

**Before the
COPYRIGHT ROYALTY BOARD
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Washington, D.C.**

In the Matter of:

Determination of Rates and Terms for
Public Broadcasting (PB III)

Docket No. 16–CRB–0002–PBR (2018–
2022)

NOTICE OF STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS

Pursuant to the Order Postponing Case Schedule issued by Copyright Royalty Judges on July 22, 2016, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 351.2, on behalf of National Public Radio, Inc. (“NPR”) and Public Broadcasting Service (“PBS”), we hereby notify the Copyright Royalty Board that: (i) NPR and PBS have reached a confidential agreement relating to the fees and terms of the 17 U.C.S. §118 noncommercial educational broadcasting compulsory license for the 2018-2022 period with the Harry Fox Agency (“HFA”), and (ii) NPR and PBS continue, as of today, settlement discussions with SESAC, Inc., but have not yet reached a point where there is a SESAC settlement to report.

The noncommercial broadcasting entities that fall within the terms of the agreement in principle reached between NPR/PBS and HFA include the following television and radio broadcast stations that receive or are eligible to receive general operational support from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (“CPB”) pursuant to the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967, as provided in 37 CFR § 381.4.

- (1) Noncommercial television broadcast stations affiliated with PBS;
- (2) Noncommercial television broadcast stations not affiliated with PBS eligible to receive operational support from CPB;
- (3) Noncommercial radio broadcast stations affiliated with National Public Radio (“NPR”); and
- (4) Noncommercial radio broadcast stations not affiliated with NPR eligible to receive operational support from CPB.

NPR/PBS and HFA have reached an agreement in principle relating to the fees and terms that would apply in the next license period, but the terms of the agreement have not been finalized as of yet. PBS and NPR have informed HFA that the CPB board must approve the agreement before it can be executed; the next meeting of the CPB board is scheduled for September 19-20, 2016. The parties will notify the Judges when the agreement has been approved and executed and a copy will be filed within thirty (30) days of its execution, as required by 17 U.S.C. § 118 (b)(2).

NPR and PBS intend to continue to work towards a settlement with SESAC and are optimistic that a settlement may be reached soon.

Dated: August 1, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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