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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

WGBH (EFF: 9-24-73)

NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL FM

(3-1-54) XWGBH-FM

Card # 1

OFFICIAL NO. 84

Date first licensed 12-26-51

Call letters WGBH

Station Location Boston, Massachusetts

WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (GRANTED 12-26-51 EFF: 12-21-51)

XLOWELL INSTITUTE

Name of licensee

Transmitter location Great Blue Hill, Canton, Massachusetts

125 Western Ave., Boston, Mass. (MPED 1-23-67)
x84 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Mass. (BMLED 12-21-54).
251 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts

ZIP 02134

Main studio location

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	mcs Freq.	ERP Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPED-188	5-1-51	89.7	16 kw	550 ft.	By 7-1-51 to 1-1-52
CP for new Non-Comm Educa FM b/c sta.					
Telegram 9-21-51 Relet Atty 20 & 21- Auth. granted period begin, 9-24-51- expiring 1-1-52 operate facil. & equipment specified in BPED-188. On interim basis accord. ED. rules.					
BAPED-1	12-26-51	Vol. assignment of C. P. to WGBH Educational Foundation			
BAPED-1	12-26-51	Vol. assignment of C. P. to WGBH Educational Foundation (Issued as ^{assignment of} license)			
BLED-109	12-26-51	89.7	16 kw.	U	
Lic. to cover CP Ch. 209 Terr: 550 ft. To 6-1-54					
BPED-245	2-15-54	CP to move tr loc 150 feet		4-1-54	
				ERP 15.5 kw Terr 550'	10-15-54
Letter	4-20-54	Aut gr oper facilities BPED-245 period 30 da pending receipt lic ap. Provide FM prog serv			
BRED-84	5-19-54	RENEWAL OF LICENSE TO			4-1-57
BLED-150	5-28-54	89.7 mcs	Ch. 209		5-28-54
				ERP, 15.5 kw U	4-1-57
license to cover C.P. (BPED-245)					
BLED-10	12-21-54	Mod. lic. (BLED-150) change studio site to 84 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, Mass.			4-1-57
BRED-84	3-20-57	Renewal of license to			4-1-60 S
BRED-84	3-30-60	Renewal of license to			4-1-63
BPED-451	10-14-60	89.7mcs	50-kw	U	12-14-60
HAAT: 550'		Ch. 209	TPO: 15-kw		6-14-61
Construction permit to increase ERP & install new trans,					
BLED-322	7-20-61	89.7mc	50kw	Unl	7-20-61
HAAT:	550 ft.	Ch. 209	TPO: 9.6kw		4-1-63
License to cover CP (BPED-451) which authorized installation of new trans. and incr ERP					
BSCA-322	6-13-62	Subsidiary Communications Authorization on Cond'l. 41 & 67 kilocycles ending			4-1-63
BRED-84	3-26-63	Renewal of license			4-1 4-1-66
BSCA-322	3-26-63	Subsidiary Communications Authorization on Multiplex Basis to			4-1-66

Form BC 126

June 1954

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters WGBH-FM

Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To.
BRCED-46 (1)	3-31-66	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 125 Western Avenue, Boston, Mass.			
BRED-84	3-21-66	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-69
*BRSCA-322	3-21-66	Renewal of SCA			4-1-69
BPED-758 HAAT: 650' (h&v)	8-30-66	89.7mc. ERP: 70kw(h) 18.5kw(v) ch#209 TPO: 10kw. (RC) (same site)			10-30-66 4-30-67
		CP to change ant-trans location; install dual polarized ant. (RCA-BFA-10B/300-6V, 10 horiz. & 6 vert. secs); increase TPO; horiz. ERP; and HAAT and operate with a vert. ERP; with RC.			
BMPED-501 HAAT: 650' (H&V)	12-20-66	89.7mcs ERP: 100kw(H) Unl. Ch.#209 26kw(V) TPO: 14.5kw			2-20-67 8-20-67
		CP to incr. TPO and hor. & vert. ERP.			
BMPED-501 HAAT: 650' (H&V)	12-20-66	89.7mcs ERP: 100kw(H) Unl. Ch.#209 26kw(V) TPO: 14.5kw			2-20-67 8-20-67
		Superseding CP to show no RC oper.			
BMPED-501 (1)	1-23-67	Mod. of CP (BMPED-501) to show studio as 125 Western Ave., Boston, Mass.			
BRCED-55 (2)	3-30-67	Mod. of CP (BMPED-501) to operate transmitter by remote control from 125 Western Avenue, Boston, Mass.			
BLED-568 HAAT: 650' (H&V)	3-30-67	89.7mcs ERP: 70kw(H) U CH.#209 ERP: 18.5kw(V) TPO: 10kw (RC) Lic to cover CP (BPED-758) which authchg ant-trans loc. (same sit) install new ant. chg. ERP, TPO & HAAT.			3-30 4-1-69
BLED-591 (1)	7-26-67	Lic. to cover CP (BMPED-501) 89.7mc ERP 100kw(H) 26kw(V) HAAT 650 ft			(H&V)
		SCA not to be renewed per atty ltr. 1-2-69			
BRED-84(L)	3-26-69	Renewal of License & NDE			4-1 4-1-72

