

Before the
UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES
The Library of Congress
Washington, D.C.

In re

**DISTRIBUTION OF CABLE
ROYALTY FUNDS**

**Consolidated Docket No.
16-CRB-0009-CD/SD (2014-17)**

In re

**DISTRIBUTION OF SATELLITE
ROYALTY FUNDS**

**RESPONSE OF THE JOINT SPORTS CLAIMANTS AND MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER,
L.L.C. TO ORDER 3 FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION PHASE PROCEEDINGS**

On January 5, 2026, the Copyright Royalty Judges (“Judges”) issued Public Order 3 for Further Distribution Phase Proceedings (“Order 3”). In Order 3, the Judges referred to those parties “who have proposed paper proceedings” and stated their intent “to accept such proposals for paper proceedings.” Order 3 at 1. The Judges ordered “the participants to submit any comment on the decision to conduct such paper proceedings no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 26, 2026.” *Id.* at 1-2.

The Joint Sports Claimants (“JSC”)¹ and Major League Soccer, L.L.C. (“MLS”) have not proposed paper proceedings, and therefore do not comment on the decision to “conduct such paper proceedings.” In the parties’ Joint Proposal for Further Distribution Phase Proceedings, submitted

¹ The Joint Sports Claimants are the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, National Football League, National Basketball League, Women’s National Basketball League, National Hockey League, and National Collegiate Athletic Association.

on October 31, 2025, JSC and MLS instead requested a hearing for controversies between them. JSC and MLS reserved the right to request a paper proceeding after filing written testimony.

In the event that the Judges decide to conduct a paper proceeding with respect to controversies between JSC and MLS, JSC and MLS request an opportunity to file written surrebuttal testimony as a part of that proceeding. *See* Order 3, n. 1 (indicating that the Judges may “decide to utilize a ‘paper proceeding’ in this matter, with regard to participants and controversies for which paper proceedings have not already been proposed...”).

Respectfully submitted,

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