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NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

**CH 22**

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WCTE

Station location COOKEVILLE, TENNESSEE

Name of licensee TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Transmitter location Approx. 8.5 mi. E. of Cookeville, Tenn.

Main studio location 209 Communications Bldg., Univ. of Tenn., Knoxville, Tenn.

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To	
BPET-467	5-16-74	Ch-22	V-427kW	Unl.	7-16-74	
AH:1390' MSL:2802.5' 518-524 A-77.6kW					11-16-75	
CP for new noncommercial educational TV.						
BPET-467 (1)	7-8-74	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED				
EBSA	7-8-74					
BMPET-858 (2)	7-26-76	MP(BPET-467) to extend completion date			1-26-77	
BMPET-886 (3)	1-31-77	MP(BPET-467 as mod) to extend completion date			7-31-77	
BMPET-896 (4)	8-15-77	MP (BPET-467, as mod) to extend completion date			2-15-78	
BMPET-908 (5)	5-1-79	MP (BPET-467) to extend completion date to 11-1-79				

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters (NEW) WCTE

Name TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CH-22 (PO c/o Benjamin E. Carmichael, 100 Cordell Hull Bldg., Nashville, TN 37219)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPET-467 R & F PRESS: ✓ PN REC'D:	11-21-73 11-26-73 4-22-74	CP for new Educ. TV on: Freq.: Ch-22, 518-524MHz ERP: Vis. 660kW, Aur. 120kW HAAT: 1395 ft. Hrs. of Oper.: Proposed Satellite of WSJK-TV, Ch-2, Sneedville, Tennessee TL: 4 mi. NW of town limits of Monterey, Tenn. (36-10-26 85-20-37) Trans.; RCA TTU-30C Ant.: RCA TFU-30J STATION LOCATION: COOKEVILLE, TENNESSEE  Atty.: None Engr.: Applicant  AMENDED 1-2-74 re equal employment	GRANTED	5-16-74

Chester Hill

135 Cordell Hull Bldg.

Nashville, Tennessee 37219

615-741-3261

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV

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CH-22 Cookeville, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPET-858 R & F no fee required PRESS:	10-15-75 10-17-75 16 Jan 1976	MP (BPET-467) to extend completion date to November 1976. Amended 4-16-76 to update info. in appl.	GRANTED	3 7-26-76
BMPET-886 R. & F Press:	12-15-76 12-23-76 23 JAN 1977	MP(BPET-467 as mod) to extend completion date to July, 1977	GRANTED	1-31-77
BMPET-896 R & F Press:	6-27-77 6-30-77 JUL 18 1977	MP(BPET-467 as mod) to extend completion date to: January, 1978	GRANTED	8-15-77
BMPET-908 R&F PRESS	1-11-78 1-16-78 FEB 17 1978	MP{BPET-467, as mod.} to extend completion date Atty.: Applicant	GRANTED	5-1-79

NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL TV  
APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W C T E

Name: TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CH-22

Station Location: COOKEVILLE, TN

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BLET-780807LZ R & F PRESS: PTA	8-4-78 8-7-78 12-10-79 8-16-78	Lic. to cover (BPET-467 as mod.) for New Station.	<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>
BMLET-810706KF		ML to relocate Main Studio to SW cprner of Tucher Stad., Tenn. Tech Campus, Cookeville, Tennessee	

## 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.

