

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jan D. Broady of the Department, telephone (202) 219-8881. (This is not a toll-free number.)

General Information

The attention of interested persons is directed to the following:

(1) The fact that a transaction is the subject of an exemption under section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code does not relieve a fiduciary or other party in interest or disqualified person from certain other provisions to which the exemptions does not apply and the general fiduciary responsibility provisions of section 404 of the Act, which among other things require a fiduciary to discharge his duties respecting the plan solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan and in a prudent fashion in accordance with section 404(a)(1)(B) of the Act; nor does it affect the requirement of section 401(a) of the Code that the plan must operate for the exclusive benefit of the employees of the employer maintaining the plan and their beneficiaries;

(2) These exemptions are supplemental to and not in derogation of, any other provisions of the Act and/or the Code, including statutory or administrative exemptions and transactional rules. Furthermore, the fact that a transaction is subject to an administrative or statutory exemption is not dispositive of whether the transaction is in fact a prohibited transaction; and

(3) The availability of these exemptions is subject to the express condition that the material facts and representations contained in each application accurately describes all material terms of the transaction which is the subject of the exemption.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 30th day of June, 2000.

Ivan Strasfeld,

*Director of Exemption Determinations,
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration,
Department of Labor.*

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office

[Docket No. 99-3 CARP DD 95-98]

Distribution of 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998 Digital Audio Recording Technology Royalties

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Announcement of the schedule for the proceeding.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress is announcing the schedule for the 180-day arbitration period for the Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel ("CARP") proceeding to determine the distribution of the 1995-98 digital audio recording technology ("DART") royalties in the Musical Works Funds.

DATES: Filings must be submitted according to the announced schedule, except as otherwise provided by Order of the Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel.

ADDRESSES: If hand delivered, parties shall deliver an original and five copies of all written filings concerning this proceeding to: Office of the Copyright General Counsel, James Madison Memorial Building, First and Independence Avenue, SE., Room LM-403, Washington, DC 20540. If sent by mail, filings should be addressed to: Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP), P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David O. Carson, General Counsel, or Tanya M. Sandros, Senior Attorney, Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel ("CARP"), PO Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: (202) 707-8380. Telefax: (202) 252-3423.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

On May 4, 1999, the Copyright Office published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting comment as to the existence of a controversy concerning the distribution of the 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998 DART royalty fees in the Musical Works Funds and consolidating the consideration of the distribution of the 1995-98 Musical Works Funds into a single proceeding. 64 FR 23875 (May 4, 1999). The following parties filed comments and Notices of Intent to Participate: Carl DeMonbrun/Polyphonic Music, Inc. ("DeMonbrun"); Broadcast Music, Inc. ("BMI"); the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers ("ASCAP"), SESAC, Inc. ("SESAC"), the Harry Fox Agency ("HFA"), the Songwriters Guild of America ("SGA"), and Copyright Management, Inc. ("CMI") (collectively the "Settling Parties"); James Cannings/Can Can Music ("Cannings"); Alicia Carolyn Evelyn ("Evelyn"); and Eugene "Lambchops" Curry/Tajai Music, Inc. ("Curry").

On September 21, 1999, the Office issued an Order announcing the

precontroversy discovery schedule for the proceeding, beginning on November 15, 1999. See Order in Docket No. 99-3 CARP DD 95-98 (September 21, 1999). Prior to commencement of the 45-day precontroversy discovery period, the Office was notified that Cannings and DeMonbrun had settled their respective controversies with the Settling Parties. Thus, the parties who will appear before the CARP in the current proceeding are the Settling Parties, Evelyn, and Curry.

The September 21, 1999, Order also set the initiation of the arbitration for February 28, 2000. However, the Office's duty to publish every two years a new list of arbitrators eligible to serve on a CARP rendered the February 28 initiation date unworkable. See 37 CFR 251.3. On January 14, 2000, in accordance with § 251.3(b), the Office published the list of arbitrators eligible to serve on a CARP initiated during 2000 and 2001. 65 FR 2439 (January 14, 2000). Because the time period between the publication of the arbitrator list and the February 28 initiation date was not sufficient to complete the selection of arbitrators for this proceeding, the Office reset the initiation of the arbitration to April 10, 2000. See Order in Docket No. 99-3 CARP DD 95-98 (March 14, 2000).

On April 10, 2000, the Office published a notice initiating the 180-day arbitration period for this proceeding. 65 FR 19025 (April 10, 2000). Once the arbitrators for this proceeding were selected, the Office scheduled the initial meeting between the arbitrators and the parties for May 16, 2000. However, the chairperson of the panel resigned out of concern that potential conflicts of interest, which were not known to the arbitrator at the time of selection, may exist under § 251.32. Because of these concerns, the Copyright Office canceled the May 16, 2000, meeting between the parties and the original panel of arbitrators. Pursuant to § 251.6(f), the remaining two arbitrators selected a new chairperson. On June 14, 2000, in accordance with § 251.6(f), the Office announced the suspension of the 180-day arbitration period from May 16, 2000, to June 16, 2000, the resumption of the 180-day period on June 16, 2000, the new chairperson of the panel, and the time and place of the rescheduled initial meeting, which took place on June 19, 2000. See 65 FR 37412 (June 14, 2000).

