

Before the
COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of)	
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Distribution of the 2000, 2001, 2002, and)	Docket No. 2008-2 CRB CD 2000-2003
2003 Cable Royalty Funds)	
)	

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

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”) submit this Petition to participate in Phase I of the above-captioned proceedings in response to the Copyright Royalty Judges’ (“Judges”) notice published at 73 Fed. Reg. 18004 (April 2, 2008) (“Notice”). A \$150 filing fee accompanies this filing.

The only Phase I issue that remains to be resolved in the above-captioned proceeding is the share of the 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 cable royalty Funds (“2000-03 Funds”) to which the Canadian Claimants are entitled. Representatives of all of the Phase I categories to which royalties have been allocated in prior cable royalty distribution proceedings (“Phase I Parties”) have settled all other Phase I controversies regarding distribution of the 2000-03 Funds and agreed on how to divide all royalties other than the Canadian Claimants’ share among themselves. The Phase I Parties notified

the Judges and the Copyright Office of these partial settlements in prior submissions. *See Phase I Claimants' Notice of Partial Phase I Settlement and Motion for Further Distribution*, Docket No. 2005-4 CRB CD 2003 (June 8, 2007) (2003 cable royalties), *acknowledged in* 72 Fed. Reg. 46516, 46518 (August 20, 2007); *Phase I Claimants' Notice of Partial Settlement and Motion for Further Distribution*, Docket Nos. 2002-8 CARP CD 2000; 2003-2 CARP CD 2001; 2004-5 CARP CD 2002 (December 6, 2005) (2000, 2001, and 2002 cable royalties); *see also Comments of the Joint Sports Claimants*, Docket No. 2005-4 CRB CD 2003, at 5-7 (September 19, 2007) (detailing settlements and controversies associated with the 2000-2003 cable royalties).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 351.1(b)(2)(ii)(D), JSC states that it has a significant interest in this proceeding because JSC represents copyright owners of live telecasts of professional and college team sports that are secondarily transmitted by cable systems pursuant to Section 111. JSC has participated in every cable royalty distribution proceeding since the enactment of the cable compulsory license in 1976 and, with the exception of the year 1982, has received the entire Phase I share awarded to JSC for each year since that enactment. The undersigned hereby certify that they have the authority and consent of 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 to represent them in this proceeding.

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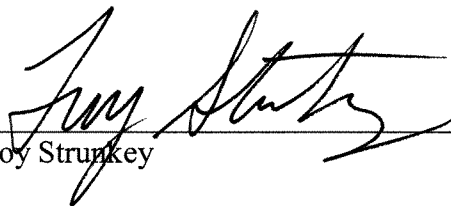
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