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PTA 12-10-76

COMMERCIAL TV

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

CH 55

Date first licensed January 31, 1979

Call letters WCPT-TV

Station location CROSSVILLE,  
TENNESSEE

Name of licensee WCPT-TV, INC. (AP 11-30-76; Eff:  
EDWARD M. JOHNSON tr/as CUMBERLAND TELEVISION COMPANY

Transmitter location Haley Mountain, near Crab Orchard, Tennessee

Main studio location Intersection Penfield & Webb, Crossville, Tennessee



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl.<br>No.  | Date<br>Issued | Freq.   | Power    | Time<br>Div. | Period<br>From To |
|---|----------------|---|----------|--------------|-------------------|
| BPCT-4832   | 1-14-76        | Ch-55   | V-18.6kW | Unl.         | 3-14-76           |
| AH:1180' MSL:2860'  |                | 716-722   | A-3.71kW |              | 7-14-77           |
| CP for new TV station.  |                |   |          |              |                   |
| BPCT-4832   | 4-26-76        | Call Letters assigned.  |          |              |                   |
| (1)   |                |   |          |              |                   |
| EBSA  | 4-26-76        |   |          |              |                   |
| Wire  | 9-9-76         | Cont'l. auth. grtd. temp. oper. EMCEE   |          |              |                   |
| TU-100UA as UHF Transl. with 100w output on Ch-28 neg. offset located WHUB-FM TL input Ch-55 from Crossville. Scala Paraslot SL-8 ant. mtd. on existing twr. & not to incr. twr. overall hght. AG. This auth. grtd, w/o prejudice any act. Comm. takes re permanent auth. |                |   |          |              |                   |
| Wire  | 9-24-76        | Tendered lic. appl., auth. grtd. temp. oper. accord. BPCT-4832 except oper. permitted w/o Aur. modulation monitor pending rect. of this monitor. This auth. exp. 10-22-76.  |          |              |                   |
| Wire  | 10-26-76       | Auth. extd. temp. oper. accord. BPCT-4832 pend. submission of addi'l. data for lic. appl., thru 11-22-76.   |          |              |                   |
| BAPCT-519   | 11-30-76       | Voluntary assignment of CP  |          |              |                   |
| Wire  | 12-10-76       | Retendered lic. appl., auth. grtd. oper. PTA accord. BPCT-4832 as amended & accord. 73.629.   |          |              |                   |
| WIRE  | 6-21-77        | Auth. grtd. oper WCPT-TV by remote control without Tektronix 149 vertical interval test signal generator and Tektronix 520A vectorscope pending arrival of equipment. Licensee is cautioned that this auth. does not abrogate responsibility for maintaining signal characteristics within auth. limits. This auth. expires 9-19-77. Est. of this auth. beyond 180 days not contemplated as in accordance with your proposal. |          |              |                   |
| BRCTV-351   | 6-21-77        | STUDIO Loc. Remote control authority  |          |              |                   |
| (2)   |                |   |          |              |                   |
| BPCT-5000   | 6-29-77        | CP TO CHG. ERP; TYPE  | TRANS.;  |              |                   |
| AND TYPE TRANS.;  |                | 716-722 ch-55; Unl  |          |              | 12-29-80          |
| AH: 1160'; MSL: 2837'   |                | A. 646KW V. 64.6KW  |          |              |                   |



## BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed .....

Call Letters .. WCPT-TV .....

Station Location .. CROSSVILLE, TN .....

Name .....

Transmitter Location .....

Main studio location .....



# Authorization Record

| File No.  | Granted | Facilities   | Expires |
|---|---------|--|---------|
| BLCT-2531<br>AH:1160' MSL:2837' ERP: V<br>Lic. to cover (BLCT-4832) | 1-31-79 | Ch-55 Unl.<br>a. 18.6kW, Aur. 3.71kW<br>for New Station. | 8-1-79  |
| BRCT-790406KF   | 8-12-80 | Renewal of License(S)                                    | 8-1-82  |



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call  
Letters (NEW) WCPT-TV

