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NOTICE OF TERMINATION.

SATELLITE CARRIER STATUTORY LICENSE; DEFINITION OF UNSERVED HOUSEHOLD

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Copyright Office

37 CFR Part 201

[Docket No. RM 98-1A]

Satellite Carrier Statutory License; Definition of Unserved Household

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress

ACTION: Notice of termination.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress is closing this rulemaking to determine whether local retransmissions are covered by the section 119 satellite statutory license because the matter has been resolved by passage of the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On January 26, 1998, by petition from EchoStar Communications Corporation ("EchoStar"), the Copyright Office opened this rulemaking proceeding to consider whether the section 19^a satellite carrier statutory license was broad enough in scope to encompass satellite retransmission of television broadcast stations to subscribers who resided within the local markets of those

stations. 63 FR 3685 (January 26, 1998). It was the second time in two years that the Copyright Office had been requested to consider whether section 119 covered local retransmissions.

The passage of the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999 ("SHVIA") has rendered this rulemaking proceeding moot. Congress has clarified that local retransmissions are not covered by the section 119 license. Instead, they are covered by the new, royalty-free section 122 license that is expressly limited to local retransmissions of television broadcast stations by satellite carriers.

Because this rulemaking has been superseded by an Act of Congress, the Office is closing the above-captioned docket number and is terminating this proceeding.

Dated: December 15, 1999.

Marybeth Peters,
Register of Copyrights.

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^aError; Line should read:
"whether the section 119 satellite carrier"