 6-1-81	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: MALCOLM G. STEVENSON (SCHWARTZ, WOODS AND MILLER		

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

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.