

UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES
The Library of Congress

In re

**DISTRIBUTION OF 2000-2003 CABLE
ROYALTY FUNDS**

**DOCKET NO. 2008-02 CD 2000-03
(Phase II) (Remand)**

**ORDER DENYING IPG EMERGENCY MOTION FOR ORDER TO COMPEL
LICENSING DIVISION COMPLIANCE WITH JANUARY 9 ORDER**

On March 26, 2020, Worldwide Subsidy Group LLC d/b/a Independent Producers Group (IPG), filed with the Copyright Royalty Judges (Judges) a document entitled Independent Producers Group’s Emergency Motion for Order to Compel Licensing Division Compliance with January 9 Order, and Final Distribution of Royalties ([Motion](#)).¹ No participant filed a timely response to the Motion.

IPG seeks an order from the Judges compelling the Licensing Division of the Copyright Office to expedite its computations of the apportionment between IPG and the Settling Devotional Claimants of interest and expenses applicable to the 2000-2003 cable royalty funds. IPG argues that 17 U.S.C. § 801(d) grants the Judges authority to issue such an order.

Section 801(d) states that “[t]he Librarian of Congress shall provide the Copyright Royalty Judges with the necessary administrative services related to proceedings under” Chapter 8 of the Copyright Act. Pursuant to this provision, the Library of Congress provides the Judges with a range of administrative support, including information technology, human resources, and physical security. However, Section 801(d) does not grant the Judges the power to issue orders to the Librarian of Congress—or those under her authority—concerning the manner in which those services are provided or the prioritization of those services within the agency. The Judges therefore conclude that section 801(d) does not grant them authority to issue the order that IPG requests.

For the foregoing reasons, the Motion is **DENIED**.

SO ORDERED.

Jesse M. Feder
Chief Copyright Royalty Judge

DATED: April 10, 2020.

¹ The Judges note that there is no provision in the Judges’ procedural rules establishing an “emergency” motion.