Before the
UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES
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In re **DISTRIBUTION OF CABLE ROYALTY FUNDS**	**Docket No. 19-CRB-0010 CD (2018-2021)**
In re **DISTRIBUTION OF SATELLITE ROYALTY FUNDS**	**Docket No. 19-CRB-0011-SD (2018-21)**

ORDER 11 (2018-21 CD) and ORDER 6 (2018-21 SD) REGARDING PRESUMPTION OF VALIDITY OF CLAIMS

Pursuant to the statutory authority of the Copyright Royalty Judges (Judges) set forth in 17 U.S.C. §§ 111(d)(3) and (4), 119(b)(4) and (5) and 801(b)(3) and (c), and:

1. In the interests of judicial economy;
2. In the interests of an efficient, timely and complete distribution of royalties to *bona fide* claimants; and
3. In recognition of repeated instances in prior Distribition proceedings where the Judges have found a participant's claim or claims not to be entitled to a presumption of validity, resulting in the ultimate disallowance of claims when their validity could not be proven without that presumption;

the Judges issue this ORDER to Show Cause.

Pursuant to this ORDER to Show Cause, all Participants shall show cause why the Judges should not exercise their discretion to enter an Order or Orders in these proceedings for the disqualification of any participant as an agent to receive copyright royalty funds on behalf of any particular claimant or claimants, where said participant:

1) Is found not entitled to a presumption of the validity of filed claims in the captioned proceeding; and

2) Then, does not sustain the burden of proof (including the burden of producing evidence and the burden of persuasion) demonstrating that

the Participant has lawful authority to receive copyright royalty funds on behalf of each particular claimant, which proof shall include the filing of written acknowledgements of representation (executed subsequent to the commencement of the relevant captioned consolidated proceeding), consisting of:

a. For each claim and claimant, a signed statement by the appropriate officer or representative of the Participant at issue attesting, under penalty of perjury, that the information contained in the acknowledgement of representation is accurate, and such statements shall be accompanied by submission of and citation to sufficient supporting agreements;

b. For each claim and claimant a signed statement by the appropriate officer or representative of the Claimant (copyright owner) attesting, under penalty of perjury, that the information contained in the acknowledgement of representation is accurate, and such statements shall be accompanied by submission of and citation to sufficient supporting agreements;

c. For each document submitted to prove the Participant's lawful authority, the printed or typewritten name and title of the persons signing any acknowledgement of representation, accompanied by the date of signature; and

d. Notarizations from a state-sanctioned Notary Public and signatures of at least two third-party witnesses.

All Participants in the captioned proceedings shall respond in writing to this Order to Show Cause Regarding Presumption of Validity of Claims no later than April 14, 2026.[1] Responsive submissions shall not exceed 20 pages and shall not exceed 5000 words (exclusive of cover pages, tables of contents, tables of authorities, signature blocks, exhibits, and proof of delivery).

As of the date of this Order, and throughout the briefing period and consideration of this Order, Judges will not accept Motions for Allowance or Disallowance of Claims (or similar motions). Participants may subsequently propose schedules in each of the captioned proceedings for Consolidated Claims Disputes, which may, if/as necessary, take into account Motions for loss of presumption of validity, and responsive briefing, in the course of consideration of Allowance or Disallowance of Claims.[2]

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[1] Joint Responses to this Order are permitted.

[2] *See, e.g.* 2014-17 CD and SD Order for Further Proceedings and Scheduling Case Events, Exhibit B, Case Schedule for Consolidated Claims Disputes Early Discovery Process (eCRB 26020).

SO ORDERED.

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Trevor Jefferson
Interim Chief Copyright Royalty Judge

Dated: March 25, 2026