

UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES

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In the Matter of)

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Distribution of the 2005-2006)
Digital Audio Recording Royalty Funds)
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Docket No. 2009-4 CRB DD 2005-2006

ORDER ANNOUNCING NEGOTIATION PERIOD

On July 6, 2009, the Copyright Royalty Judges (“Judges”) published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the commencement of a proceeding to determine the distribution of royalties remaining in the 2005 and 2006 DART Sound Recordings Funds.¹ The notice also requested interested parties to submit their petitions to participate in the proceeding no later than August 5, 2009. The Judges received a timely joint petition to participate from the Alliance of Artists and Recording Companies (“AARC”) on behalf of itself and various claimants with which AARC has reached settlements and a timely single petition to participate from Edward W. Mazique.

Negotiation Period


Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 803(b)(3), the Judges are announcing the voluntary negotiation period. All claimants submitting petitions to participate are permitted and encouraged to participate in negotiations during the prescribed three-month period to produce settlements regarding the distribution of the royalties remaining in the 2005 and 2006 DART Sound Recordings Funds. At the conclusion of the negotiation period, the parties are required to submit written notification to the Judges of the status of their negotiations. Parties may submit their written notification jointly or separately.

If no agreements are reached, the Judges will schedule further proceedings and announce a deadline for filing written direct statements.

1 74 FR 31985.

Wherefore, **IT IS ORDERED**, that the following is the schedule for the voluntary negotiation period:

Voluntary negotiation period begins:	September 15, 2009
Voluntary negotiation period ends:	December 15, 2009
Written notification of status of negotiations due:	December 16, 2009



James Scott Sledge
Chief U.S. Copyright Royalty Judge

Dated: September 14, 2009