not renewed 4-1-69

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To
BPED-1,171 HAAT: 650' (h&v)	11-20-70	89.7mc Ch#	ERP: 100kw(h)26kw(v) TPO: 14.5kw (RC)		11-20-71
		CP to install new transmitter & ant.			
BPED-1387(L) HAAT: 650' (H&V)	3-6-72	89.7mc#209	ERP: 100kw(H) 26kw(V)		
		CP to replace expired permit (BPED-1171).			
					3-6-73
BRED-84	3-30-72	Renewal of License & NDEA			4-1-75
EBSA	5-15-72				
BLED-1038(L) BLED-1039	12-5-72	Lic(BPED-1387) for changes and Lic. to use former Main trans. for aux.			4-1-75
		89.7mhz	100kwH 26kwV	650' H&V	RC
BRED-84	3-4-76	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.)			4-1-78
BPED-2502 HAAT: 650' (h&v) (L)	6-6-77	89.7mhz #209	ERP:98kw(h&v) U (RC)		6-6-78
		CP install new Trans; new Ant; chg TPO & ERP			
BRED-84	3-13-78	(S) RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-81
SUPERSEDED	4-7-78	ABOVE TO CORRECT EXPIRIATION DT.			4-1-81
BMPED-1589 (1)	6-23-78	MP(BPED-2502) for ext. of completion date to:			10-6-78
SUPERSEDED	9-20-78	correct date of gr. of Ren.			4-1-81
BMPED781004AD (2)	10-31-78	MP(BPED-2502 as mod. for ext. of time.			4-24-79
BMPED790412AD (3)	6/18/79	MP (BPED-2502, as mod.) for ext. of time to:			12/1/79
BMPED790919AM HAAT: 650' (H&V) (L)	11/23/79	89.7mhz	ERP: 100kw (H&V)	RC	11/23/80
		Mod. of CP (BPED-2502 as mod.) to chg type trans, type ant & chg TPO.			
BMPED791101AJ (1)	3-13-80	MP (BPED2502, as mod.) for ext. of time to:			9-12-80
BLED800609AH HAAT:650' (H&V) (L)	7-9-80	89.7MHz	ERP:100KW (H&V)		4-1-81
		Lic. to cover(BPED2502, as mod.) for changes.			

CARD #1

FORM A-170

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WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Call
Letters

WGBH-FM

~~NEW-1-6-51~~Name **X LOWELL INSTITUTE**

(P. O. - 100 Franklin St., Boston, Massachusetts)

PO 84 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge 39, Mass. (10-11-55)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-188 Rec'd. Filed	3-30-51 4-3-51 4-3-51	Construction permit for a new Non-Commercial Educational FM broadcast station Frequency: 89.7 Mcs. Channel 209 Operating Power: 2.8 kw. (ERP 14.72kw) 142' T-L: Great Blue Hill, Harvard Meteorological Observatory, Canton, Massachusetts (REL 519DL Driver 518 (D) DL 3 kw.) S-L: Symphony Hall, 251 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. Filed by John Lord O'Brian, Ernest W. Jennes, Attys. Certified copy of charter submitted 4-5-51.	GRANTED	5-1-51
BAPED-1 Rec'd. Filed	11-27-51 11-30-51 11-30-51	Voluntary assignment of construction permit (BPED-188) To WGBH Educational Foundation. Filed by Robert J. Wardell, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	12-26-51 12-31-51
BLED-109 Rec'd. Filed	11-26-51 12-6-51 12-6-51	License to cover construction permit (BPED-188) which authorized a new Non Commercial Educational FM broadcast station.	GRANTED	12-26-51

