



ANNOUNCEMENT

from the Copyright Office, Library of Congress,
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EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD.

COPYRIGHT ARBITRATION ROYALTY PANELS; RULES AND REGULATIONS

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Copyright Office

37 CFR Part 251

[Docket No. 98-3A CARP]

Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panels; Rules and Regulations

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress is extending the comment period on proposed amendments to the regulations governing the conduct of royalty distribution and rate adjustment proceedings prescribed by the Copyright Royalty Tribunal Reform Act of 1993.

DATES: Written comments are due March 22, 1999. Reply comments are due April 5, 1999.

ADDRESSES: If sent by mail, an original and 10 copies of written comments should be addressed to Office of the General Counsel, Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP), P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024. If delivered by hand, an original and 10 copies should be brought to: Office of the General Counsel, Copyright Office, Room LM-403, James Madison Memorial Building, 101 Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20559-6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On December 18, 1998, the Copyright Office published a notice of proposed rulemaking seeking comments on proposed amendments to the regulations governing the conduct of royalty distribution and rate adjustment proceedings prescribed by the Copyright Royalty Tribunal Reform Act of 1993 (the Act), Public Law 103-198, 17 Stat. 2304, 63 FR 70080 (December 18, 1998). Comments to the proposed changes were due to be filed on January 19, 1999; reply comments were due to be filed on February 16, 1999.

The Office, however, has decided to extend the deadline for filing comments by a period of 45 days beginning from the date of publication of this notice. The Office takes this action in response to a motion to extend the comment period by 45 days until March 5, 1999. The moving parties argue that additional time is needed in order to address adequately the specific proposals in the December 18 notice as well the Office's invitation to provide comment on procedural and substantive issues not covered by those proposals. It is further argued that since several of the moving parties are actively involved in ongoing Office proceedings, the moving parties have been unable to devote the time necessary to provide the Office with useful and comprehensive comments. After considering the arguments set forth in the motion, the Office grants the motion to extend the comment period. The Office sets the extended deadline for filing comments 45 days from publication of this notice in the *Federal Register* in order to afford all interested parties sufficient time in which to file their comments. Consequently, the extended deadline for filing reply comments is set for 75 days from publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*. Parties who have previously filed comments may supplement those comments or withdraw those comments and resubmit them in

accordance with the extended deadline for filing comments, if they desire.

Dated: January 14, 1999.

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