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In the Matter of)	Docket No. 15-CRB-0010-CA-S
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37 C.F.R. Part 387)	(Sports Rule Proceeding)
)	
Adjustment of Royalty Rates for)	
Cable Statutory Retransmission License)	
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MOTION

TO ACCEPT LATE PETITION TO PARTICIPATE

OF

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER, L.L.C.

Major League Soccer, L.L.C. (“MLS”) submits this motion to accept this a late Petition to Participate in the above-referenced Copyright Royalty Board (“CRB”) proceeding related to proposed regulations to require covered cable systems to a pay a separate per-telecast royalty (a Sports Surcharge) in addition to other royalties that cable systems must pay under Section 111 of the Copyright Act. The Copyright Royalty Judges (“Judges”) have the discretion to accept MLS’s late Petition to Participate under 17 U.S.C. § 803(b)(1)(A)(ii) and 37 C.F.R. § 351.1(d).

MLS has the requisite significant interest in the rates subject to adjustment in this proceeding and explains that interest in more detail in its Petition to Participate, a copy of which was tendered simultaneously with this filing. In fact, the Judges gave the comments of non-participant MLS consideration by soliciting reply comments because the settlement in this

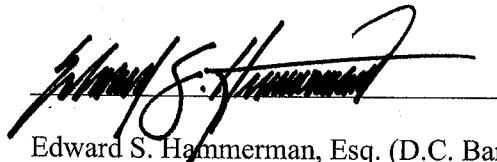
proceeding excluded MLS from any royalty consideration. *See*, Final Rule, Determination of Rates and Terms for Public Broadcasting (PB III), Docket 16-CRB-0002-PBR (2018-2022); 83 Fed. Reg. 2739, 2740, n.7; *and* 82 Fed. Reg. 44368.

This pending Motion to Participate notwithstanding, MLS remains hopeful that it will be able to reach a voluntary settlement agreement of rates and terms with the proceeding participants.

MLS submitted payment to the CRB in the amount of \$150 along with its Petition to Participate filed today. MLS respectfully requests that the Judges apply that payment towards the filing fee required for petitions to participate pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 351.1(b)(4).

Respectfully submitted,

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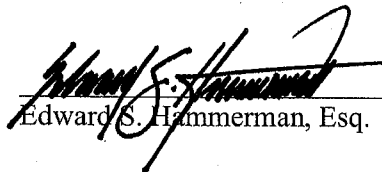
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