Name **EDWARD M. JOHNSON tr/as GUMBERLAND TELEVISION COMPANY**  
CH-55 **CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE (PO Box 591, Crossville, TN 38555)**

| File No.          | Dated       | Application for  | Action  |         |
|-------------------|-------------|--|---------|---------|
|                   |             |  | Nature  | Date    |
| BPGT-4832         | 1-23-75     | CP for new TV on: Freq.: Ch-55, 716-722MHz                             | GRANTED | 1-14-76 |
| R & F             | 1-27-75     | ERP: Vis. 16.6kW, Aur. 3.74kW HAAT: 1148 ft.                           |         |         |
| #386817 \$500     | 1-27-75     | TL: Haley Mtn., 10 mi. ESE of Crossville, Tenn.<br>(35-53-08 84-51-34) |         |         |
| AC: 003           | FEB 26 1975 | SL: To be determined, Crossville, Tenn.                                |         |         |
| PRESS:            |             | Trans.: <del>Continental Electronics PA-715</del> RCA TTU-1B           |         |         |
| PN REC'D:         | 2-13-75     | Ant.: GE TY-24-B   |         |         |
| GRANT FEE: \$4500 |             |  |         |         |
| GRANT FEE PAID:   |             |  |         |         |
| AC: 004           |             | Atty.: None  |         |         |
|                   |             | Engr.: Applicant   |         |         |
| AMENDMENT         | 5-27-75     | AMENDED to change type of transmitter to                               |         |         |
| R & F             | 5-29-75     | RCA TTU-1B and financial   |         |         |
| PRESS             | 25 JUN 1975 |  |         |         |
| AMENDMENT         | 6-17-75     | AMENDED re Financial   |         |         |
| R & F             | 6-17-75     |  |         |         |
| AMENDMENT         | 9-3-75      | AMENDED re Ascertainment of Comm. Prob., Staffing                      |         |         |
| R & F             | 9-5-75      | & Financial.   |         |         |



c/o Edward M Johnson  
Wells Road  
Crossville, Tennessee 38555  
615 484-5168



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters ~~NEW~~ WCPT-TV

WCPT-TV, INC.

Name ☒ EDWARD M. JOHNSON, tr/as GUMBERLAND TELEVISION COMPANY.....  
CH 55 CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE

| File No.                                   | Dated   | Application for  | Action          |          |
|--|---|--|-----------------|----------|
|  |   |  | Nature          | Date     |
| BPCT-4832<br>AMENDED<br>R & F              | 9-16-75<br>9-22-75                            | AMENDED RE request consideration of deletion of proposed condition of divestiture  |                 |          |
| AMENDED<br>R & F<br>PRESS:                 | 10-23-75<br>10-28-75<br>24 NOV 1975           | AMENDED to Chg. Aural ERP to 3.32kW;<br>; type of antenna<br>to BOGNER B16U0; make changes in antenna structure (decr. hght) HAAT 1180'. |                 |          |
| AMENDED<br>R & F                           | 10-21-75<br>11-3-75                           | AMENDED re other business interests  |                 |          |
| AMENDED<br>R & F                           | 11-7-75<br>11-13-75                           | AMENDED re correct antenna height  |                 |          |
| BAPCT-519<br>R&F<br>631383\$100<br>AC: 047 | 10-26-76<br>11-1-76<br>11-1-76<br>22 NOV 1976 | Voluntary assignment of construction permit to WCPT-TV, Inc.   | GRANTED<br>EFF: | 11-30-76 |
| PRESS<br>(Form 316)                        |   |  |                 |          |



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Ch-55 CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE

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|---|---|---|---------|---------|
|   |   |   | Nature  | Date    |
| BLCT-2531<br>R&F<br>612041\$100<br>AC: 001<br>PRESS | 9-8-76<br>9-10-76<br>9-10-76<br>11 JAN 1977 | License (BPCT-4832) for a new station.<br>AMENDED 10-27-76 re proof of performance<br>AMENDED 12-7-76 re Engr.  | GRANTED | 1-31-79 |
| BPCT-5000<br>R&F<br>PRESS                           | 1-17-77<br>1-21-77<br>FEB 24 1977           | CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 1000kW, Aur. 100kW;<br>chg. type Trans. to RCA TTU-30A; and type<br>ant. to RCA TFU-30JH.<br>Atty.: none   | GRANTED | 6-19-80 |
| BRCTV-351<br>R&F<br>PRESS                           | 1-5-77<br>1-20-77<br>FEB 24 1977            | Request authority to chg. studio location to<br><del>313 South Main Street, Crossville, Tenn.,</del><br>and operate trans. by remote control from<br>studio location.<br>AMENDED 2-14-77 re Engineering<br>Amended 4-25-77 re Engineering, Sec. III of 301-A.<br>Amended 5-2-77 re additional information | GRANTED | 6-21-77 |
| AMENDMENT<br>PRESS                                  | 4-14-77<br>MAY 16 1977                      | Amended to chg. studio location to 312 South<br>Main Street, Crossville, Tenn.<br>Amended 6-3-77 re additional information  |         |         |



Request to operate on Channel 7 rec'd. 1-11-77 - to Saady.

