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BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

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Call Letters . . . W C T A

Station Location . . . ALAMO, TENNESSEE

Name . . . CROCKETT BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Nance School Road, 0.85 mi. S. of RR Crossing, Alamo, Tenn. (MP 7-14-81)

Transmitter Location . . . ~~H~~wy. 54, 2.9 mi. N. of Hwy. 88 junction, near Alamo, TennesseeMain studio location
SAME AS TRANS. SITE (MP 7-14-81)
~~X~~TO BE DETERMINED, ALAMO, TENNESSEE

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BP-21270 (L)	2-20-80	810khz 250watts DA CP FOR NEW AM STATION	2-20-81
BP-21270 (1) BMP-810202AR (2)	6-30-80 4-10-81	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED MP (BP-21270) for ext. of time to:	& EBSA ISS 9-30-81
BMP81031LAF	7-14-81	Mod. of CP (BP21270, as mod.) to chg. TL & locate 3L.	

APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

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NEW AM

Name: CROCKETT BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Station Location: Alamo, Tennessee (PO box f, parsons, tn 38363)

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BF - 21270 - Rec'd Filed ACCEPTED SEP 4 - '79 AMENDED	6-28-78 7-3-78 12-19-78 CUT OFF OCT 12 1979	Construction per mit for new AM station on: Frequency: 810KHz Power: 250 watts DA Hours of operation: Daytime TL: Hwy 54, 2.9 mi North of Hwy 88 junction, near Alamo, Tennessee SL&RC: to be determined 35 49 22 89 05 23	Gr. 2-20-80
	12-19-78	chg freq; power; TL	

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

810KHz.

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Name: CROKETT BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Station Location: ALAMO, TENNESSEE

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMP810202AR PRESS (0)	APR 20 1981	MP (BP-21,270) For Extension of Time to: <u>8-20-81</u> (NEW STATION) Atty. Robert S. Stone (Knoxville, Tenn.)	GRANTED: 4-10-81 TO: 9-30-81
BMP810311AF PRESS (0)	MAY 20 1981	Mod. of CP (BP-21,270, as Mod.) To chg. TL to & Locate SL at: Nance School Road, 0.85 mi. S. of RR Crossing, Alamo, Tennessee. MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES. 35° 47' 59" 89° 07' 20" Atty. Robert S. Stone (Knoxville, Tenn.)	GRANTED 7-14-81 Con'd

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Name: CROCKETT BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Station Location: Alamo, Tennessee

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMP810813AR PRESS(0)	SEP 4 1981	MP(CP-21270, as mod.) for ext. of time to: _____ (NEW STATION)	GRANTED 10-20-81 TO 3-31-82

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. 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 – 3” by 5” filing cards – 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). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only one set is known to exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

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.

