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NonpComm. ED TV
satellite of WMPB

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed Dec. 20, 1974 (#241)

Call letters W W P B (10-15-76) X WWPB-TV

Station location HAGERSTOWN, MD.

Name of licensee THE MARYLAND PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION

Transmitter location On Fairview Mt., approx. 2.5 miles west of Clear Spring, Md.

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BPET-418	2-10-72	Ch. 31	V. 479 kw	(DA)U	4-10-72
AH: 1230'MSL: 1855'		572-578	A. 85.1		8-10-73
CP for a new station					
CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED 4-10-72					
EBSA	5-15-72				
BMPET-782	5-22-73	Ch. 31	V.436kw DA U		4-10-72
AH: 1230' MSL: 1855'		572-578	A.79.4 kw DA		8-10-73
MP(BPET-418) to make chgs. in ant. system					
BMPET-789 (1)	6-28-73	MP(BPET-418 as mod) to extend completion date to			12-28-73
BMPET-809 (2)	12-18-73	MP(BPET-418 as mod) to extend completion date to			6-18-74
BMPET-821 (3)	6-12-74	MP(BPET-418 as mod) to extend completion date to			12-12-74
WIRE	10-4-74	Re tendered lic. appl., auth. grtd. operate WWPB on program test accord. 73.629 rules and CP BMPET-782. Advise when operation commences under this authority.			
BLET-368	12-20-74	Lic.(BPET-418, as mod) for a new station			10-1-75
BRET-241	9-12-75	Renewal of license (S)			10-1-78
BMLET-146 (1)	6-24-77	Mod of lic to decr. Aural ERP			
BRET 241	9-14-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			10-1-81

Form BC-121
September 1969

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters -NEW WWPB-TV

Name THE MARYLAND PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION
CH-31 (PO c/o Dr. Frederick Breitenfeld, Bonita Ave., Owings Mills, Md. 21117)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPET-418 R & F PRESS PN REC'D:	8-25-71 10-5-71 NOV 4 1971 11-1-71	CP for new Educ. TV on: Freq.: Ch-31, 572-578mcs ERP: Vis. 490kw(H)RMS, Aur. 85.2kw(H)RMS HAAT: 1228.7 ft. Hrs. of Oper.: Proposed Satellite of W M P B, Ch-67, Baltimore, Maryland TL: On Fairview Mtn., 2000' N. of US Rte. #40, 2.5 mi. W. of Clear Spring, Md. (39-39-04 77-58-14.7) SL: Bonita Ave., Owings Mills, Md. (SL of WMPB) Trans.: RCA TTU-30A Ant.: RCA 30JDA STATION LOCATION: HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND Atty.: Schwartz & Woods Engr.: Applicant Amended 1-20-72 to submit list of governing board	GRANTED	2-10-72

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

Dr. Frederick Breitenfield, Jr.
Bonita Avenue
Owings Mills, Md. 21117
201 356-5600

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September 1969 #2

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMMERCIAL ED.TV.

Call Letters WWPB-TV

Name THE MARYLAND PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION
CH-31 ~~HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND~~

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPET-782 R & F PRESS:	3-12-73 3-19-73 APR 19 1973	MP(BPET-418) to make chgs. in ant. system. Atty: Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED	5-22-73
BMPET-789 R&F PRESS:	6-8-73 6-12-73 JUN 27 1973	MP(BPET-418 as mod.) to extend completion date. Atty: Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED	6-28-73
BMPET-809 R & F PRESS:	11-15-73 11-16-73 DEC 17 1973	MP(BPET-418 as mod.) to extend completion date. Atty: Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED	12-18-73
BMPET-821 R & F PRESS:	5-6-74 5-7-74 JUN 3 1974	MP (BPET-418 as mod) to extend completion date Atty: Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED	6-12-74

Ltr.6-20-74 from Louis Schwartz requesting waiver of Sect.73.669 & 73.670 - to Roy 6-28-74.

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV

Call Letters W W P B
X WWPB-TV

Name THE MARYLAND PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION
CH-31 Hagerstown, Maryland

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLET-368 R & F no fee required PRESS:	10-1-74 10-2-74 DEC 18 1974	License to cover (BPET-418, as mod.) for a new station. Atty: Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED	12-20-74
BRET-241 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	5-16-75 6-2-75 6-2-75 15 JUL 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Louis Schwartz (Schwartz & Woods)	GRANTED	10-12-75
BMLET-146 R&F PRESS	5-10-77 5-17-77 JUN 7 1977	Mod. of Lic. to decr. Aur. ERP to 51.65kW. Atty.: Louis Schwartz	GRANTED	6-24-77
BRET-241 R&F PN RECD PRESS	4-24-78 5-26-78 5-26-78 JUN 8 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Louis Schwartz	GRANTED	9-14-78

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

Canadian consent to 1-1-78

CARD NO. 4

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING
NON-COMMERCIAL ED TELEVISION

Call Letters: WWPB(TV)

Name: THE MARYLAND PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION
CH-31

Station Location: HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRET-810601KH	5-1-81	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	
R&F	6-1-81	ATTY: MALCOLM G. STEVENSON	
PN REC'D	6-1-81	(SCHWARTZ, WOODS, AND MILLER)	

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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.