

**Before the
UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES
Washington, D.C.**

In re

**Distribution of the
2013 Cable Royalty Fund**

Docket No. 14-CRB-0010-CD (2013)

**PUBLIC TELEVISION CLAIMANTS' COMMENTS ON
EXISTENCE OF PHASE I AND PHASE II CONTROVERSIES**

Pursuant to the Notice issued by the Copyright Royalty Board (“CRB”) and published at 79 Fed. Reg. 76396 (Dec. 22, 2014), Public Broadcasting Service (“PBS”) hereby provides comments on behalf of copyright owners of programs broadcast on U.S. noncommercial educational television stations that are retransmitted by cable operators (the “Public Television Claimants”). The Notice seeks comments regarding the existence and extent of any Phase I or Phase II controversies relating to distribution of the 2013 cable royalty fund.

Phase I controversies exist at the present time among the Phase I Parties as to the distribution of the 2013 cable royalty fund. However, PBS does not believe that the controversies among the Phase I Parties preclude the partial distribution of royalties requested in the Motion of Phase I Claimants for Partial Distribution of 2013 Cable Royalty Funds (“Motion”), filed today with the CRB. Good cause exists to grant the Motion and proceed with an expeditious partial distribution of the 2013 cable royalty fund.

PBS is not aware of any Phase II controversies with respect to the Public Television Claimants' share of the 2013 cable royalty fund that would require resolution by the Copyright Royalty Judges or the withholding of any of those royalties.¹

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¹ PBS reserves the right to identify Phase II controversies in response to the outcome of any Phase I proceedings, filings of other claimants, or rulings of the Copyright Office or Copyright Royalty Judges, or as the result of further investigation or information.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Dustin Cho, hereby certify that on this 21st day of January, 2015, I caused copies of the foregoing “Public Television Claimants’ Comments on Existence of Phase I and Phase II Controversies” to be served by Federal Express overnight delivery on the following parties:

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