appointment to the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans to represent any of the groups or fields specified in the preceding paragraph may submit nominations to Larry Good, Council Executive Secretary, Frances Perkins Building, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Suite N–5623, Washington, DC 20210, or to good.larry@dol.gov. Nominations (including supporting nominations) must be received on or before September 6, 2013. Nominations may be in the form of a letter, resolution or petition, signed by the person making the nomination or, in the case of a nomination by an organization, by an authorized representative of the organization.

Nominations, including supporting letters, should:

- State the person’s qualifications to serve on the Council.
- State that the candidate will accept appointment to the Council if offered.
- Include which of the five positions the candidate is nominated to fill.
- Include the nominee’s full name, work affiliation, mailing address, phone number, and email address.
- Include the nominator’s full name, mailing address, phone number, and email address.
- Include the nominator’s signature, whether sent by email or otherwise. Please do not include any information that you do not want publicly disclosed.

In selecting Council members, the Secretary of Labor will consider individuals nominated in response to this Federal Register notice, as well as other qualified individuals.

Nominees will be contacted to provide information on their political affiliation and their status as registered lobbyists. Nominees should be aware of the time commitment for attending meetings and actively participating in the work of the Council. Historically, this has meant a commitment of 15–20 days per year.

Signed at Washington, DC this 12th day of August, 2013.

Phyllis C. Borzi,
Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Royalty Board

(Docket No. 2012–6 CRB CD 2004–2009 (Phase II))


AGENCY: Copyright Royalty Board, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Initiation of Phase II proceeding and request for Petitions to Participate.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Royalty Judges (Judges) announce the commencement of a proceeding to determine the Phase II distribution of royalties deposited with the Register of Copyrights for the statutory license allowing distant retransmission of over-the-air television and radio broadcast signals by cable system operators. The funds to be distributed are those relating to broadcast years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009. The Judges also announce the date by which any party wishing to participate in this distribution proceeding must file its Petition to Participate and the accompanying $150 filing fee, if applicable.

DATES: Petitions to Participate and the filing fee are due on or before September 16, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Participants must submit an original, five paper copies, and an electronic copy in Portable Document Format (PDF) on a CD of the Petition to Participate, along with the $150 filing fee, to the Copyright Royalty Board by either mail or hand delivery. Participants MAY NOT submit Petitions to Participate and the $150 filing fee by an overnight delivery service other than the U.S. Postal Service Express Mail. If participants choose to use U.S. Postal Service (including overnight delivery), they must address their submissions to:

Copyright Royalty Board, P.O. Box 70977, Washington, DC 20024–0977. If participants choose hand delivery by a private party, they must deliver the submissions to the Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, LM–401, 101 Independence Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20559–6000. If participants choose delivery by a commercial courier, they must deliver the submissions to the Congressional Courier Acceptance Site, located at 2nd and D Street NE., Washington, DC. The envelope must be addressed to:


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LaKeshia Keys, CRB Program Specialist, by telephone at (202) 707–7658, or email at crb@loc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Twice each calendar year, cable system operators must deposit royalty payments with the Copyright Office for the statutory license granting the privilege of retransmitting over-the-air television and radio broadcast signals. 17 U.S.C. 111. The royalties are then distributed to copyright owners whose works were retransmitted and who timely filed a claim for royalties.

The royalties at issue in this proceeding are being distributed in two phases. For broadcast years 2004 and 2005, the Judges conducted Phase I hearings, after which they determined the percentage allocation of the royalties among representatives of the major categories of copyrightable content (movies, sports programming, music, etc.). For broadcast years 2006 through 2009, the parties settled their controversies. The Judges authorized a final Phase I distribution for all six years at issue currently by order dated February 17, 2012 1. The Phase I distribution order for broadcast years 2004 through 2009 provided for retention of $20 million in cable royalty funds, divided equally among each of the six years, and $13 million in satellite royalty funds, 2 divided equally among each of the six years, pending resolution of remaining controversies regarding proper distribution and allocation of those funds. The purpose of this Phase II proceeding is to allocate the royalties among the various copyright owners within each category.

Commencement of Phase II Proceeding

The Judges determine that a Phase II controversy exists as to the distribution of the retained cable royalty funds deposited for broadcast years 2004 through 2009, inclusive. On July 27, 2012, three Phase I participants, Joint Sports Claimants, Program Suppliers, and Devotional Claimants filed a Joint Motion to Initiate Phase II Proceedings (Joint Motion), representing that all other Phase I category royalty recipients had resolved their remaining controversies and seeking to consolidate the proceeding for years 2004–05 with


2 This notice relates only to cable royalties; satellite royalties shall be the subject of a separate notice.
proceedings for years 2006 through 2009.

