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Form BC 126
June 1954

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Non-Comm. ED TV

3816
BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed May 15, 1973 (#220)

Call letters K E D T

Station location CORPUS CHRISTI,
TEXAS

Name of licensee SOUTH TEXAS EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING COUNCIL

NW Corner of Chapman Ranch, approx. 4.8 miles SE of Petronila, Texas (BMPET-738 4-26-72)

Transmitter location X County Road No. 20, approx. 2.3 miles SE of Petronila, Texas

Main studio location 500 N. Carrizo, Corpus Christi, Texas

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPET-342	6-14-71	Ch. 38	V. 676 kw	U	8-14-71
AH: 880' MSL: 949'		614-620	A. 91.2		12-14-72
CP for a new station					
CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED					
BMPET-738	4-26-72	Ch. 38	V. 676 kw	U	8-14-71
AH: 980 MSL: 1049'		614-620	A. 89.1		12-14-72
MP (BPET-342) chg. ERP, TL, ant. & HAAT.					
REPORT & ORDER ADOPTED 4-19-72 with condition: the					
permittee shall submit to the Commission by 6-30-72 all					
nec. info. to comply with applicable technical rules for					
mod. of authorization to cover the operation of station					
KEDT on Ch. *16 at Corpus Christi, Texas.					
EBSA	5-15-72				
BMPET-751	8-23-72	Ch. 16	V. 871 kw DA		8-14-71
AH: 970' MSL: 1049'		482-488	A. 117		12-14-72
MP (BPET-342) chg. Freq., ERP & Ant.					
Wire	10-13-72	Pending filing lic. appl. auth. gtd.			
oper. temp. per. end. 12-14-72 accord. BMPET-751. Note					
exp. date corresponds to CP.					
Wire	12-15-72	Pending Commission act. on lic. appl.			
extn. auth. gtd. oper. temp. per. end. 12-26-72 accord.					
BMPET-751. Also auth. gtd. oper. TV STL & TV Pickup.					
Wire	12-29-72	Above auth. extended to 1-26-73			
Wire	1-11-73	Re tendered lic. appl., auth. gtd.			
oper. PTA accord. 73.629 & BMPET-751.					
BLET-321	5-15-73	CH. 16	V 871	Unl.	5-15-73
AH: 970 MSL: 1049		482-488	A 117		8-1-74
Lic. to cover (BPET-342, as mod.) for a new station					
BSET -220	5-6-74	To chg. Studio Loc.			
(1)					
BRET 220	7-31-74	Renewal of license (L)			8-1-74
					8-1-74
BRET-220	7-21-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-80

FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMM. ED. TV.

Call
Letters ~~NEW~~ K.E.D.T.

Name SOUTH TEXAS EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING COUNCIL
(c/o Don E. Weber 205 Vaughn Plaza Corpus Christi, Texas 78401)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPET-342 R & F Press PN Rec'd	4-3-69	Construction Permit for a new Non-Commercial	GRANTED	6-14-71
	4-14-69	Educational TV B/C Station:		
	APR 18 1969	CH # 38, 614-620 Mcs.		
	5-6-61	ERP: Visual 320 kw Aural 35.5-kw		
		TL: S. W. Corner of Lot 5, Sec. 19, County Rd. 20, Nr. Petronila, Texas (27-39-29--97-36-04)-		
		SL: To Be Determined, -Corpus Christi, -Texas- (GE-44-56-A) AH: 897-feet		
		STATION LOCATION: CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS N. W. Willett, Engr. P. O. Box 7158 Austin, Texas 78712		
		HEW application filed 4-14-69 Stewart 4-16-69		
		AMENDED 9-17-69 to correct coordinates to 27 39 29.5 N 97 36 03.5 W.		

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters NEW K E D TName SOUTH TEXAS EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING COUNCIL
Ch. 38, Corpus Christi, Texas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPET-342 Cont'd AMENDED Rec. & filed	12-4-69 12-8-69 DEC 9 1969	Amended to chg. ERP To Vis. 293.2 kw, Aur. 34.7 kw; studio location to 500 N. Carrizo, Corpus Christi, Texas and HAAT. to 881 ft.		
HEW application filed	3-31-71			
AMENDMENT R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	5-6-71 5-7-71 MAY 12 1971	Re Sects. II and III; and chg. ERP to Vis. 1250kw; Aur. 166.2kw; type trans. to GE type ant. to GE TY-204-A; and HAAT to 871 ft.		
BMPET-738 R & F PRESS:	3-15-72 3-17-72 MAR 30 1972	MP(BPET-342) to chg. ERP to Vis. 1200kw, Aur. 161.5kw; TL to NW corner of Chapman Ranch, 4.8 mi. SE of Petronila, Tex. (27-39-12 97-33-55); make chgs. in ant. structure; and HAAT 983.3 ft. Atty.: Roy F. Perkins, Jr. (Cohn and Marks)	GRANTED	4-26--72

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

FCC 72-381
75813

In the Matter of)
)
Amendment of Section 73.606(b),) Docket No. 19390
Table of Assignments,) RM-1816
Television Broadcast Stations.)
(Corpus Christi, Texas))

REPORT AND ORDER

Adopted: April 19, 1972 ; Released: May 1, 1972

By the Commission: Commissioners Bartley and Reid absent.

