

Empower House
Formerly: Martinez Street Womens Center
WXEP-LP FCC Facility ID# 197562
San Antonio, Texas

November 2023

License Modification is filed to register an adjustment to Transmitter Power Output.

Application also claims eligibility for unlimited hours as provided under 47 CFR § 73.850(a):

- On March 24, 2021, our Renewal Application, Number: 0000140975, was filed in LMS. At the time of filing, WXEP-LP was in a three-way timeshare with LPFM facilities # 197088 (licensed to Esperanza Peace & Justice Center) and # 194172 (Lighthouse Network, Inc). The Renewal applications for all three organizations were granted on July 22, 2021.

- After the Renewal applications were granted, Esperanza Peace & Justice moved to 96.5 FM via Application BMPL-20190410ABL thereby vacating the Timeshare.

- Less than a year later on March 28, 2022, Lighthouse Network, Inc. filed a notice of its suspension of operations and sought Special Temporary Authority to remain Silent (see application file # BLSTA-20220328AAE), citing loss of its original licensed antenna site. The Media Bureau's letter granting the Silent STA included the following text in bold font:

Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station KIEI-LP will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., March 24, 2023.

The Silent authorization letter continued:

LN is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If LN does not file the notification of resumption of operations in a timely manner, the license may be subject to cancellation pursuant to section 312(g) of the Communications Act, as amended.

- As of March 29, 2023 to the present, Lighthouse failed to file a Resumption of Operations. No signal with programming, call sign or even silent carrier has been detected from KIEI-LP.

- On August 21, 2023 – nearly 17 months after the last signals were heard from KIEI during its' timeshare hours - the Media Bureau sent to the representative and counsel of Lighthouse a Notification of License Expiration via Certified Mail. Lighthouse was allowed 45 days to respond and provide documentation with photographs to verify whether operations between March 23, 2022, and 12:01 a.m., March 24, 2024.

- As of November 25, 2023, Lighthouse has failed to produce the required documentation, and still not transmitted any signal from an authorized location during its timeshare hours since March 2022.

With the license of Lighthouse Networks effectively expired per Section 312(g) in March 2023 and Esperanza Peace Center vacating the timeshare for a non-adjacent frequency in 2021, Empower House became eligible for unlimited hours as provided in 47 CFR § 73.850(a).