The United States Copyright Office is extending the comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking concerning the royalty reporting practices of cable operators under section 111 and proposed revisions to the Statement of Account forms, and on proposed amendments to the Statement of Account filing requirements.

The comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking, published on December 1, 2017 (82 FR 56926, which was extended on December 27, 2017 (82 FR 61200) and further extended on March 8, 2018 (83 FR 9824), is again extended. Initial written comments must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on October 4, 2018. Written reply comments must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on October 25, 2018.

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Additional information can be found at https://copyright.gov/notice/2018/12080.html. For detailed instructions for submitting comments, visit the Commission's Website: http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

If you have questions, please contact the Office using the contact information below for special accommodations.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
On December 1, 2017, the Office issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (“NPRM”) on proposed rules governing the royalty reporting practices of cable operators under section 111 and proposed revisions to the Statement of Account forms, and on proposed amendments to the Statement of Account filing requirements.1

On December 13, 2017, the Internet & Television Association submitted a motion seeking to extend the initial comment period until March 16, 2018, with written reply comments due by April 2, 2018.2

On May 29, 2018, Program Suppliers submitted a motion seeking to extend the initial comment period until October 4, 2018, with written reply comments due October 25, 2018 (“2018 Extension Request”).3 The 2018 Extension Request notes that NCTA—The Internet & Television Association supports the requested extension and that joint sports claimants will not oppose it.4 In addition, the 2018 Extension Request states that the “parties have been developing their positions as to what and how reporting practices might be improved in light of intervening statutory and regulatory changes,” and “whether a consensus can be reached on some or all the issues raised” in the NPRM.5

To ensure that current remitters and other stakeholders have sufficient time to try and reach consensus on some or all of the issues raised in the NPRM, the Office is extending the deadline for the submission of initial written comments to 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on October 4, 2018. Written reply comments must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on October 25, 2018.

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1 82 FR 56926 (Dec. 1, 2017).
4 Id.
5 Id.