

Before the
UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

In re

**DISTRIBUTION OF CABLE
ROYALTY FUNDS**

**Docket No. 19-CRB-0010 CD
(2018-2021)**

ORDER 10 REGARDING FURTHER PROCEEDINGS

On January 5, 2026, the Copyright Royalty Judges (“Judges”) issued Order 9 Regarding Further Proceedings (“Order 9”) (eCRB no. 77912), which informed the parties of the Judges’ intent to convert the 2018-21 Cable Allocation Phase Proceeding to a paper proceeding under 17 U.S.C. § 803(b)(5). On January 26, 2026, The Canadian Claimants Group (“CCG”), Commercial Television Claimants (“CTV”), Joint Sports Claimants (“JSC”), Program Suppliers, Public Television Claimants (“PTV”), and Settling Devotional Claimants (“SDC”) (collectively the “Allocation Phase Parties”) filed Joint Comments of the Allocation Phase Parties in Response to Order 9 (“Joint Comments”) (eCRB no. 77962).¹

The Joint Comments urge that the Judges should not resolve the 2018-21 Cable Allocation Phase Proceeding solely on the Papers and urge that the Judges allocate at least 120 hours of hearing time for this proceeding. Joint Comments at 2-6. In the case that the Judges are unable to accommodate the requested 120 hours of hearing time, the majority of the Allocation Phase Parties urge that the Judges adopt a streamlined hearing schedule, with supplemental submissions. Joint Comments at 6-8. In the case that the Judges decide to proceed without any

¹ While the Allocation Phase Parties submitted the Joint Comments collectively, they noted that they are not aligned on every issue, as addressed in relevant footnotes in the Joint Comments.

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hearing at all, the Allocation Phase Parties, while objecting to this format, request a modified paper proceeding. Joint Comments at 8-10.

The Judges, having considered the Joint Comments, **ORDER** the Allocation Phase Parties to confer with Copyright Royalty Board staff on logistical matters related to the possibilities for holding 40 or more hours of hearing time for this proceeding. The Allocation Phase Parties shall arrange a joint meeting with CRB staff to discuss possible hearing procedures. The Allocation Phase Parties shall submit proposed meeting times for Tuesday, March 3 or Wednesday, March 4, between 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM, via crb@loc.gov, no later than February 23, 2026. At least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting, the Parties shall send a Zoom invitation to crb@loc.gov and a *draft* of the “detailed framework for the [proposed] hybrid proceeding, including proposed virtual hearing procedures and protocols” as referenced in the Joint Comments at 8 (such submission shall be solely for, non-substantive, logistical and procedural purposes).

The Judges further **ORDER** the Allocation Phase Parties to file, no later than Thursday, March 19, 2026, “Witness Written Responses Clarifying and/or Commenting on Written Rebuttal Statements Submitted” as described in Exhibits A and B of the Joint Comments.²

SO ORDERED.

Trevor Jefferson
Interim Chief Copyright Royalty Judge

DATED: February 18, 2026

² The “Witness Written Responses Clarifying and/or Commenting on Written Rebuttal Statements Submitted” shall be Responses to WRT only by witnesses who submitted direct testimony and shall be no more than 35,000 Words / party.