

**UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES**  
**The Library of Congress**

<b>In the Matter of</b>	}	
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<b>Distribution of 2012 Digital Audio Recording Royalty Funds</b>	}	<b>Docket No. 2013-4 CRB DD 2012 (SRF)</b>
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**ORDER GRANTING AARC’S REQUEST FOR DISTRIBUTION OF  
2012 DART SOUND RECORDINGS FUND COPYRIGHT OWNERS SUBFUND**

On August 1, 2013, the Alliance of Artists and Recording Companies (“AARC”) and certain claimants with which it has reached agreement (collectively the “Settling Claimants”), filed a *Notice of Settlement and Request for Distribution of the 2012 DART Sound Recordings Fund/Copyright Owners Subfund Royalties*. In its *Notice of Settlement and Request for Distribution*, AARC represents that the 2012 DART Sound Recordings Fund/Copyright Owners Subfund is “universally settled.” *Id.* at 1.<sup>1</sup> The *Notice of Settlement and Request for Distribution* was unopposed.

Section 801(b)(3)(A) of the Copyright Act authorizes the Judges, among other things, to authorize the distribution of royalty fees collected under section 1005 of the Act to the extent that the Judges have found that the distribution of such fees is not subject to controversy. 17 U.S.C. § 801(b)(3)(A). Based on AARC’s representations in its *Notice of Settlement and Request for Distribution*, the Judges find that the royalties in the 2012 DART Sound Recordings Fund/Copyright Owners Subfund are no longer in controversy. The Judges therefore **GRANT** AARC’s request for distribution of those funds.

The Judges hereby **ORDER** that the DART royalties held in the 2012 Sound Recordings Fund /Copyright Owners Subfund be distributed to AARC as the designated agent for the Settling Claimants to be redistributed among the Settling Claimants pursuant to the terms of the settlement that they have reached.

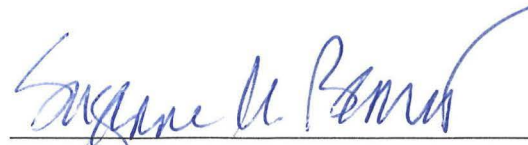
The Judges **FURTHER ORDER** that the Copyright Office make such a distribution to AARC as the designated agent of the Settling Claimants **PROVIDED THAT** AARC, in its capacity as the designated agent, provides to the Licensing Division of the Copyright Office all

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<sup>1</sup> AARC represents that although there were initially six individual claimants in addition to AARC, all non-settling claimants have since either withdrawn or been dismissed by the Judges. *Notice of Settlement and Request for Distribution* at n.2, citing the Judges’ July 30, 2013 *Order Granting Motion to Dismiss Claims*. See also *Order Denying Motion for Reconsideration by Bruce James Harvey*, Docket No. 2013-4 CRB DD 2012 (SRF) (Aug. 15, 2013).

pertinent information to effect the transfer of funds no later than October 10, 2013. The distribution shall take place on or after October 17, 2013.

**SO ORDERED.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Suzanne M. Barnett", written over a horizontal line.

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

DATED: September 4, 2013