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June 1975

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: XEDWARD 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. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div	Period From To
BPCT-4832 AH:1180' MSL:2860' CP for new TV station.	1-14-76	Ch-55 716-722	V-18.6kW A-3.71kW	Unl.	3-14-76 7-14-77
BPCT-4832 (1)	4-26-76	Call Letters assigned.			
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 remoet 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 charateristics 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 (2)	6-21-77	STUDIO Loc. Remote control authority			
BPCVT-5000 AND TYPE TRANS.; AH: 1160'; MSL: 2837'	6-29-79	CP TO CHG. ERP; TYPE TRANS.; 716-722 ch-55; Unl A. 64KW V. 64.6KW			12-29-80

CARD#2 COMMERCIAL TV

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed .....

Call Letters WCPT-TV

Station Location CROSSVILLE, TN

Name .....

Transmitter Location .....

Main studio location .....

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December 1978

Authorization Record

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

Form BC-126 (Back)
December 1978

Form BC-121
September 1969

COMMERCIAL TV

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters (~~NEW~~) WCPT-TV

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

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

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D.C.

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

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Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters ~~NEW~~ WCPT-TV

WCPT-TV, INC.
Name X EDWARD M. JOHNSON tr/as CUMBERLAND TELEVISION COMPANY
CH 55 CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPCT-4832 AMENDED R & F	9-16-75 9-22-75	AMENDED RE request consideration of deletion of proposed condition of devestiture		
AMENDED R & F PRESS:	10-23-75 10-28-75 24 NOV 1975	AMENDED to Chg. Aural ERP to 3.32kW; ; type of antenna to BOGNER B16UO; make changes in antenna structure (decr. hght) HAAT 1180'.		
AMENDED R & F	10-21-75 11-3-75	AMENDED re other business interests		
AMENDED R & F	11-7-75 11-13-75	AMENDED re correct antenna height		
BAPCT-519 R&F 631383$100 AC: 047 PRESS (Form 316)	10-26-76 11-1-76 11-1-76 2 [illegible] 1976	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to WCPT-TV, Inc.	GRANTED EFF:	11-30-76

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

Call Letters WCPT-TV

Name WCPT-TV, INC.

Ch-55 CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLCT-2531 R&F 612041$100 AC: 001 PRESS	9-8-76 9-10-76 9-10-76 11 JAN 1977	License (BPCT-4832) for a new station. AMENDED 10-27-76 re proof of performance AMENDED 12-7-76 re Engr.	GRANTED	1-31-79
BPCT-5000 R&F PRESS	1-17-77 1-21-77 FEB 24 1977	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 1000kW, Aur. 100kW; chg. type Trans. to RCA TTU-30A; and type ant. to RCA TFU-30JH. Atty.: none	GRANTED	6-19-80
BRCTV-351 R&F PRESS	1-5-77 1-20-77 FEB 24 1977	Request authority to chg. studio location to ~~313 South Main Street, Crossville, Tenn.~~, and operate trans. by remote control from studio location. AMENDED 2-14-77 re Engineering Amended 4-25-77 re Engineering, Sec.III of 301-A. Amended 5-2-77 re additional information	GRANTED	6-21-77
AMENDMENT PRESS	4-14-77 MAY 16 1977	Amended to chg. studio location to 312 South Main Street, Crossville, Tenn. Amended 6-3-77 re additional information		

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D.C.

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 FUTURE 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 behafl 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.

COMMERCIAL TV

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WCPT-TV

Name WCPT-TV, INC.
CH-55 CROSSVILLE, TN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-781221LF R & F PRESS: PN REC'D: (Form 315)	12-12-78 12-21-78 1-22-79	Voluntary transfer of control of permittee corporation from Edward M. Johnson, to Calvin C. Smith and John A. Cunningham.	GRANTED eff:	2-27-79
BRCT 790406KF R & F PN REC'D PRESS	3-30-79 4-6-79 '79 07 27	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	8-12-80
BMLCT-790724KE R & F PRESS:	7-18-79 7-24-79 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 Per Sect. 73.3568(b) of the Rules.	1-14-80

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

CARD#5

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 R & F PN REC'D:	9-12-80 9-15-80 10-31-80	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-8-0B (BT); and HAAT 2772 ft. MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION Atty.: L. Adrian Roberts (Dow, Lohnes & Albertson) Engr.: Applicant AMENDED 9-26-80 re programming and engineering ACCEPTED CUT OFF Amended 1-22-81 re engineering OCT 24 '80 DEC 8 '80	2-2-81

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March 1979

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WCPT-TV

Name: WCPT-TV, INC.

CH-55

Station Location: CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE

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

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March 1979

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.