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**Docket:** For access to the docket to read submitted background documents or comments, go to eCRB, the Copyright Royalty Board's online electronic filing and case management system, at <https://app.crb.gov/> and search for docket number 16–CRB–0009–CD (2014–17).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anita Brown, CRB Program Specialist, by at telephone (202) 707–7658 or email at [crb@loc.gov](mailto:crb@loc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Each year cable systems must submit royalty payments to the Register of Copyrights as required by the statutory license detailed in section 111 of the Copyright Act for the retransmission to cable subscribers of over-the-air television and radio broadcast signals. See 17 U.S.C. 111(d). The Copyright Royalty Judges (Judges) oversee distribution of royalties to copyright owners whose works were included in a qualifying transmission and who file a timely claim for royalties.

Allocation of the royalties collected occurs in one of two ways. In the first instance, the Judges may authorize distribution in accordance with a negotiated agreement among all claiming parties. 17 U.S.C. 111(d)(4)(A), 801(b)(3)(A). If all claimants do not reach agreement with respect to the royalties, the Judges must conduct a proceeding to determine the distribution of any royalties that remain in controversy. 17 U.S.C. 111(d)(4)(B), 801(b)(3)(B). Alternatively, the Judges may, on motion of claimants and on notice to all interested parties, authorize a partial distribution of royalties, reserving on deposit sufficient funds to resolve identified disputes. 17 U.S.C. 111(d)(4)(C), 801(b)(3)(C).

On April 11, 2023, Broadcast Music, Inc. (“BMI”), the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (“ASCAP”), and SESAC Performing Rights, LLC (“SESAC”) (hereafter collectively the “Moving Music Claimants”) filed with the Judges a motion pursuant to section 801(b)(3)(C) of the Copyright Act requesting a further<sup>1</sup> partial distribution of all but 1.5% of the remaining amount of the share allocated to the Music Claimants category of the 2016 and 2017 cable royalty funds. That statutory section requires that, before ruling on the motion, the Judges must publish a

<sup>1</sup> On July 30, 2016, the Judges issued an Order Granting Motion for Partial Distribution granting the Moving Music Claimants a partial distribution of the 2016 funds; and on May 22, 2019, the Judges issued an Order Granting Motion for Partial Distribution granting them a partial distribution of the 2017 funds. Motion at 2 & n.4.

notice in the **Federal Register** seeking responses to the motion for partial distribution to ascertain whether any claimant entitled to receive the subject royalties has a reasonable objection to the requested distribution. 17 U.S.C. 801(b)(3)(C).

Accordingly, this notice seeks comments from interested claimants on whether any reasonable objection exists that would preclude the further partial distribution of the Music Category Share funds requested to the requesting claimant representatives. Parties objecting to the proposed further partial distribution must advise the Judges of the existence and extent of all objections by the end of the comment period. The Judges will not consider any objections with respect to the further partial distribution that come to their attention after the close of the comment period.

Members of the public may read the motion by accessing the Copyright Royalty Board's electronic filing and case management system at <https://app.crb.gov> and searching for docket number 16–CRB–0009–CD (2014–17).

Dated: October 19, 2023.

**David P. Shaw,**  
Chief Copyright Royalty Judge.

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### Copyright Royalty Board

[Docket Nos. 22–CRB–0005–CD (2021), 23–CRB–0008–CD (2022)]

### Distribution of 2021 Cable Royalty Funds, Distribution of 2022 Cable Royalty Funds

**AGENCY:** Copyright Royalty Board, Library of Congress.

**ACTION:** Notice requesting comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Copyright Royalty Judges solicit comments on a motion of Multigroup Claimants for partial distribution of 2021 and 2022 cable royalty funds.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before November 24, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested claimants must submit timely comments using eCRB, the Copyright Royalty Board's online electronic filing application, at <https://app.crb.gov/>.

**Instructions:** All submissions must include a reference to the CRB and docket numbers 22–CRB–0005–CD (2021) and 23–CRB–0008–CD (2022). All submissions will be posted without change to eCRB at <https://app.crb.gov/> including any personal information provided.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read submitted background documents or comments, go to eCRB, the Copyright Royalty Board's online electronic filing and case management system, at <https://app.crb.gov/> and search for docket number 22–CRB–0005–CD (2021) or 23–CRB–0008–CD (2022).

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On October 11, 2023, Worldwide Subsidy Group LLC dba Multigroup Claimants (MGC) filed with the Judges a motion pursuant to section 801(b)(3)(C) of the Copyright Act requesting a partial distribution amounting to \$901,128 of the 2021 cable royalty funds on deposit and \$886,744 of the 2022 cable royalty funds on deposit. That statutory section requires that, before ruling on the motion, the Judges publish a notice in the **Federal Register** seeking responses to the motion for partial distribution to ascertain whether any claimant entitled to receive the subject royalties has a reasonable objection to the requested distribution. 17 U.S.C. 801(b)(3)(C).

