

**Before the
COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES
Washington, DC**

In the Matter of

**Distribution of the
2011 Satellite Royalty Funds**

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COMMENTS OF ASCAP ON THE EXISTENCE OF CONTROVERSIES

The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (“ASCAP”)¹ files these comments in response to the Copyright Royalty Board (“CRB”) notice of January 15, 2013 (published at 78 Fed. Reg. 4,169 (January 18, 2013)) soliciting comments on a motion filed by Phase I claimants for partial distribution of 2011 satellite royalty funds as well as comments as to the existence of controversies with respect to the distribution of such 2011 satellite royalties.

ASCAP is filing separate comments as part of a larger filing by Phase I parties regarding the above-referenced matter, and state therein that there are no Phase I settlements concerning any portion of the 2011 satellite royalties, and that Phase I controversies exist among the different Phase I categories as to the distribution of the 2011 royalty funds. Additionally, those comments stated that individual Phase I Parties would separately file comments apprising the Copyright Royalty Judges (“Judges”) of the status of any Phase II controversies existing in and among those

¹ ASCAP represents 500,000 composer, lyricist, songwriter, and publisher members with a repertory of millions of copyrighted musical works. On behalf of its members, ASCAP licenses the public performance rights granted to its members’ copyright owners under Section 106(4) of the Copyright Act (17 U.S.C. § 106(4)). ASCAP is also affiliated with about ninety foreign performing rights societies around the world and licenses the repertories of those societies in the United States. ASCAP, with Broadcast Music, Inc. (“BMI”), and SESAC, Inc. (“SESAC”) are collectively the Phase I Music Claimants.

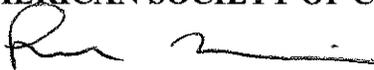
Parties. Consistent with this, ASCAP submits supplemental comments to report on the status of Phase II controversies in the music category.

ASCAP and Broadcast Music, Inc. ("BMI") have executed a confidential settlement with SESAC, Inc. ("SESAC") with regard to SESAC's share of the 2011 satellite royalties. However, because there is no confidential settlement between ASCAP and BMI with regard to the 2011 satellite royalties, a Phase II controversy currently exists between BMI and ASCAP. ASCAP is unaware of any other Phase II controversies in the music category. If an unanticipated Phase II claim is made by an individual, there would be a controversy.

ASCAP believes that the size of the remaining undistributed amount, along with the Phase I Parties' commitment to repay any excess distributions, would be more than sufficient to satisfy any Phase I or II claims and the costs of any distribution proceedings involving these funds. *See* Motion of Phase I Claimants for Partial Distribution of 2011 Satellite Royalties (filed December 12, 2012) in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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