

**Before the
COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES
Washington, D.C.**

In the Matter of

**Distribution of the 2010, 2011,
and 2012 Cable Royalty Funds**

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) **Docket No. 14-CRB-007-CD (2010-12)**
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**JOINT PETITION TO PARTICIPATE OF
THE MPAA-REPRESENTED PROGRAM SUPPLIERS**

Pursuant to the notice published in the Federal Register announcing the commencement of a distribution proceeding regarding the 2010, 2011, and 2012 cable royalty funds (“2010-2012 Proceeding”) and requesting petitions to participate “in either or both Phase I or Phase II of the cable royalty proceeding” from interested parties, 79 Fed. Reg. 76396 (December 22, 2014) (“Notice”), the Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. (“MPAA”), its member companies and 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 MPAA (“MPAA-represented Program Suppliers”), hereby petition the Copyright Royalty Judges (“Judges”) to participate in both Phase I and Phase II of the 2010-2012 Proceeding, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 351.1(b)(2)(ii).¹

Historically, at the Phase I level, MPAA has represented the interests of all copyright owners of syndicated series, movies, specials and non-team sports broadcast by television

¹ The Judges’ Notice seeks simultaneous petitions to participate in both Docket No. 14-CRB-007-CD (2010-12) and 14-CRB-008-SD (2010-12) on January 21, 2015. In the interest of administrative efficiency and judicial economy, MPAA favors consolidation of these two separate dockets into a single proceeding at the earliest possible opportunity.

stations during the royalty years at issue in that proceeding (“Program Suppliers”).² MPAA intends to represent the interests of those same Program Suppliers in Phase I of the 2010-2012 Proceeding, including the interests of copyright owners who have agreed to representation by MPAA in the 2010-2012 Proceeding.

In Phase II of the 2010-2012 Proceeding, MPAA will represent the MPAA-represented Program Suppliers exclusively. The MPAA-represented Program Suppliers for each cable royalty year at issue are identified in Attachment A hereto.³ MPAA reserves the right to amend its list of represented participants as such amendments may be necessary and legally permissible. As of the date of this Joint Petition to Participate, MPAA and its undersigned counsel certify that they have the authority and consent of each of the parties listed on Attachment A to represent them in the 2010-2012 Proceeding. As copyright owners of the majority of programming broadcast on stations whose signals were carried by cable systems as distant signals in the years 2010, 2011, and 2012, the MPAA-represented Program Suppliers have a significant interest in the subject matter of the 2010-2012 Proceeding, and request that this Joint Petition to Participate in both Phase I and Phase II of the 2010-2012 Proceeding be granted. As required by the Judges’ regulations and the Notice, MPAA-represented Program Suppliers have attached a check with their \$150 filing fee. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 351.1(b)(4); Notice at 76397-98.

CONCLUSION

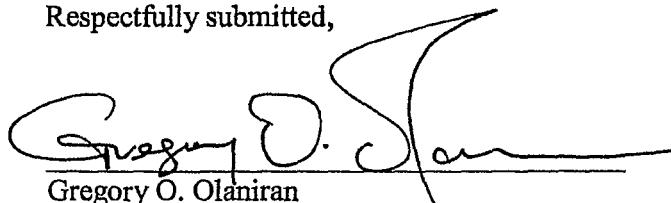
For the foregoing reasons, the Judges should grant the MPAA-represented Program Suppliers’ joint petition to participate in the 2010-2012 Proceeding.

² This definition of the Program Suppliers Phase I category is consistent with the longstanding definition of the Program Suppliers category that has been stipulated to by the parties in past royalty distribution proceedings. *See* Joint Motion Of The Phase I Parties To Adopt Stipulation As To Claimant Group Categorization And Scope Of Claims, Docket No. 2007-3 CRB CD 2004-2005 at Exhibit A (October 2, 2009) (“2004-05 Stipulation”).

³ As required by the Notice, MPAA is also submitting an electronic copy of Attachment A as a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. The electronic copy of Attachment A is included on the CD ROM that accompanies this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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