Accordingly, this notice seeks comments from interested claimants on whether any reasonable objection exists that would preclude the distribution of the requested amounts of the 2021 and

2022 cable royalty funds to MGC. Parties objecting to the proposed partial distribution must advise the Judges of the existence and extent of all objections by the end of the comment period. The Judges will not consider any objections with respect to the partial distribution that come to their attention after the close of the comment period.

Members of the public may read the motion by accessing the Copyright Royalty Board's electronic filing and case management system at <https://app.crb.gov> and searching for docket number 22-CRB-0005-CD (2021) or 23-CRB-0008-CD (2022).

Dated: October 19, 2023.

**David P. Shaw,**

Chief Copyright Royalty Judge.

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA-23-0012; NARA-2024-001]

### Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). We publish notice in the **Federal Register** and on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) for records schedules in which agencies propose to dispose of records they no longer need to conduct agency business. We invite public comments on such records schedules.

**DATES:** We must receive responses on the schedules listed in this notice by December 11, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** To view a records schedule in this notice, or submit a comment on one, use the following address: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NARA-2-0012/document>. This is a direct link to the schedules posted in the docket for this notice on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). You may submit comments by the following method:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. On the website, enter either of the numbers cited at the top of this notice into the search field. This will bring you to the docket for this notice, in which we have posted the records schedules open for

comment. Each schedule has a 'comment' button so you can comment on that specific schedule. For more information on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and on submitting comments, see their FAQs at <https://www.regulations.gov/faq>.

If you are unable to comment via [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), you may email us at [request.schedule@nara.gov](mailto:request.schedule@nara.gov) for instructions on submitting your comment. You must cite the control number of the schedule you wish to comment on. You can find the control number for each schedule in parentheses at the end of each schedule's entry in the list at the end of this notice.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Edward Germino, Strategy and Performance Division, by email at [regulation\\_comments@nara.gov](mailto:regulation_comments@nara.gov) or at 301-837-3758. For information about records schedules, contact Records Management Operations by email at [request.schedule@nara.gov](mailto:request.schedule@nara.gov) or by phone at 301-837-1799.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Public Comment Procedures

We are publishing notice of records schedules in which agencies propose to dispose of records they no longer need to conduct agency business. We invite public comments on these records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a), and list the schedules at the end of this notice by agency and subdivision requesting disposition authority.

In addition, this notice lists the organizational unit(s) accumulating the records or states that the schedule has agency-wide applicability. It also provides the control number assigned to each schedule, which you will need if you submit comments on that schedule. We have uploaded the records schedules and accompanying appraisal memoranda to the [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) docket for this notice as "other" documents. Each records schedule contains a full description of the records at the file unit level as well as their proposed disposition. The appraisal memorandum for the schedule includes information about the records.

We will post comments, including any personal information and attachments, to the public docket unchanged. Because comments are public, you are responsible for ensuring that you do not include any confidential or other information that you or a third party may not wish to be publicly posted. If you want to submit a comment with confidential information or cannot otherwise use the [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) portal, you may contact

[request.schedule@nara.gov](mailto:request.schedule@nara.gov) for instructions on submitting your comment.

We will consider all comments submitted by the posted deadline and consult as needed with the Federal agency seeking the disposition authority. After considering comments, we may or may not make changes to the proposed records schedule. The schedule is then sent for final approval by the Archivist of the United States. After the schedule is approved, we will post on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) a "Consolidated Reply" summarizing the comments, responding to them, and noting any changes we made to the proposed schedule. You may elect at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) to receive updates on the docket, including an alert when we post the Consolidated Reply, whether or not you submit a comment. If you have a question, you can submit it as a comment, and can also submit any concerns or comments you would have to a possible response to the question. We will address these items in consolidated replies along with any other comments submitted on that schedule.

We will post schedules on our website in the Records Control Schedule (RCS) Repository, at <https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/rcs>, after the Archivist approves them. The RCS contains all schedules approved since 1973.

#### Background

Each year, Federal agencies create billions of records. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing retention periods for records and submit these schedules for NARA's approval. Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when no longer needed for current Government business. The records schedules authorize agencies to preserve records of continuing value in the National Archives or to destroy, after a specified period, records lacking continuing administrative, legal, research, or other value. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records. Many of these update previously approved schedules, and some include records proposed as permanent.

Agencies may not destroy Federal records without the approval of the Archivist of the United States. The Archivist grants this approval only after thorough consideration of the records'