BPCT- 5000

PETITION TO DENY filed 3-28-77 by Edward S. O'Neill on behalf of South Central Broadcasting Corporation (WTVK)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 4-12-77 by Mallyck & Bernton on behalf of WCPT-TV, Inc.

PETITION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME filed by Mallyck & Bernton on behalf of WCPT-TV, Inc.

PETITION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME filed 5-3-77 by Mallyck & Bernton on behalf of WCPT-TV, Inc.

PETITION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME filed 5-6-77 by Mallyck & Bernton on behalf of WCPT-TV, Inc.

COMMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PETITION TO DENY filed 5-31-77 by Mallyck & Bernton on behalf of WCPT-TV, Inc.

Ltr. 5-31-77 from William P. Bernton requesting dismissal of BPCT-5000 - to Geoff Bentley.



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Call  
Letters WCPT-TVName WCPT-TV, INC.  
CH-55 CROSSVILLE, TN

| File No.   | Dated                           | Application for   | Action   |         |
|--|---------------------------------|---|--|---------|
|  |                                 |   | Nature   | Date    |
| BTC-781221LF<br>R & F<br>PRESS:<br>PN REC'D:<br>(Form 315) | 12-12-78<br>12-21-78<br>1-22-79 | Voluntary transfer of control of permittee corporation from Edward M. Johnson, to Calvin C. Smith and John A. Cunningham. | GRANTED<br>eff:                                    | 2-27-79 |
| BRCT<br>790406KF<br>R & F<br>PN REC'D<br>PRESS             | 3-30-79<br>4-6-79<br>79 07 27   | RENEWAL OF LICENSE  | GRANTED  | 8-12-80 |
| BMLCT-790724KE<br>R & F<br>PRESS:                          | 7-18-79<br>7-24-79<br>7-31-79   | Mod. of Lic. to chg. SL to NE Corner Genesis Rd. & I-40 interchange, 1.8 mi. N. of Crossville, TN                         | DISMISSED<br>Per Sect. 73.3568(b)<br>of the Rules. | 1-14-80 |



COMMERCIAL TELEVISION  
APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WCPT-TV

Name: WCPT-TV, INC.

CH-55

Station Location: CROSSVILLE, TN

| File No.                            | Date                           | Description   | Action and Date |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| BPCT-800915KF<br>R & F<br>PN REC'D: | 9-12-80<br>9-15-80<br>10-31-80 | <p>CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 2818kW, Aur. 564kW; chg. TL to Buffalo Mtn., 2.2 mi. NE of Windrock, TN (36-06-34 84-20-13); chg. SL to North Main St. at Hillcrest Dr., Crossville, TN; chg. type trans. to RCA TTU-25B; type ant. to Jampro JZZ-8-OB (BT); and HAAT 2772 ft.<br/>MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION</p> <p>Atty.: L. Adrian Roberts (Dow, Lohnes &amp; Albertson)<br/>Engr.: Applicant</p> <p>AMENDED 9-26-80 re programming and engineering<br/><b>ACCEPTED</b><br/>Amended 1-22-81 re engineering <b>CUT OFF</b></p> <p>OCT 24 '80                      DEC 8 '80</p> | 2-2-81          |



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Call Letters:

WCPT-TV

Name: WCPT-TV, INC.

CH-55

Station Location: CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE

| File No.                           | Date   | Description   | Action and Date |
|------------------------------------|--------|---|-----------------|
| BALCT-810605KE<br>R&F<br>FORM: 314 | 6-5-81 | Voluntary assignment of license to Cumberland<br>Communications Corporation<br><br>Michael J. McCarthy, atty.<br>Amended 7-17-81 re financial<br>Amended 8-12-81 re legal |                 |



## 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.

