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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Official No. 114

NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL

(ltr. 8-21-53) WDFM

Date first licensed March 8, 1954

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Station Location: State College, Pa.

Name of licensee THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
☒ THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE

Nr. Hwy. #545, 1.5 mi. NE of State College Pa. (PED 5-6-65)

☒ Sparks Building, Penn State Campus, University Park, Pennsylvania (BR 7-11-57)
☒ NW Sector, Penna. State Campus

Transmitter location State College, Pennsylvania

304 Sparks Bldg., Pa. State Univ. Campus, State College, Pa. (Redesc. PED 5-6-65)
☒ Sparks Building, Penn State Campus, University Park, Pennsylvania (BR 7-11-57)

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☒ 304 Sparks Building, Campus
State College, Pennsylvania

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPED-228	4-6-53	CP new Non Com Ed Bc Sta: 91.9mcs	860 w Terr.-10'		6-6-53 12-6-53
BMPED-277	2-2-54	Mod CP change name to The Pennsylvania State University, change ant sys, ERP ERP 250w, Terr -10'			4-2-54 10-2-54
BLED-143	3-8-54	License to cover to 91.1mcs	250w Terr -10'		8-1-54
BRED-114	7-28-54	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1-57
BRED-114	7-11-57	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1 8-1-60
	7-27-60	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BRED-114	9-7-60	Renewal of License			9-7 8-1-63
BPED-666	5-6-65	91.1mcs ERP:870w(H);850w(V)U HAAT: minus 78' (H) Ch.#216 TPO:1kw minus 83 feet (V)			7-6-65 1-6-66
		CP to chg. ant.-trans. loc.; install new trans. (Gates FM-1C); oper. trans. by RC from studio loc; install dual polarized ant. (Gates FMH-200/300-2, 2 hor. & 2 vert. secs.); incr. TPO; and chgs. in ERP & HAAT, (Redesc. studio loc.).			
BRED-114	7-31-63	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1 8-1-66
BLED-508	3-25-66	91.9mcs 870w(H);850w(V) U HAAT: minus 78' (H); minus 83' (V) TPO: 1kw. CH.#216			3-25 8-1-66
		Lic to cover CP(BPED-666) which auth chg ant-trans loc, install dual polarized ant incr TPO and make chgs in ERP & HAAT, & specify horiz. ant as Gates-FMA-2A, 2sect.			
BRED-114	7-29-66	Renewal of License			8-1 8-1-69
BRED-114 (L)	7-24-69	Renewal			8-1-72
BRED-114	7-31-72	RENEWAL			8-1-75
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRED-114(L)	7-23-75	RENEWAL			8-1-78
BRED-114	7-20-78	(S) REN. OF LIC.			8-1-81

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~~NEW~~ ~~145-44-5~~Name **X THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY****X THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE****X STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA - UNIVERSITY PARK, PENNSYLVANIA**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-228 Rec'd Filed	3-4-53 3-13-53 3-13-53	C.P. for new non-commercial educational station - Freq: 91.9 mcs (Ch. 216) ERP: 1 kw Overall height of ant. above ground: 70' T-L: NW Sector, Penn State Campus, State College, Penna. S-L: 304 Sparks Bldg. Campus, State College, Penna. TR: Federal Telephone & Radio Corp. square loop.	GRANTED	4-6-53
BLD-143 Recd. Filed	12-6-53 12-7-53 2-2-54	License to cover the above.	GRANTED	lic.-held-pend. Mod.-to-ent.-perm 3-8-54
BPED-277 Recd. & Filed	1-22-54 1-25-54	Mod. of C. P. (BPED-228) to change ERP to 0.246 kw; name to The Pennsylvania State University; & change antenna system.	GRANTED	2-2-54 ERP 250w

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-114 Recd. & Filed	6-24-54	Renewal of license	GRANTED	7-28-54
BRED-114 Received Reusb. Recd & Filed	6-25-54 5-17-57 5-20-57 6-3-57 6-5-57	Renewal of license	Returned Ltr. 5-27-57. Name & Loca. wrong Incorrectly signed. GRANTED	7-11-57
BRED-114 Rec'd & Filed	3-29-60 4-4-60	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	9-7-60
BRED-114 R & F	4-30-63 5-2-63	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	7-31-63

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STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-666 R&F	4-21-65 4-26-65	Construction permit to change antenna-transmitter location to 1.5 miles NE of city near State Highway 545(WMAJ site); operate trans by remote control from 304 Sparks Building, State College, Penna.; increase horizontal ERP to .865kw; increase TPO to 1kw; decrease HAAT to -78'; install new trans (Gates-FM-1C); and install new ant (Gates-FMH-200/300-2, 2 horizontal and 2 vertical sections); using a vertical ERP of .851kw.	GRANTED	5-6-65
BPED-483 R & F	12-31-65 1-4-66	Modification of CP(BPED-666 which authorized change ant.-trans. location, install new trans., remote control operation, install dual polarized ant., increase TPO, and make changes in ERP and HAAT) for extension of completion date from 1-6-66 to 3-6-66.	DISMISSED AS MOOT	3-2-66

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Aug. 1955

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State College, Pa.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLED-508 Rec'd Filed	1/27/66 2/1/66 2/24/66	Lic. to cover CP (BRED-666) which auth. chng. ant-trans. loc.; install dual polarized ant, install new trans., remote control operation, increase TPO, and make chngs. in ERP and HAAT; and specify horiz ant as Gates-FMA-2A, 2 sections.	GRANTED	3-25-66
BRED-114 R & F	4-25-66 4-29-66	Renewal of license Atty- Krieger & Jorgensen	GRANTED	7-29-66
BRED-114 R & F Press JUN 13 1969	4-25-69 5-1-69 JUN 13 1969	Renewal of license	GRANTED	7-24-69
BRED-114 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAY 16 1972	5-1-72 5-5-72 " 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-31-72

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91.9 mcs.

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September 1969

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STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-114 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	3-25-75 4-3-75 " 8 2 APR 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-23-75
BRED-114 R & F PRESS	3-31-78 4-3-78 APR 17 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-20-78
BRED 810407UB PRESS MAY 5 1981	1981	Renewal of License	GRANTED	8-11-81

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.