CARD 2

FORM A-170

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-245 Recd. & Filed	1-19-54 2-4-54 2-4-54	C. P. to make changes in licensed station - change ERP to 15.7 kw; & move transmitter site to Top Great Blue Hill, Near Milton, Massachusetts. Ernest W. Jennes, atty	GRANTED	2-15-54 ERP 15.5kw
BRED-84 Recd. & Filed	2-19-54 2-24-54 2-24-54	Renewal of license Ernest W. Jennes, atty	323 on file GRANTED	5-19-54
BLED-150 Recd. & Filed	5-3-54 5-11-54	License to cover C.P. (BPED-245 which authorized changes in licensed station). Ernest W. Jennes, atty	GRANTED	5-28-54
BMLED-10 Recd. Filed	5-3-54 5-11-54 5-28-54	Mod. of license (BLED-150) to change studio site to 84 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Ernest W. Jennes, atty	CONTINGENT UPON GRANT OF BLED-150. GRANTED	12-21-54

CARD 3
FORM BC-12i
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WGBH-TV

Name WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
Boston, Massachusetts.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-84 Rec'd & filed	12-26-56 12-28-56	Renewal of license Ernest W. Jones, atty	GRANTED	3-20-57
BRED-84 Rec'd Filed	12-22-59 1-4-60 1-4-60	Renewal of License. John V. L. Ellicott, Atty.	GRANTED	3-30-60
BPED-451 R & F	9-23-60 9-26-60	Construction Permit to increase ERP from 15.5kw to 50kw & install new type transmitter (General Electronic Laboratories-FMT-10A)	GRANTED HAAT: ERP:	10-14-60 550' 50-kw
BSCA-322 R & F	2-28-61 3-3-61	Request for subsidiary communications authorization to operate on sub-carrier frequencies of 41kc and 67kc. Atty. Covington and Burling	GRANTED	6-13-62

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Boston, Massachusetts

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLED-322 Rec'd & Filed	3-30-61 4-4-61	License to cover CP (EPED-451 which auth. installation new transmitter and incr. ERP). <u>Covington and Burling, Attys.</u>	GRANTED	7-20-61
BRED-84 R & F	12-26-62 12-28-62	Renewal of License <u>Covington & Burling, Attys.</u>	GRANTED	3-26-63
BRSCA-322 R & F	12-26-62 12-28-62	Renewal of Subsidiary Communications Authorization. <u>Covington & Burling, Attys.</u>	GRANTED	3-26-63
BRED-84 R & F	12-16-65 1-3-66	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	3-21-66
BHSCA-322 R & F	12-23-65 1-3-66	Renewal of subsidiary communications authorization.	GRANTED	3-21-66

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Boston, Massachusetts

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRGED-46 Rec'd Filed	3-9-66 3-28-66 3-28-66	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 125 Western Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. Earl M. Schramm, Atty.	GRANTED	3-31-66
BPED-758 R & F	8-12-66 8-17-66	CP to change ant.-trans. location (same site description; approximately 300 feet Southeast of present site on Great Blue Hill, Canton, Massachusetts); install dual polarized ant. (RCA BFA-10B/300-6V, 10 horizontal and 6 vertical sections); increase TPO to 10kw; increase horizontal ERP to 70.3kw and operate with vertical ERP of 18.3kw; and increase HAAT to 654 feet. Covington & Burling, Attys. (J.D.Blake)	GRANTED	8-30-66

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FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W G B H-FM