1. The Commission has before it for consideration the proposal to assign television Channel *16+ for noncommercial educational use at Corpus Christi, Texas, upon which comments were invited in the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, released herein on January 7, 1972 (FCC 72-17), and published January 13, 1972, in the Federal Register at 37 F.R. 540. This action was taken in consideration of a petition for rule making of South Texas Educational Broadcasting Council (Council), the permittee for a new educational station (KEDT) on Channel *38, the presently reserved educational television assignment at Corpus Christi, on an alternative proposal to assign Channel *16 without offset for reserved educational use at Corpus Christi by replacing the now unoccupied Channel 16 assignment at Galveston, Texas 1/ with Channel 47.

2. In addition to the proposed Channel *16+ assignment at Corpus Christi, we also proposed to take other appropriate action to permit the Council to operate on Channel *16+ instead of Channel *38 at Corpus Christi. Further, comments were invited on whether Channel *38 should be retained at Corpus Christi as a reserved or unreserved assignment or deleted for use elsewhere should Channel *16 be assigned there and Channel *38 vacated. Also, we advised that since Corpus Christi is within 200 miles of the United States-Mexican border, notification and concurrence of Mexico to the assignment proposed would be required before its adoption. In response to our notification of the proposed assignment, the Mexican Government advised by letter of February 16, 1972, that it has no objection to the proposed Channel *16+ assignment at Corpus Christi.

1/ The Galveston Channel 16 assignment was formerly occupied by Station KVVV-TV, which ceased operation in September, 1969. The construction permit of TVUE Associates, Inc., for the station was deleted on April 23, 1971.

3. The Council, the only party filing comments in response to the Notice 2/, urges that the proposed Channel *16 reserved assignment at Corpus Christi be made but without the positive offset proposed. It also requests, if the Galveston Channel 16 assignment is not deleted as the Council proposed, that it be made clear in our decision that the Galveston assignment will not prevent its use of Channel 16 at the transmitter site selected for its Corpus Christi educational station. The Council informs that it has had to relocate the site now authorized for its Channel 38 educational facility; that a new location has been found for which it has obtained air space approval from the Federal Aviation Administration; and that it will file an application for modification of its outstanding Channel 38 construction permit to specify this new site shortly. The new transmitter location selected has coordinates of 27° 39' 12" N, 97° 33' 55" W. It is located approximately 1.3 miles from the site now authorized for the Council's Channel 38 operation and but 203.1 miles instead of the 205 miles required from the Galveston Channel 16 reference point. The Council's presently authorized Channel 38 site is 204.9 miles from the Galveston Channel 16 reference point. This would satisfy the 205-mile separation requirement since our rules permit this distance to be rounded off to the nearest mile in computing separations.

4. The Council desires the assignment of Channel 16 at Corpus Christi in order that it may operate on that channel instead of Channel 38 and thereby avoid the problems and costs approximating \$84,000, of converting the Channel 16 equipment which it has acquired. This equipment was formerly used by the defunct Galveston Channel 16 station (KVVV-TV). Since the Council's Channel 16 equipment is for non-offset operation, and it estimates that it will cost from \$6,500 to \$7,000 to offset the equipment for use on Channel 16 at Corpus Christi, it is also opposed to the proposed positive offset for a Corpus Christi Channel 16 assignment and requests that we refer its Corpus Christi Channel 16 non-offset proposal to the Mexican Government.

5. The Council's objective in seeking to operate its Corpus Christi educational station without offset on Channel 16 rather than on Channel 38 has public interest value, we believe, since the time and money required for conversion of the Council's Channel 16 equipment for operation on Channel 38,

2/ The Council's comments were filed on March 13, 1972, after the specified time for filing comments (February 23, 1972) and reply comments (March 3, 1972) had expired. They were accompanied, however, by a motion to accept them despite their lateness because of the shortness of time allowed for filing comments and other commitments of its engineering and legal counsel which prevented them from completing research needed for the filing of timely comments. These reasons are not persuasive. The time provided for filing comments was that usually provided in rule making proceedings, and, from all indications, was ample. Also, no explanation is given why the Council or its counsel failed to follow usual procedure by requesting an extension of the specified deadlines for comments before they expired when it appeared that the time limits could not be met. Nevertheless, we have accepted and considered its comments. Since the Council is the petitioner for the assignment change proposed, its comments can be of help, and the lateness of their filing does not prejudice any other party to the proceeding or delay its resolution.

