

Before the
COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES
Washington, D.C.

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In the Matter of)
) Docket Nos. 2012-7 CRB SD 2000-2009;
) 2008-5 CRB SD 1999-2000
Distribution of the 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002,)
2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and)
2009 Satellite Royalty Funds)
_____)

PETITION TO PARTICIPATE OF THE JOINT SPORTS CLAIMANTS

Pursuant to the Notice of the Copyright Royalty Judges published at 78 Fed. Reg. 50,114 (Aug. 16, 2013), 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 petition to participate in Phase II of the distribution proceedings for the 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 satellite royalty funds.

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 119 compulsory license in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009.¹ With respect to the distribution of satellite compulsory license funds at issue in these proceedings, JSC

¹ On June 19, 2013, the Copyright Royalty Judges granted JSC’s request for a final distribution of its 1999 satellite funds. *See Order Directing Final Distribution of 1999 Satellite Royalty Funds Except Devotional Share*, Docket No. 2008-5 CRB SD 1999-2000 (June 19, 2013). As the Judges recognized, the only remaining controversy to the 1999 satellite funds is in the devotional category. *See id.* at 1. Because all controversies relating to the funds allocated to the sports category for 1999 have been resolved, JSC’s participation relates to the 2000-09 funds.

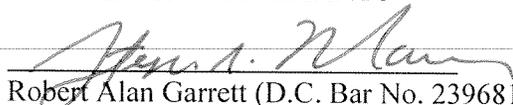
has a “significant interest” within the meaning of 17 U.S.C. §§ 803(b)(1)(B), 803(b)(2)(C) and 37 C.F.R. § 351.1(b)(2)(ii)(D). The JSC members and their affiliated teams and collegiate institutions and conferences own copyrights or have been designated to collect royalties by copyright owners with respect to game telecasts that satellite carriers secondarily transmitted pursuant to the Section 119 compulsory license during the years covered by this proceeding. All of the individual JSC members filed copyright claims relating to the 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 satellite royalty funds pursuant to Section 119(b)(5) of the Copyright Act. JSC has participated in every satellite rate adjustment proceeding since that license was enacted, and JSC has received a significant share of the annual satellite royalties deposited by satellite carriers.

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.

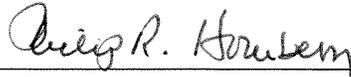
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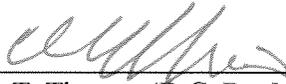
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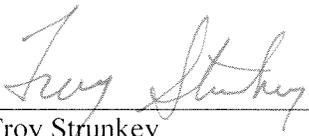
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