Name **WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPED-501 R&F	11-29-66 11-30-66	Mod. of CP (BMPED-758 which authorized chg. ant- trans. loc., install dual polarized ant., incr TPO, incr. horiz. ERP, and operate with vert. ERP and incr. HAAT) to incr. TPO to 14.25kw; and incr. ERP to 100kw (horiz.) and 26.2kw (vert.) Attys - Covington & Burling (Jonathan D. Blake)	GRANTED (Issued as new CP)	12-20-66
BLED-568 R & F	12/29/66 1/4/67	Lic. to cover CP (BPED-758) which auth. chng. ant-trans. loc. (same site), install new ant, chng. ERP, TPO & HAAT. Atty: J. D. Blake	GRANTED	3-30-67

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Boston, Massachusetts

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCED-55 R & F	3-23-67 3-24-67	Mod. of CP(BMPED-501) to operate transmitter by remote control from 125 Western Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. Atty.; Jonathan D. Blake	GRANTED	3-30-67
BLED-591 R & F	3/23/67 3/24/67	Lic. to cover CP (BMPED-501) which auth. incr. TPO & ERP. (R.C.) Atty: J. D. Blake	GRANTED	7-26-67
BRED-84 R & F Press FEB 1 1969	12-30-69 1-2-69	Renewal of license Atty- William Malone (Covington & Burling) (SCA not renewed per atty ltr. 1-2-69) AMENDED 2-6-69 re: Statement re programming	GRANTED	3-26-69

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Name WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-1,171 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: NOV 18 1970	10-29-70 11-2-70	CP to install new Trans (COMPOSITE): & install Ant (RCA-BFA-10B/300-6V, 10 horiz. sects & 6 vert. sects). Atty-Henry Goldberg (Covington & Burling) Engr. Thomas B. Keller, Jr. Financial Data.	GRANTED	11-20-70
AMENDED	11-19-70			
BRED-84 R & F P.N. PRESS JAN 20 1972	12-27-71 1-3-72 1-3-72	Renewal of License Atty: Nicholas W. Fels (Covington & Burling)	GRANTED	3-30-72
BPED-1,387 R & F No Fee Required Press FEB 28 1972	2-16-72 2-22-72	CP to replace expired permit (BPED-1,171). Atty: Nicholas W. Fels	GRANTED	3-6-72

2-302-171-91 10-3-72
PTA-11-9-72

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

89.7mc

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Letters XWGBH-FM

WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Name
Boston, Massachusetts

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLED-1038 R & F PTA PRESS NOV 30 1972	10-12-72 10-31-72 11-9-72	Lic.(BFED-1387) for changes. Atty: Covington & Burling(Nicholas W. Fels)	GRANTED 90	12-5-72
BLED-1039 R & F PTA PRESS NOV 30 1972	10-12-72 10-31-72 11-9-72	Lic. to use former Main transmitter (GEL, FMT-10A - Moseley, LPE-10 Exciter) for Auxiliary Purposes Only. Atty: Nicholas W. Fels	GRANTED issued with BLED-1038	12-5-72
BRED-84 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JAN 23 1975	11-27-74 12-2-74 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. TRANS.) N.W.Fels,Atty. AMENDED 1-20-75 re: programming PETITION TO DENY filed 3-3-75 by Committee for Community Access EX. 8 TO PETITION TO DENY filed 3-10-75 by Petitioners OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 4-2-75 by Ernest W. Jennes, counsel on behalf of WGBH Educational Foundation MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 4-18-75 by Committee for Community Access (over)	GRANTED	3-4-76

(BRED-84) MOTION FOR ORDER TO COMPEL DISCLOSURE OF LISTENER MAIL filed 4-18-75 by Committee for Community Access

RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 4-30-75 by Nicholas W. Fels, counsel on behalf of WGBH Educational Foundation

OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR ORDER TO COMPEL DISCLOSURE OF LISTENER MAIL filed 4-30-75 by Ernest W. Jennes, counsel on behalf of WGBH Educational Foundation

AMENDMENT TO MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 5-22-75 by Committee for Community Access

WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION FOR ORDER TO COMPEL DISCLOSURE Filed 5-22-75 by Committee for Community Access

RESPONSE TO AMENDMENT TO MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 6-4-75 by Nicholas W. Fels, counsel on behalf of WGBH Educational Foundation

REPLY TO RESPONSE TO AMENDMENT TO MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND FURTHER AMENDMENT TO MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 6-23-75 by Committee for Community Access

OPPOSITION TO REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME filed 6-30-75 by Nicholas W. Fels, counsel on behalf of WGBH Educational Foundation

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME filed 7-16-75 by Committee for Community Access

OPPOSITION TO REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME filed 7-23-75 by Nicholas W. Fels, counsel on behalf of WGBH Educational Foundation.

