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In re

**ADJUSTMENT OF ROYALTY RATES
FOR STATUTORY CABLE
RETRANSMISSION LICENSE**

**Docket No. 20-CRB-0008-CA
(2020-2025)**

**NOTICE OF PARTICIPANTS,
COMMENCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY NEGOTIATION PERIOD,
AND SCHEDULING ORDER**

By [Notice](#) published in the *Federal Register* on June 4, 2020, the Copyright Royalty Judges (Judges) initiated this rate adjustment proceeding relating to statutory licenses for the distant retransmission by cable systems of over-the-air broadcast radio and television programming. *See* 17 U.S.C. §§ 801(b)(2), 803(b)(1), 804(a) and (b). The Copyright Act (Act) requires review every five years of the statutory royalty rates and rate categories (tiers) for possible adjustment. 17 U.S.C. § 804(b)(1). The Judges must, therefore, establish rates for the period January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2025.

Petitions to Participate

No party with a significant interest in the rates notified the Judges of agreed negotiated rates or sought review of the rates by the Judges. The Judges thus gave notice of commencement of this proceeding and received Petitions to Participate from the following parties and representatives: Music Claimants, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Circle God Network Inc. (through David Powell), Devotional Claimants (Crystal Cathedral Ministries *et al*), Global Music Rights, LLC, Joint Sports Claimants, Motion Picture Association, Commercial Television Claimants (through the National Association of Broadcasters), NPR claimants (through National Public Radio, Inc.), NCTA-The Internet & Television Association, and Public Television Claimants (through Public Broadcasting Service). The Judges accept all of the petitions, except that of Circle God Network Inc. (by David Powell), which failed to state why it believes it has a significant interest in the proceeding. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 351.1(c) (petitions to participate will be deemed to have been allowed unless the Judges determine the petitioner lacks a significant interest in the proceeding or the petition is otherwise invalid). From these petitions, the Judges have compiled an official list of participants, which is attached as Exhibit A. Each participant may access the contact information of all other participants through eCRB.

Voluntary Negotiation Period

By this Notice and Order, the Judges establish the statutorily required Voluntary Negotiation Period (VNP) and order the participants to comply with the deadlines relating to the VNP. *See* 17 U.S.C. § 803(b)(3). The participants shall engage in good faith settlement negotiations aimed at resolving controversies regarding the royalty rates for the years at issue. Five days after the end of the VNP, if the participants have reached a settlement, the participants

shall file a Joint Notice of Settlement detailing the terms of that settlement. By the same date, if the participants do not reach complete agreement, they shall file a Joint Notice of Controversy identifying any outstanding factual or legal issues that remain unresolved and proposing a schedule for the submission of written direct statements.

Scheduling Order

The Voluntary Negotiation Period shall commence on the date of this Notice and Order and shall end January 19, 2021. The parties shall file the Joint Notice of Settlement or Joint Notice of Controversy by January 27, 2021.

SO ORDERED.

Jesse M. Feder
Chief Copyright Royalty Judge

DATED: October 20, 2021

Exhibit A

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Music Claimants:	Broadcast Music, Inc. American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers SESAC Performing Rights, LLC)
Canadian Claimants Group (by Canadian Broadcasting Corporation)	
[Devotional Claimants]:	Andrew Wommack Ministries, Inc. Amazing Facts, Inc. American Religious Town Hall Meeting, Inc. Billy Graham Evangelistic Association The Christian Broadcasting Network, Inc. Coral Ridge Ministries Media, Inc. Crenshaw Christian Center Crystal Cathedral Ministries, Inc. Christian Television Corporation, Inc. (and subsidiaries/affiliated entities) In Touch Ministries, Inc. It Is Written John Hagee Ministries, Inc. Joseph Prince Ministries, Inc. Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. Kerry Shook Ministries, a ministry of The Woodlands Church, Inc. d/b/a Woodlands Church Lakewood Church / Joel Osteen Ministries Leading the Way with Dr. Michael Youssef, Inc. Living Church of God (International), Inc. Living Word Christian Center, a/k/a Bill Winston Ministries Messianic Vision, Inc. North Point Ministries, Inc. Philadelphia Church of God, Inc. Rick Renner Ministries Turning Point for God
Global Music Rights, LLC:	GMR's affiliated songwriters, composers, and music publishers Global Music Rights, LLC
Joint Sports Claimants:	Office of the Commissioner of Baseball National Football League National Basketball Association Women's National Basketball Association National Hockey League National Collegiate Athletic Association

Program Suppliers:	Motion Picture Association (MPA) MPA's member companies Other producers and distributors of syndicated series, movies, specials, and non-team sports broadcast by television stations and retransmitted by cable systems who have agreed to representation by MPA
Commercial Television Claimants (by the National Association of Broadcasters)	
NPR Claimants:	National Public Radio, Inc. (NPR) NPR Member public radio stations
NCTA – The Internet & Television Association	
Public Television Claimants: (through Public Broadcasting Service)	Public Broadcasting Service Public Television Claimants