

**COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES**  
**The Library of Congress**

*In re*

**DISTRIBUTION OF SATELLITE  
ROYALTY FUNDS**

**DOCKET NO. 16-CRB-0010 SD  
(2014-17)**

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**ORDER DENYING POWELL MOTION TO BE ADDED  
TO REPAYMENT AGREEMENT**

On August 27, 2019, David Powell, a *pro se* participant, filed with the Copyright Royalty Judges (Judges) a document captioned “Verified Motion to be sent Royalty Repayment Agreement w/ name added to agreement blank form as a designated agent for claimant sua sponte” ([Motion](#)). The “Allocation Phase Parties”<sup>1</sup> filed a joint opposition ([Opposition](#)) on September 11, 2019. Mr. Powell did not file a reply by the September 18, 2019 deadline.

The Allocation Phase Parties observe that “the Motion does not make a coherent request for relief,” and interpret the Motion as opposing the partial distribution of 2016-17 satellite royalty funds to the Allocation Phase Parties. *Order Granting Motion of Allocation Phase Claimants for Partial Distribution of 2016 and 2017 Satellite Royalty Funds 1* (Aug. 23, 2019) ([Partial Distribution Order](#)). The Allocation Phase Parties argue that any opposition at this point is untimely, as the comment period for this partial distribution ended on August 15, 2019. *See Opposition at 1.*

It is not clear to the Judges that the Motion is, in fact, a comment opposing the partial distribution but, to the extent that it is, it is untimely. It appears to the Judges that Mr. Powell seeks to be added as a signatory to the Repayment Agreement that the Judges required the Allocation Phase Parties to execute and deliver as a precondition to receiving a partial distribution of royalty funds. *See Partial Distribution Order at 2-3.* Mr. Powell was not a party to the June 28, 2019 Motion of the Allocation Phase Parties for Partial Distribution of the 2016 and 2017 Satellite Royalty Funds ([Partial Distribution Motion](#)). Consequently, the Judges have not ordered or authorized a partial distribution of satellite royalties to Mr. Powell. Mr. Powell, therefore, is neither required nor permitted to sign a Repayment Agreement.

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

**SO ORDERED.**

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Jesse M. Feder  
Chief Copyright Royalty Judge

DATED: September 19, 2019

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<sup>1</sup> The Allocation Phase Parties identify themselves as Joint Sports Claimants, Broadcaster Claimants Group, Program Suppliers, Devotional Claimants, SESAC Performing Rights, LLC, American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, and Broadcast Music, Inc.