

Before the
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In the Matter of)	CONSOLIDATED
)	Docket No. 16-CRB-0009-CD (2014-2017)
17 U.S.C. 111(d)(4))	
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Distribution of Cable Royalty Funds)	
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COMMENTS ON THE EXISTENCE AND EXTENT OF CONTROVERSIES
OF
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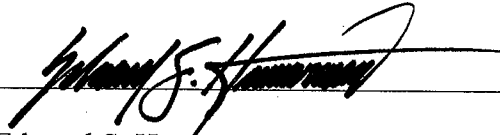
Pursuant to the Notice published at 83 Fed. Reg. 56106 (Nov. 9, 2018) (“Notice”), Major League Soccer, L.L.C. (“MLS”) submits its comments in the above-referenced proceeding on the existence and extent of controversies under Section 111 of the Copyright Act for 2014-2017.

MLS filed valid claims for 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 in the consolidated proceeding. MLS is eligible to claim and collect royalties in the program supplier and joint sports claimants’ categories.¹ MLS has not yet negotiated with either claimant group or other interested parties, but remains hopeful the parties can and will reach settlement. If not, then at this time MLS intends to participate in both allocation and distribution phases of the proceeding.

¹ See Notice of Participant Groups, Commencement of Voluntary Negotiation Period (Allocation), and Scheduling Order, Consolidated Proceeding No. 14-CRB-0010-CD (2010-13), In re Distribution of Cable Royalty Funds, Exhibit A (Nov. 25, 2015); See also e.g., 1984 Cable Royalty Distribution Proceeding, 52 Fed. Reg. 8408, 8416 (Mar. 17, 1987); Advisory Opinion, Docket No. CRT 85-4 84 CD (May 16, 1986).

Respectfully submitted,

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