

Purpose: The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Potential U.S. negotiating objectives and bargaining positions in current and anticipated trade negotiations will be discussed. Pursuant to section 9(B) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) it has been determined that the meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the Government's negotiating objectives or bargaining positions. Accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

For further information, contact: Jorge Perez-Lopez, Director, Office of International Economic Affairs; Phone: (202) 219-7597.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 19th day of August 1997.

Andrew J. Samet,

Acting Deputy Under Secretary, International Affairs.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office

[Docket No. 94-3 CARP CD 90-92]

Determination of the Distribution of the 1991 Cable Royalties in the Music Claimants Category

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Initiation of arbitration.

SUMMARY: The Librarian of Congress is announcing initiation of the 180-day arbitration period for determination of the distribution of the 1991 cable royalties in the Music Claimants category.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: All hearings and meetings for this proceeding shall take place in the Library of Congress, Copyright Office, 101 Independence Avenue, S.E., James Madison Memorial Building, Room 414, Washington, D.C. 20559-6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Roberts, Senior Attorney, or Tanya Sandros, Attorney Advisor, P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024. Telephone (202) 707-8380. Telefax (202) 707-8366.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This notice fulfills the requirement of 37 C.F.R. 251.72 which provides that:

If the Librarian determines that a controversy exists among claimants to either cable, satellite carrier, or digital audio recording devices and media royalties, the Librarian shall publish in the **Federal**

Register a declaration of controversy along with a notice of initiation of an arbitration proceeding. Such notice shall, to the extent feasible, describe the nature, general structure and schedule of the proceeding.

This notice published today fulfills the requirements of § 251.72 for the distribution of the 1991 cable royalties in the Music Claimants category.

On February 15, 1996, the Library of Congress published a notice requesting interested parties to comment on the existence of Phase II controversies for the distribution of the 1990, 1991, and 1992 cable royalty funds. 61 FR 6040 (February 15, 1996). The parties who filed comments and Notices of Intent to Participate identified two unsettled categories that would require resolution before a CARP. The first controversy involved the distribution of the 1991 royalty funds between James Cannings and Broadcast Music, Inc., the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, and SESAC, Inc. (collectively, "the Music Claimants"). The second controversy involved the distribution of the 1990-1992 cable royalty funds between the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) and the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). On June 3, 1997, however, NAB and PBS notified the Copyright Office that they had reached settlement concerning all matters related to their Phase II dispute over the distribution of the 1990-1992 royalty funds, thus leaving a single dispute for resolution by a CARP.

Each proceeding includes a 45 day precontroversy discovery period. The original schedule for the precontroversy discovery period established by order of the Register of Copyrights, see Order in Docket No. 94-3 CARP CD 90-92 (February 14, 1997), was vacated and reset at the request of the Music Claimants. See Order in Docket No. 94-3 CARP CD 90-92 (May 21, 1997).

The precontroversy discovery phase of the CARP proceeding now being complete, the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress is announcing the existence of a Phase II controversy as to the distribution of the 1991 cable compulsory license royalties in the Music Claimants category, and is initiating an arbitration proceeding under chapter 8 of title 17 to resolve the distribution of the funds. The arbitration proceeding shall begin on September 3, 1997, and shall continue for a period not to exceed 180 days. Consequently, the proceeding shall conclude, and the arbitrators shall submit their final report to the Librarian of Congress by March 2, 1998, in accordance with § 251.53 of the rules.

Section 802(b) of the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C., also instructs the Librarian of

Congress to select two arbitrators within 10 days of the initiation of the proceeding. Having already completed this task, the Librarian is announcing the names of the two arbitrators who have agreed to serve on this panel:

The Honorable John Farmakides and The Honorable Jesse Etelson. The third arbitrator, who shall serve as the Chairperson for the panel, will be selected in accordance with section 802(b).

A meeting between the copyright claimants participating in the distribution proceeding and the arbitrators shall take place at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 4, 1997, at the above described address to discuss the hearing schedule, billing for the services of the arbitrators and payment, and all other procedural matters. The meeting is open to the public. Further scheduling of the Music Claimants 1991 cable distribution proceeding is within the discretion of the CARP. The Library will publish a schedule of the proceedings, as required by 37 CFR 251.11(b), when it becomes available.

Dated: August 25, 1997.

Nanette Petruzzelli,

Acting General Counsel.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Special Emphasis Panel in Design Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Design Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation (1194).

Date and Time: September 15-16, 1997.

Place: Room 580, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA and Critical Technologies Institute/RAND, 1333 H St. NW., Washington, DC.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Paul J. Herer, Senior Advisor for Planning and Technology Evaluation, Office of the Assistant Director for Engineering, Room 505, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Tel: (703) 306-1303.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning the use, need for, and continued government support for the RADIUS database, which is administered by the Critical Technologies Institute of the RAND Corporation.