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§ 251.6

make available for copying and inspection the information provided under paragraph (a) of this section.

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§ 251.4 Arbitrator lists: Objections.

(a) In the case of a rate adjustment proceeding, any party to a proceeding may, during the 45-day period specified in § 251.45(b)(2)(i), file an objection with the Librarian of Congress to one or more of the persons contained on the arbitrator list for that proceeding. Such objection shall plainly state the grounds and reasons for each person claimed to be objectionable.

(b) In the case of a royalty distribution proceeding, any party to the proceeding may, during the 45-day period specified in § 251.45(b)(1)(i), file an objection with the Librarian of Congress to one or more of the persons contained on the arbitrator list for the proceeding. Such objection shall plainly state the grounds and reasons for each person claimed to be objectionable.

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§ 251.5 Qualifications of the arbitrators.

In order to serve as an arbitrator to a Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel, a person must, at a minimum, have the following qualifications:

(a) Admitted to the practice of law in any state, territory, trust territory, or possession of the United States.

(b) Ten or more years of legal practice.

(c) Experience in conducting arbitration proceedings and facilitating the resolution and settlement of disputes.

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§ 251.6 Composition and selection of Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panels.

(a) Within ten days after publication of a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER initiating arbitration proceedings under this subchapter, the Librarian of Congress will, upon recommendation of the Register of Copyrights, select two

arbitrators from the arbitrator list for that calendar year.

(b) The two arbitrators so selected shall, within ten days of their selection, choose a third arbitrator from the same arbitrator list. The third arbitrator shall serve as the chairperson of the panel during the course of the proceedings.

(c) If the two arbitrators fail to agree upon the selection of the third, the Librarian will promptly select the third arbitrator from the same arbitrator list.

(d) The third arbitrator so chosen shall serve as the chairperson of the panel during the course of the proceeding. In all matters, procedural or substantive, the chairperson shall act according to the majority wishes of the panel.

(e) Two arbitrators shall constitute a quorum necessary to the determination of any proceeding.

(f) If, before the commencement of hearings in a proceeding, one or more of the arbitrators is unable to continue service on the CARP, the Librarian will suspend the proceeding as provided by § 251.8, and will inaugurate a procedure to bring the CARP up to the full complement of three arbitrators. Where one or two vacancies exist, and either or both of the vacant seats were previously occupied by arbitrators selected by the Librarian, the Librarian will select the necessary replacements from the current arbitrator list. If there is one vacancy, and it was previously occupied by the chairperson, the two remaining arbitrators shall select the replacement from the arbitrator list, and the person chosen shall serve as chairperson. If there are two vacant seats, and one of them was previously occupied by the chairperson, the Librarian will select one replacement from the arbitrator list, and that person shall join with the remaining arbitrator to choose the replacement, who shall serve as chairperson.

(g) After hearings have commenced, the Librarian will not suspend the proceedings or inaugurate a replacement procedure unless it is necessary in order for the CARP to have a quorum.