AMENDED 12-11-75 re: programming

2-18-76 MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER #39395 Petition to Deny filed by Committee for Community Access DENIED.

3-29-76 PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed by Committee for Community Access.

OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 4-13-76 by Ernest W. Jennes, Counsel on behalf of WGBH Educational Foundation

CONSENT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 4-30-76 by Petitioners (CCA)

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 5-21-76 by Jacob A. Bernstein, on behalf of petitioners (CCA)

(See card #10 for petition)

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WGBH

Name WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
Boston, Massachusetts

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-2502 R & F PRESS JUN 2 1977	4-20-77 4-25-77	CP install new Trans {RCA, BTF-10E1}; Antenna {RCA, BFC-10B, 10 sects {H&V}; chg TPO and ERP {100kw {H&V} Atty. Michael W. Fels Engr. John B. Folsom	GRANTED	6-6-77
BRED-84 R & F PN PRESS DEC 27 1977	12-1-77 12-1-77 12-1-77	Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary) Atty- Corinne A. Goldstein (Covington & Burling) AMENDED 4-24-80 re: 323E	GRANTED	3-13-78
BMPED-1589 R & F PRESS: MAY 19 1978	5-5-78 5-11-78	MP (BPED-2502) for extension of time to: <u>12-31-78</u> (FOR CHANGES) Atty: Corrine A. Goldstein (Covington & Burlington)	GRANTED TO	6-23-78 10-6-78

(BRED-84) AFFIDAVIT to REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 6-2-76 by Jacob A. Bernstein, on behalf of petitioners(CCA)

Ltr. re Reply to Opposition to Petition for Reconsideration filed 6-2-76, by Nicholas W. Fels, counsel on behalf of WGBH Educational Foundation

7-7-76 MEMORANDUM OPINION & ORDER #41427, Petition for Reconsideration filed by the Committee for Community Access is DENIED.

8-19-76 PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed by Committee for Community Access.

OPPOSITION TO FURTHER PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 9-1-76 by Jonathan D. Blake, Counsel on behalf of WGBH Educational Foundation

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO FURTHER PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 9-14-76 by Jacob A. Bernstein, Chairperson on behalf of Committee for Community Access

12-16-76 MEMORANDUM OPINION & ORDER, Second petition for reconsideration filed by the Committee for Community Access DENIED.

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Letters WGBHName WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BMPED781004AD PRESS	OCT 17 1978	MP (BPED-2502, as Mod.) for extension of time to: <u>4-15-79</u> (FOR CHANGES)	GRANTED TO	10-31-78 4-24-79
BMPED790412AD PRESS (0)	APR 27 1979	MP (BPED-2502, as Mod.) for Extension of Time to: <u>9-28-79</u> (FOR CHANGES) Atty. Linda J. Lacey (Covington & Burling)	GRANTED	6/18/79
BMPED790919AM PRESS (0)	OCT 16 1979	Mod. of CP (BPED-2502, as Mod.) to chg. type Trans.; chg. type Ant. (HARRIS FMH-8AC, 8 sects. H&V); incre. ERP: 100kw (H&V) & chg. TPO. Atty. Linda J. Lacey (Covington & Burling)	GRANTED	11/23/79

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

89.7MHz.

Call Letters: W G B H

Name: WGBH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Station Location: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMPED791101AJ PRESS (0)	NOV 27 1979	MP (BPED-2502, as Mod.) For Extension of Time to: <u>1-1-80</u> (FOR CHANGES) Atty. Nicholas W. Fels (Covington & Burling)	G R A N T E D 3-13-80
BLED-800609AH PTA PRESS	JUL 2 1980	License to cover (BPED 2502, as mod.) for changes. Atty: None	GRANTED 7-9-80
BRED-8012-2UE PRESS	JAN 16 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Michael S. Bernstien	GRANTED 4-17-81

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 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.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) 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 radio station history.

