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NON COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 3-11-74

Call letters W E T S

Station location Johnson City, Tenn.

Name of licensee EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Transmitter location Rye Patch Knob, 10 miles northeast of Elizabethtown, Tennessee  
(PED-11-27-72)

920 West Maple, ETSU Campus, Johnson City, Tennessee (BRCEd 10-19-73)  
x Hankins House, East Tenn. State Univ. campus, Johnson City, Tenn 5-15-73  
Main studio location Gilbreath Hall, East Tennessee State University Campus  
Johnson City, Tennessee (PED-11-27-72)



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPED-1353 HAAT: 2200' (H&V)	11-27-72	89.5mc #208	ERP: 70kw(H&V)		11-27-73
		CP for New FM ED Station.			
BPED-1353 (1)	1-22-73	Call letters assigned.			
BPED-1353 (2)	5-15-73	MP chg. SL.			
BSCA-1285	9-24-73	SCA 67kHz	to expire with any lic. issued.		
BMPED-1,030 (3)	10-16-73	MP(BPED-1,353)	chg. SL & operate by RC		
BMPED-1056 BMPED-1057 (4)	1-8-74	MP chg. trans., MP ext. time	ant. & TPO	5-27-74	
BLED-1198 HAAT: 2200' (H&V)	3-11-74	Lic.(BPED-1353, 89.5mhz., ERP:	as mod.) New 70kw(H&V) RC	8-1-76	
BRED-682(S)	7-14-76	RENEWAL & SCA			8-1-79
BRED790403YT	8-21-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-82



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters **W E T S**  
**XNEW-EDUC-FM**

Name **East Tennessee State University**  
**Johnson City, Tennessee (PO East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tenn. 37601)**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-1,353 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED: PRESS: PN REC'd: JAN 13 1972	12-4-71 12-7-71	CP For New FM ON: 89.5mc. #208 HAAT: 2200' ERP: 70kw. Trans: RCa-BTF-20E1/Stereo; Ant: RCA-BFG-7B, 7 sects. TL: On Rye Patch Knob, 10 mi. NE of Elizabeth- ton, Tenn. (WCYB-TV site). SL: Gilbreath Hall, ETSU Campus, Johnson City, Tennessee. 36° 26' 57" - 82° 06' 31"  Atty--- Engr- Louis A. King(Bristol, Tenn.) Section III.(Revised)	GRANTED	11-27-72
AMENDED	12-13-71			
BSCA-1,285 R & F No Fee Required Press	8-20-73 8-24-73 SEP 13 1973	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kilohertz.	GRANTED	9-24-73



PN mailed: 1-13-72.

3-9-72- Ltr. Community support to agruement the  
documentation of programming; filed by Tennessee  
State University.



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

89.5mhz

Call  
Letters W.E.T.S.

Name East Tennessee State University  
Johnson City, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPED-1,030 R & F No Fee Required Press SEP 13 1973	8-20-73 8-23-73	MP (BPED-1,353) chg. studio location to 920 West Maple, ETSU Campus, Johnson City, Tennessee and operate by remote control from the proposed studio site.	GRANTED	10-19-73
BMPED-1,056 R & F No Fee Required Press	11-28-73 12-3-73	MP (BPED-1,353) <sup>as mod.</sup> chg. trans. (Collins 831G-1); chg. ant. (Collins 37CP-1, 7 sects.); and chg. TPO.	GRANTED	1-8-74
BMPED-1,057 R & F No Fee Required Press DEC 21 1973	11-20-73 11-29-73	MP (BPED-1,353, as mod.) ext. time to 1-1-74. (New Station)	GRANTED to	1-8-74 5-27-74
BLED-1198 Rec'd Amended & F PTA PRESS FEB 5 1974	11-26-73 12-3-73 1-7-74 1-18-74	Lic. (BPED-1353, as mod.) - New Sta.  New Sect. I	GRANTED	3-11-74



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Call  
Letters ..... W.E.T.S. .....

Name EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY  
Johnson City, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-682 R & F P.N. Press BRSCA-1285 R & F	3-29-76 3-31-76 <b>MAY 25 1976</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-14-76
BRED 790403 YT PRESS	<b>MAY 22 1979</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	8-21-79
BPED810521AF PRESS (O)	<b>JUN 9 1981</b>	CP to make chgs. in Ant. Sys.; chg. TL to: Holston Mountain, 7.5 Miles NE of Elizabethton, Tennessee; chg. type Ant. (COLLINS 37CP-6, 6 sects. H&V); decre. ERP: 66kw (H&V); incre. HAAT: 2273' (H&V) & chg. TPO.  36° 26' 02" 82° 08' 08"		



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

