

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

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**In the Matter of** )

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**Distribution of the 2000, 2001, 2002** )  
**and 2003 Cable Royalty Funds** )  
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**Docket No. 2008-2 CRB CD 2000-2003  
(Phase II)**

**PETITION TO PARTICIPATE  
OF THE JOINT SPORTS CLAIMANTS**

Pursuant to the Notice of the Copyright Royalty Judges published at 76 Fed. Reg. 7590-91 (February 10, 2011), 17 U.S.C. §§ 801(b)(3), 803(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 351.1(b)(2)(ii), the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, the National Basketball Association, the National Football League, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the National Hockey League and the Women’s National Basketball Association (collectively the “Joint Sports Claimants” or “JSC”) hereby submit this joint petition to participate in Phase II of the distribution proceeding for the 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 cable royalty funds (“2000-03 Phase II Proceeding”).

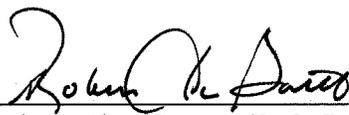
JSC will represent the interests of its constituent members with respect to live telecasts of professional and college team sports secondarily transmitted pursuant to the Section 111 compulsory license in 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003. With respect to the distribution of cable compulsory license funds at issue in this proceeding, JSC has a “significant interest” within the meaning of 17 U.S.C. §§ 803(b)(1)(B), 803(b)(2)(C) and 37 C.F.R. § 351.1(b)(2)(ii)(D). The JSC members and their member teams and affiliated collegiate institutions and conferences own copyrights or have been designated to collect royalties by copyright owners with respect to game telecasts that cable systems secondarily transmitted pursuant to the Section 111

compulsory license during the years 2000-03. All of the individual JSC members filed copyright claims relating to the 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 cable royalty funds pursuant to Section 111(d)(4) of the Copyright Act. JSC has participated in every cable royalty distribution proceeding and every cable rate adjustment proceeding since the enactment of the cable compulsory license in 1976, including Phase I of the proceeding to distribute the 2000-03 cable royalties. In each of the prior cable royalty distribution proceedings, JSC members have received a significant share of the Section 111 cable royalties.

As of the date of this Petition, all of the listed Petitioners -- the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, the National Basketball Association, the National Football League, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the National Hockey League and the Women's National Basketball Association -- have authorized and consented to representation by the undersigned counsel. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 351.1(b)(4), a check for the \$150 filing fee accompanies this filing.

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I hereby certify that on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011, a copy of the foregoing Petition to Participate of the Joint Sports Claimants was sent via Federal Express overnight mail to the parties listed on the attached service list.



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