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PTA 3-2-70  
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NON-COMM. ED. TV

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 9-29-70 (Off.#181)

Call letters WTCI

Station location CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

Name of licensee TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Transmitter location 12 MILES NORTH OF CHATTANOOGA, NEAR FALLING WATER, TENNESSEE

4411 Amnicola Hwy., Chattanooga, Tennessee (BLET-257 9-29-70)  
Main studio location X NEAR CHICKAMAUGA DAM, APPROXIMATELY 1 MILE NORTH OF CHATTANOOGA CITY  
LIMITS, NEAR CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPET-253	7-8-66	CH. #45	V-617 kw	U	9-8-66
AH: 950' NSL:2308'		656-662	A-117 kw		3-8-67
CP FOR A NEW NON-COMM.ED. TV B/C STATION.					
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ISSUED WITHOUT CALL LETTERS.					
BPET-253	11-22-66	same	same	same	9-8-66
Mod. of CP					3-8-67
CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED.					
BMPET-461	5-24-67	same	same	same	9-8-66
Mod. of CP (BPET-253)					10-1-67
to extend completion date					
BMPET-523	10-12-67	same	same	same	9-8-66
Mod. of CP (BPET-253, as mod)					4-12-68
to extend compl. date					
BPET-253	12-18-67	same	same	same	9-8-66
To specify Carrier Frequency.					4-12-68
BMPET-576	6-7-68	MP (BPET-253, as mod.)			12-7-68
BMPET-614	3-6-69	MP (BPET-253, as mod.)			9-6-69
BMPET-634	8-26-69	MP (BPET-253, as mod.)			2-26-70
WIRE	3-2-70	RETENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPER			
ON PTA CP BMPCT-634 EXCEPT WITH MAIN STUDIO LOCATION					
DESCRIBED AS 4411 ANNICOLA HIGHWAY, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.					
ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES UNDER THIS AUTHORITY.					
WIRE	3-11-70	Within school programming			8-1-73
WIRE	4-23-70	Operate remote control			
BLET-257	9-29-70	Lic. (BPET-253, as mod.)			8-1-73
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRCETV-17	6-28-72	OPERATE REMOTE CONTROL			
BRET-181	7-31-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-73
					8-1-76
BRET-181	7-14-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			8-1-79
BRET-790330LI	7-18-79	Renewal Of License (S)			8-1-82



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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMM. EDUCATIONAL TV

Call  
Letters NEW WTCI

Name TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CH. 45 c/o J. H. Warf, 100-B Cordell Hull Bldg., Nashville, Tennessee 37219

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPET-253 Recd. & Filed	3-3-66	Construction Permit for a new Non-Commercial Educational Television station. CH. 45, 656-662 Mcs. ERP: Vis. 740 kw, Aur. 140 kw Hours of Operation: Unlimited T-L: Approx. 12 miles N. of Chattanooga, Tennessee S-L: Approx. 5 miles NE of Chattanooga, Tennessee (RCA TTU-30A) AH: 951 feet STATION LOCATION: CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE W. L. Hamilton, Chief Engr., 102 Cordell Hull Bldg., Nashville, Tennessee	GRANT	JUL 8 1966
	3-7-66			
AMENDED	5-27-66	AMENDED to REQUEST WAIVER OF SEC. 73.613(a) of COMMISSION RULES (engineering data)		
R&F	5-31-66			



CONTACT: J. H. Warf, Chairman  
State Board of Education  
100-B Cordell Hull Bldg.  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

TEL. NO.        Area Code 615 - No. 256-2440



Aug. 1955

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMM. ED. TV.

Call  
Letters W T C IName TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CH-45 Chattanooga, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-461 R & F	1-31-67 2-3-67	Modification of CP(BPET-253, which auth. a new station) to extend completion date from 3-8-67 to 10-1-67.	GRANTED	5-24-67
BMPET-523 R & F	10-3-67 10-4-67	Modification of CP(BPET-253, as mod., which authorized a new station) to extend completion date to July 1, 1968.	GRANTED	10-12-67
BMPET-576 R & F PRESS	3-28-68 4-3-68 APR 9 1968	MP (BPET-253, as mod.), to extend completion date to 12-1-68.	GRANTED	6-7-68
BMPET-614 R & F PRESS	11-4-68 11-20-68 NOV 27 1968	MP (BPET-253, as mod.) to extend completion date to MAY 1, 1969	GRANTED	3-6-69
BMPET-634 R & F PRESS	7-29-69 8-4-69 AUG 18 1969	MP (BPET-253, as mod.) to extend completion date to December 1, 1969.	GRANTED	8-26-69



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters W T C I

Name TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CH. 45 CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLET-257 R & F PRESS	2-16-70 2-17-70 MAR 9 1970	LICENSE (BPET-253, as mod.) for a new station; and specify Studio Location as 4411 Amnicola Highway, Chattanooga, Tenn.	GRANTED	9-29-70
BRCTV-17 R & F PRESS:	3-27-72 4-3-72 APR 17 1972	Req. auth. to oper. trans. by RC from 4411 Amnicola Highway, Chattanooga, Tennessee.	GRANTED	6-28-72
BRET-181 R & F ON RECD. PRESS:	4-23-73 4-30-73 4-30-73 MAY 14 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Req. waiver of Sec. 73.651(c) for period of 10 wks	GRANTED	7-31-73



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Letters ..... W T C I

Name TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CH-45 Chattanooga, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRET-181 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	3-27-76 3-30-76 3-30-76 13 APR 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Contours <del>not</del> filed. 6-2-76	GRANTED	7-14-76
BRET 790330LI PN REC'D R & F PRESS	3-27-79 3-30-79 3-30-79 APR 20 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-18-79



## 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 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 television station history.

