



# ANNOUNCEMENT

from the Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20559

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SATELLITE HOME VIEWER ACT OF 1988; STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT PUBLIC MEETING

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#### Copyright Office

#### Implementation of the Satellite Home Viewer Act of 1988; Statements of Account Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Copyright Office, Library of  
Congress.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is issued to inform the public that the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress is preparing a new statement of account form which will be filed semiannually by satellite carriers who make secondary transmissions of "superstation" and network signals to satellite "dish" owners for private home viewing pursuant to section 119 of the Copyright Act, as amended by the Satellite Home Viewer Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-667. This notice invites participation in a public meeting intended to elicit comments, views, and information which will assist the Office in this review of statement of account procedures. This is to be an informal meeting for exchange of opinions and information among interested parties. Written comments are welcome, but are not required.

**DATE:** The meeting will be held on March 14, 1989 in Washington, DC. Participants need not notify the Office of their plans to attend.

**ADDRESSES:** Meeting location: The meeting will be held on March 14, 1989 in the conference room of the Copyright Office, LM-407 (Green Quadrant) of the James Madison Memorial Building, Library of Congress, First and Independence Ave, SE., Washington, DC, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dorothy Schrader, General Counsel, Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20559, (202) 707-8380.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Satellite Home Viewer Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-667, 102 Stat. 3949 (November 16, 1988) added a new section 119 to the Copyright Act of 1976, effective January 1, 1989. For a six-year period, the law establishes a statutory license for certain secondary transmissions made by satellite carriers to satellite "dish" owners for private home viewing. The license is subject to various conditions, including the requirements that satellite carriers making secondary transmissions of "superstations" and network signals to "dish" owners file statements of account semi-annually and pay statutory royalty fees in accordance with section 119. The statutory royalty fee will sunset in four years, and will be replaced by privately negotiated licenses or an arbitrated fee established on or before December 31, 1992. The entire Act itself terminates on December 31, 1994.

In accordance with the new section 119, the Copyright Office will maintain three types of public files, including: (1) The Network Name and Address File, (2) the Satellite Carrier Voluntary Agreements File, and (3) the Satellite Carrier Statements of Account File. The new statement of account form has been created and is available upon request to those who wish to attend the public meeting. The Copyright Office solicits comments from interested participants as the meeting on the clarity of the form or lack thereof, and suggestions for changes and improvements in the form.

Accordingly, the Copyright Office will hold a public meeting on March 14, 1989, for the purpose of eliciting comment on the statement of account form. Advance copies of the draft statement of account form may be obtained by calling the Office of Copyright General Counsel, (202) 707-8380.

Dated: February 23, 1989.

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Associate Register of Copyrights for Legal  
Affairs.

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