Independent Producers Group (IPG) objected to the motion, citing unresolved distribution of royalties deposited for royalty years antedating 2004 and asserting that the earlier distributions should be completed before initiating a proceeding for the funds at issue in this proceeding. In the interim, between the Joint Motion and this notice, the Judges have resolved or scheduled for resolution all issues remaining in the earlier proceedings. IPG’s objection to initiating this Phase II proceeding is not persuasive as it is no longer germane.

In light of the outstanding Phase II controversies with respect to cable royalties for 2004 to 2009, inclusive, the Judges hereby grant the Joint Motion, initiating a Phase II proceeding and consolidating all extant proceedings relating to cable royalties for the years 2004 through 2009, inclusive, for resolution under the docket number noted above.

Petitions To Participate

Any interested party must file a Petition to Participate (PTP) in accordance with 37 CFR 351.1(b)(2). PTPs submitted by interested parties whose claims do not exceed $1,000 must contain a statement that the party will not seek a distribution of more than $1,000. The Judges will accept PTPs for claims not exceeding $1,000 without a filing fee. The Judges will reject the PTP of any party asserting a claim in excess of $1,000 that is not accompanied by the filing fee of $150. The filing fee must be paid by check or money order payable to the “Copyright Royalty Board.” If a check is returned for insufficient funds, the corresponding Petition to Participate will be dismissed.

To participate in this Phase II proceeding, a party, other than an individual, must be represented by an attorney. The Judges will address scheduling and further procedural matters after Petitions to Participate are filed.

Dated: August 12, 2013.

Suzanne M. Barnett,
Chief Copyright Royalty Judge.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Royalty Board


AGENCY: Copyright Royalty Board, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Notice announcing commencement of Phase II distribution proceeding and request for Petitions to Participate.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Royalty Judges (Judges) announce the commencement of a proceeding to determine the Phase II distribution of royalties deposited by satellite carriers for a statutory license to retransmit over-the-air television broadcast stations. A party wishing to participate in this distribution proceeding must file its Petition to Participate and the accompanying $150 filing fee, if applicable, by the deadline announced in this notice.

DATES: Petitions to Participate are due on or before September 16, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Participants must submit a Petition to Participate in a hard-copy original, with five paper copies and an electronic copy in Portable Document Format (PDF) on a Compact Disc, along with the $150 filing fee, to the Copyright Royalty Board by either mail or hand delivery. Participants MAY NOT submit Petitions to Participate and the $150 filing fee by overnight delivery service other than the U.S. Postal Service Express Mail. If participants choose to use U.S. Postal Service (including overnight delivery), they must address their submissions to: Copyright Royalty Board, P.O. Box 70977, Washington, DC 20024–0977. If participants choose hand delivery by a private party, they must deliver the submissions to the Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, LM–401, 101 Independence Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20559–6000. If participants choose delivery by a commercial courier, they must deliver the submissions to the Congressional Courier Acceptance Site, located at 2nd and D Street, NE., Washington, DC. The envelope must be addressed to: Copyright Royalty Board, Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, LM–403, 101 Independence Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20559–6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LaKeshia Keys, CRB Program Specialist, by telephone at (202) 707–7658 or email at crb@loc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Twice each calendar year, satellite carriers must deposit royalty payments with the Copyright Office for the statutory license granting the privilege of retransmitting over-the-air television broadcast stations. See 17 U.S.C. 119(b)(1)(B). These royalties are then distributed to copyright owners whose works were retransmitted and who timely filed a claim for royalties.

The royalties for each calendar year at issue are distributed in two phases. At Phase I, the royalties are divided among representatives of categories of copyrightable content (e.g., movies, music, and sports programming). At Phase II, the royalties are divided among the various copyright owners within each category. If all participants agree to a proposed distribution of royalties deposited in any given royalty year, the Judges may approve the settlement and authorize disbursement. If, however, the participants identify a controversy as to the proper distribution, either at Phase I or Phase II, the Judges are required to conduct a proceeding under chapter 8 of the Copyright Act. See 17 U.S.C. 119(b)(4)(B).

For each of the royalty years at issue in this proceeding, the Judges have published in the Federal Register a notice requesting comments as to the existence of controversies regarding distribution of the funds.1 In each instance, the Judges received and considered comments and ordered partial distribution of satellite royalties. Participants with a contested claim to a prior year’s distribution now seek initiation of a consolidated Phase II proceeding to resolve all remaining controversies regarding the royalty funds that the Copyright Office retains.


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