B. The Schedule

Section 251.11(b) of 37 CFR provides: "At the beginning of each proceeding, the CARP shall develop the original schedule of the proceeding which shall be published in the **Federal Register** at

least seven calendar days in advance of the first meeting. Such announcement shall state the times, dates, and place of the meetings, the testimony to be heard, whether any of the meetings, or any portion of a meeting, is to be closed, and if so, which ones, and the name and telephone number of the person to contact for further information."

All meetings of the CARP are open to the public, unless otherwise specified. To ensure that the public receives adequate notice of such meetings, the rule requires that the Office publish a schedule of the meetings at least seven days before the first meeting. See 59 FR 2550 (January 18, 1994). As set forth below, there are no further meetings for this proceeding scheduled at this time; thus, the seven-day advance publication requirement is unnecessary in this instance. Accordingly, this notice fulfills the requirements of § 251.11(b) for the proceeding to determine the distribution of the 1995–98 DART royalties in the Musical Works Funds.

On June 19, 2000, the parties to this proceeding met with the arbitrators for the purpose of setting a schedule and discussing the procedural aspects of this proceeding. The key procedural issue before the Panel at the outset of the proceeding was the consideration of the issue designated to the CARP of whether to suspend formal hearings and make the determination as to the distribution of the 1995–98 DART royalties in the Musical Works Funds on the written pleadings. See Order in Docket No. 99–3 CARP DD 95–98 (December 22, 1999). After hearing argument from all parties, the Panel announced its decision to waive the requirement of oral evidentiary hearings and to proceed upon the written record alone. The Panel stated in its Order that the following schedule would govern the remainder of the proceeding:

Deadline for submission of any revision desired at this time of a party's claim, pursuant to § 251.43(d): July 7, 2000.

Deadline for submission of any rebuttal case desired by a party: July 28, 2000.

Deadline for submission of findings of fact and conclusions of law and proposed orders, including specific calculations of royalty payments: August 18, 2000.

Deadline for submission of reply findings of fact and conclusions of law and proposed orders: August 28, 2000.

Order in Docket No. 99–3 CARP DD 95–98 (June 19, 2000).

At this time, the parties have not moved to close any portion of the proceeding to the public. Further refinements to the schedule will be

issued as orders to the parties participating in the proceeding. All changes will be noted in the docket file of the proceeding, as required by the Copyright Office regulations governing the administration of CARP proceedings. 37 CFR 251.11(c).

Dated: June 30, 2000.

David O. Carson,

General Counsel.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95–541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 12, 2000, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. Permits were issued on June 28, 2000 to the following applicants: Norbert Wu, Permit No. 2001–008 Tom Yelvington, Permit No. 2001–010

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Conservation Act of 1978; Notice of Permit Modification

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

SUMMARY: The Foundation modified a permit to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541; Code of Federal Regulations Title 45, Part 670).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Description of Permit and Modification

1. On September 21, 1999, the National Science Foundation issued a

permit (ACA #2000–001) to Dr. Steven D. Emslie after posting a notice in the August 17, 1999 **Federal Register**. Public comments were not received. A request to modify the permit was posted in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2000. No public comments were received. The modification, issued by the Foundation on May 16, 2000, allows for entry into additional Antarctic Specially Protected Areas for the purpose of conducting surveys and excavations by surveying ice-free areas to locate evidence of a past or modern breeding penguin colony. Access to the Antarctic Specially Protected Areas will be on an opportunity basis only depending upon vessel cruise tracks and schedules.

Location

ASPA 104—Sabrina Island, Balleny Island
 ASPA 105—Beaufort Island
 ASPA 107—Dion Islands
 ASPA 108—Green Island, Berthelot Islands
 ASPA 112—Coppermine Peninsula, Robert Island
 ASPA 115—Lagotellerie Island, Marguerite Bay
 ASPA 116—New College Valley, Caughley Beach, Cape Bird
 ASPA 117—Avian Island, Northwest Marguerite Bay
 ASPA 126—Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island
 ASPA 133—Harmony Point, Nelson Island
 ASPA 134—Cierva Point, Danco Coast
 ASPA 149—Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island
 ASPA 150—Ardley Island, King George Island
 ASPA 154—Cape Evans, Ross Island

Dates

January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2005.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–336]

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, et al.; Millstone Nuclear Power Station Unit 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from the requirements of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 50 (10