as well as for offset operation on Channel 16, could be more productively used to further its plans and objectives for its local educational service in the area. Channel 16 is also technically feasible for assignment and use at Corpus Christi in conformity with minimum separation requirements without disturbing any existing assignment, as we proposed, or by replacing the unoccupied Galveston Channel 16 assignment with Channel 47, as the Council proposed. We therefore think that the assignment should be made by the latter method since it will provide added flexibility for use of Channel 16 at Corpus Christi at required spacings, and Channel 47 is a technically feasible and otherwise suitable replacement for the unused Galveston Channel 16 assignment. We also are willing, if Mexican concurrence can be obtained, to assign Channel 16 at Corpus Christi without requiring a positive carrier offset. In the Notice we proposed a positive offset for the proposed Corpus Christi Channel 16 assignment because of the Channel 16 assignment at Monterrey, Mexico, since the reference point for a Corpus Christi Channel 16 assignment, as well as the Council's prior and now proposed site for its Channel 16 operation, are all less than the desired 250-mile distance from the Monterrey reference point. However, in view of the fact that the Monterrey Channel 16 assignment is not occupied, Mexico may have no objection to adding Channel 16 at Corpus Christi without offset. While we have not yet received a response from Mexico to our notification on the Corpus Christi Channel 16 non-offset proposal, this need not delay final action on the proposed Channel 16 assignment itself. If required by the response received from Mexico on the Corpus Christi Channel 16 non-offset proposal, an offset designator for Channel 16 can be added by subsequent order and specified for any authorization for operation on the channel issued prior thereto, as provided in the note preceding Section 73.606(b) of our rules.

7. With the assignment of Channel 16 for reserved educational use at Corpus Christi, it is also appropriate to decide whether the presently reserved Channel *38 assignment which the Council plans to vacate should be retained at Corpus Christi as a second reserved assignment, as an unreserved assignment, or deleted for assignment elsewhere. Although we invited comments on this question, the Council's comments are silent in this regard. Having no evidence of any need for a second reserved educational assignment at Corpus Christi, we have decided, for the present at least, to retain the channel there as an unreserved assignment so that it will be available for either educational or commercial use. We think that this is warranted since Corpus Christi is a sizeable community (1970 population, 204,525) and now has but one unreserved channel assignment (UHF Channel 28) to meet developing needs for additional local commercial and educational television service not satisfied by its three local VHF commercial stations and the Council's prospective educational station.

8. In view of the foregoing, IT IS ORDERED, That, pursuant to Sections 4(i), 303(g) and (r) and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, effective June 9, 1972, Section 73.606(b) of the Rules, Table of Assignments, Television Broadcast Stations, IS AMENDED, to read as follows with respect to the cities listed:

<u>City</u>	<u>Channel No.</u>
Corpus Christi, Texas	3-, 6+, 10-, *16, 28, 38
Galveston, Texas	*22, 47

9. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That effective June 9, 1972, and pursuant to Section 306(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the outstanding construction permit held by South Texas Educational Broadcasting Council for Station KEDT on Channel *38, Corpus Christi, Texas, is hereby MODIFIED to specify operation on Channel *16 3/, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The permittee shall submit to the Commission by June 30, 1972, all necessary information to comply with the applicable technical rules for modification of authorization to cover the operation of Station KEDT on Channel *16 at Corpus Christi, Texas.

10. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this proceeding IS TERMINATED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Ben F. Waple
Secretary

3/ Operation on Channel *16 with non-offset is contingent on Mexican concurrence; otherwise, operation on Channel *16 with positive offset will be specified.

NOTE: Rules changes herein will be covered by the 1972 Ed. of Volume III.

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV

Call
Letters K E D TName SOUTH TEXAS EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING COUNCIL
CH-38-16 CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-751 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D.: JUL 12 1972	6-25-72 7-5-72	MP(BPET-342 as mod.) to chg. freq. from Ch-38, 614-620mc to Ch-16, 482-488mc; ERP to Vis. 3275kw, Aur. 434.4kw; type ant. to GE TY-95-0; and HAAT 972.6 ft. Atty.: Roy F. Perkins, Jr. (Cohn and Marks) Engr.: Noyes W. Willett	GRANTED	8-23-72
BLET-321 R & F PRESS: JAN 23 1973	12-4-72 12-6-72	License to cover (BPET-342, as mod.,) for a new station.	GRANTED	5-15-73
BRET-220 R & F PN Rec'd: 5-3-74 PRESS: MAY 16 1974	4-26-74 5-3-74	RENEWAL of LICENSE Atty: Roy F. Perkins, Jr.	GRANTED	7-31-74
BRET-220 R&F PN RECD PRESS APR 15 1977	3-17-77 4-1-77 4-1-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Roy F. Perkins, Jr.	GRANTED	7-21-77

CARD NO. 5

APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

NON-COMMERCIAL ED TV
Call Letters: K E D TName: SOUTH TEXAS EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING COUNCIL
CH-16

Station Location: CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRET-800401LT R & F PN REC'D	3-25-80 4-1-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: RUY F. PERKINS, JR. {RUY E. PERKINS, JR.}	7-18-80
BRCET-000811KK		Request for auth. to operate by RC from 4455 S. Padre Island Dr. Suite 38, Corpus Christi, Texas AMENDED 12-30-80 re engineering	

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.

