

UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES

In the Matter of

Distribution of 2011 Digital Audio  
Recording Royalty Funds

Docket No. 2012-3 CRB DD 2011

ORDER GRANTING AARC'S REQUEST FOR PARTIAL DISTRIBUTION OF  
2011 DART SOUND RECORDINGS FUNDS

On July 11, 2012, the Alliance of Artists and Recording Companies ("AARC") and certain claimants with which it has reached agreement (collectively the "Settling Claimants"), filed, pursuant to Section 801(b)(3)(C) of the Copyright Act, a *Notice of Settlement and Request for Partial Distribution of the 2011 Sound Recordings Fund Featured Recording Artists and Copyright Owners Subfund Royalties*. A notice soliciting comments on the Notice and Request was published in the Federal Register on August 7, 2012. 77 FR 47120. The Judges received a single comment from the Settling Claimants, which supported their own request and reiterated the Settling Claimants willingness to comply with the conditions for receiving a partial distribution of royalties under Section 801(b)(3)(C) of the Copyright Act.

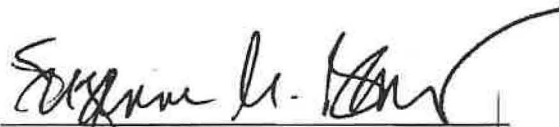
Finding no opposition to the Settling Claimants' request, it is **GRANTED**.

**IT IS ORDERED** that 98% of the DART royalties held in the 2011 Sound Recordings Fund (Copyright Owners Subfund and Featured Artist Subfund) shall be distributed to AARC as the designated agent for the Settling Claimants to be distributed among the Settling Claimants pursuant to the terms of the settlement that they have reached.

The Copyright Office shall make such a distribution to AARC as the designated agent of the Settling Claimants **PROVIDED THAT** AARC, in its capacity as the designated agent, provides to the Copyright Office a signed agreement prepared by the Copyright Royalty Board stating that any overpayment that results from the distribution of these funds shall be repaid to the Copyright Office with interest according to the amount that would have accrued if the principal had remained in the fund. In addition, all pertinent information to effect the transfer of

funds must be provided to the Licensing Division of the Copyright Office no later than October 18, 2012. The distribution shall take place on or after October 25, 2012.

**SO ORDERED.**



Suzanne M. Barnett  
Chief, U.S. Copyright Royalty Judge

DATED: September 20, 2012