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June 1954

Non-Comm. ED TV

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-16-74 (OFF. No. 235)

Call letters WSIT-TV(Eff:11-30-73) X W H I T

Station location South Bend, Indiana

STATION ID: SOUTH BEND-ELKHART, INDIANA(Ltr. 12-21-73)

Name of licensee MICHIANA PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter location East side of Ironwood Rd. between Kern and Roosevelt Rd., near South Bend, Indiana

Main studio location 2424 California Road, Elkhart, Indiana

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Lim	Period From To
BPET-344	4-26-72	Ch. 34	V. 204kw	U	6-26-72
AH: 560'MSL:	1392'	590-596	A. 40.7		10- 26-73
CP for a new station					
CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED 7-24-72					
BMPET-798					
BMPET-797	10-24-73	Ch. 34	V.580 kw	U	6-26-73
AH: 560' MSL: 1394		590-596	A. 64.6 kw		4-24-74
MP(BPET-344) to chg. ERP,TRANS., ANT., & HAAT.					
WIRE	4-26-74	Re tendered lic. appl., auth. grtd. oper. WNIT-TV main trans. and ant. on program test accord. Sect. 73.692 rules and CP BMPET-798/BMPET-797. Advise when operation comm. under this auth.			
BLET-359	8-16-74	Lic.(BPET-344 as mod) for new station			8-1-76
BRCETV-72 (1)	2-26-75	Remote control authority			
WIRE	4-11-75	Auth. grtd. oper WNIT-TV by remote control from main studio loc. without off-air aural mod. monitor, per. end. 5-12-75. This augh. subj. to maintenance of aurAl mod. level within the requirements of Sect. 73.687(b)(7) and 73.691 of the rules.			
BRET-235	8-14-76	Ch. 34	V. 580 kW	U	8-1-78
AH: 560' MSL: 1394		590-596	A. 64.6 kW		8-1-79
Renewal of license					
BRET 790402 KL	1-24-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-82

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WNIT

Name NICHIANA PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION

PO: c/o John W. Meaney, 202 Main Bldg., University of Notre Dame, P. O. Box 34 South Bend Ind. 46624

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPET-344	4-14-69	Construction permit for a new Non-Commercial	GRANTED	4-26-72
Rec. & filed	4-16-69	ED TV Station:	COMMISSION	GRANT
PRESS	APR 21 1969	Ch. 34,590-596 Mcs		
PN Recd:	4-24-70	ERP: Vis. 203 kw (Horz) Aur. 41.5 kw (Horz)		
		Unlimited Hours		
		TL: Ironwood Road between Kern & Roosevelt Rd.		
		South Bend, Indiana (41-37-05 - 86-13-09)		
		SL: Same as transmitter		
		(RCA TTU-12A) AH: 563 ft.		
		STATION LOCATION: SOUTH BEND, INDIANA		
		Engr: W. J. Kessler Associates		
		413 NW Third Ave., Gainesville, Fla.		
		NEW application filed - Stewart 4-17-69		
		Ltr. from engr. 11-6-69 to correct		
		coordinates to 41 36 20 N 86 12 46 W.		
		AMENDED 1-22-70 to submit revised Sec. 2,3,4.		
		AMENDED 4-15-70 re financial data.		
		Amended 12-2-71 re chg. in Bd. of Directors, financial & Programming.		
		Amended 1-25-72 re legal.		

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

c/o Dr. John W. Meaney
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556
219 283-7722

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

NON ED COMM. TV.
WNIT-TV
Call Letters XW N I T

Name MICHIANA PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION

CH-34 SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPET-797 R & F PRESS:	8-24-73 8-27-73 SEP 24 1973	MP(BPET-344) to extend completion date to January 31, 1974.	GRANTED	10-24-73
BMPET-798 R & F PRESS: $50 check retd.	8-24-73 8-27-73 SEP 24 1973 9-21-73	MP(BPET-344) to chg. ERP to Vis. 700kW; Aur. 77kW; type trans. to G. E. TT-57-A; type ant. to RCA TFU-30J make chgs in ant. strict.(inc. hght.) and Haat 564 feet. Amended 10-5-73 re additional engineering	GRANTED	10-24-73
LETTER R & F PRESS:	11-26-73 11-28-73 DEC 4 1973	Request authority to identify station as South Bend-Elkhart, Indiana.		

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WNIT-TV

Name MICHIANA PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION
CH-34 South Bend, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLET-359 R & F no fee required PRESS:	4-15-74 4-17-74 JUN 1 8 1974	LICENSE to cover (BPET-344, as mod) for new station.	GRANTED	8-16-74
BRCETV-72 R & F no fee required PRESS:	10-11-74 10-15-74' OCT 30 1974	Request authority to operate transmitter by remote control from 2424 Califorina Road, Elkhart, Indiana. Amended 1-31-75 re engineering. Amended 2-11-75 re engineering Amended 9-15-80 re engineering	GRANTED	2-28-75

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

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name MICHIANA PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION
CH-34 South Bend, Indiana

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRET-235 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	3-20-76 3-29-76 3-29-76 13 APR 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE No Contours filed	GRANTED	9-14-76
BRET 790402KL R & F PN REC'D PRESS	3-20-79 4-02-79 4-02-79 APR 24 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	1-24-80

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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.