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June 1954

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NON-COMM. ED. TV

12-21-67

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 3-7-68 (#123)

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Call letters WDCO-TV

Station location COCHRAN, GEORGIA

Name of licensee GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Transmitter location 7.5 miles Northeast of Cochran, Georgia

Main studio location 7.5 miles Northeast of Cochran, Georgia

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPET-212	12-11-64	CH.15	V.309 kw	U	2-11-65
AH: 1150'	MSL:1549'	476-482	A.10.9 kw		8-11-65
Construction Permit for a New Non-Comm. ED. TV B/C Station					
BPET-212	12-11-64	CH.15	V.309 kw	U	2-11-65
AH: 1150'		476-482	A-30.9 kw	MSL:1549'	8-11-65
CP ----- Superseded 6-29-65 to correct Carrier Frequency					
BMPET-364	8-3-65	same	same	same	2-11-65
Mod. of CP (BPET-212) to extend completion date 2-3-66					
BMPET-390	2-1-66	same	same	same	2-11-65
					8-1-66
Mod. of CP (BPET-212) to extend completion date -----					
BMPET-388	3-23-66	CH.15	V-363 kw	U	2-11-65
		476-482	A-36.3 kw		9-23-66
Mod. of CP to chg. ERP Visual & Aural; chg. in geographical coordinates & power rating of transmitter.					
BMPET-427	8-18-66	Same	Same	Same	2-11-65
Mod. of CP (BPET-212) to extend Compl.date					2-18-67

COMM. LETTER ADOPTED 3-1-67; GRANTED WAIVER SECTION 73.651 (c) OF RULES to accompany visual transmission of slides with aural transmission of music during scheduled breaks in its in-school programming schedule; FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR					
BMPET-459	5-19-67	SAME	same	same	2-11-65
Mod. of CP (BPET-212) to ext. compl. date					11-19-67
BMPET-527	10-27-67	same	same	same	2-11-65
Mod. of C.P. (BPET-212, as mod.) to ext. compl. dt					4-27-68
WIRE 12-21-67 RE TEND. LIC. APPL. AUTH. GR. OPERATE WDCO-TV ON PROG. TEST ACCORD. SEC. 73.629 RULES AND CP BMPET-527 ADVISE WHEN OPERATION COMMENCES UNDER THIS AUTHORITY.					
BLET-200	3-7-68	CH.15	V-363 kw	U	3-7-68
AH:1150'	MSL:1549'	476-482	A-36.3 kw		4-1-70
LICENSE to cover CP (BPET-212, as mod) which auth. a new sta. Letter by Commission 3-8-68 Granted Waiver of Sec. 73.651(c) for period ending 4-1-70 re in-school programming.					
BLET-123	4-1-70	RENEWAL OF LIC. (s)			4-1-73

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Name of licensee

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Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
EBSA	5-15-72				
ltr.	4-2-73	Sect. 73.651(c) waived from 4-1-76			
Wire ext'n of end. 5-31-73	3-30-73	Pending Comm. act. on req. for 1yr. ex- auth., auth. gtd. cont. oper. temp. per accord. Comm. orig. ltr. of auth.			
BRET-123	3-30-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-76
Ltr. 6-13-73 Auth. to conduct technical experimentation per Sect. 73.666 ending 7-31-74					
BRET-123	3-12-76	Ch. 15	V. 363 kW	U	4-1-76
AH: 1150'	MSL: 1549'	476-482	A. 36.3kW		4-1-79
Renewal of license					
BRET-781201LE	3-22-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			4-1-82

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NON-COMM. EDUCA. TV

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Name GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

PO c/o Claude Purcell, State Superintendent of Schools, State Office Building, Atlanta, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action 30334	
			Nature	Date
BPET- 212 R & F	8-28-64 9-9-64	Construction permit for a new Non-Commercial Educational Television station: Channel #15, 476-482 mcs. ERP: Vis. 304 kw (Horiz), Aur. 30.4kw (Horiz) Unlimited hours Transmitter location: 7.5 miles N. E. of Cochran, Georgia Studio location: same as transmitter STATION LOCATION: COCHRAN, GEORGIA (G. E. TT-57-A) AH: 1149 feet (REQUEST WAIVER OF SECTION 73.613 OF COMM'S RULES) Atty Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn (T Schattenfield) Engr.: A/Earl Cullum, Jr. P.O. Box 7004, Dallas, Texas	GRANTED	12-11-64
BPET-364 R & F	7-6-65 7-14-65	Mod. of CP (BPET-212, which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 8-11-65 to JULY 1966.	GRANTED	8-3-65

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CH. 315 COCHRAN, GEORGIA

FIP 30334

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-388 R & F	11-29-65 12-1-65	Mod. of CP (BPET-212, as mod., which auth. new Non-Comm. ED. TV B/C Station) to change ERP from Vis. 300 kw, Aur. 30.9 kw TO Vis. 361 kw (HORZ) Aur. 36.1 kw (HORZ); make slight change in geographical coordinates and change in power rating of transmitter. Thomas Schettenfield, Atty. (ARENT, FOX, KINTNER)	GRANTED	3-23-66
BMPET-390 R & F	12-28-65 12-29-65	Mod. of CP (BPET-212, as mod., which authorized a new Non-Comm. ED. TV B/C station) to extend completion date from 2-3-66 to December 1966. Thos. Schattenfeld, Atty.	GRANTED	2-1-66
BMPET-427 R & F	6-27-66 7-8-66	Mod. of CP (BPET-212, as mod., which auth. a new Non-Comm. ED. TV B/C Station) to extend completion date from 9-23-66 to 2-1-67.	GRANTED	8-18-66

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CH-15 GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Cochran, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-459 R & F	12-19-66 1-4-67	Modification of CP(BPET-212, as mod., which authorized a new station) to extend completion date from 2-18-67 to 8-1-67 . Arent, Fox, Kitner, Plotkin & Kahn, Atty. (Gene A. Bechtel)	GRANTED	5-19-67
BMPET-527 R & F	10-9-67 10-13-67	Modification of CP(BPET-212, as mod., which authorized a new station) to extend completion date to 1-1-68. Gene A. Bechtel, Atty.	GRANTED	10-27-67
BLET-200 R & F	12-13-67 12-14-67	LICENSE to cover CP (BPET-212, as mod.,) which authorized a new station. Gene A. Bechtel, Atty. (Arent, Fox, Kintner)	GRANTED	3-7-68

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CH. 15 COCHRAN, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRET-123 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	12-1-69 12-9-69 12-23-69 JAN 2 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	4-1-70
BRET-123 R & F PN REC PRESS	12-15-72 12-22-72 JAN 9 1973 JAN 5 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Gene A. Bechtel (Arent, Fox, Kintner & Plotkin)	GRANTED	3-30-73

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CH-15 Cochran, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRET-123 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	11-14-75 12-1-75 12-1-75 3-1-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Contours filed 12-18-76. Atty: Theodore D. Frank (Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn)	GRANTED	3-12-76
BRET-781201LE R&F PN REC'D PRESS	12-1-78 12-1-78 79 0202	RENEWAL OF LICENSE THEODORE D. FRANK, ATTY (ARENT, FOX, KINTNER, PLOTKIN & KAHN)	GRANTED	3-22-79
BALCT810924KN		assignment	gr.	11-17-81

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 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.

