PROPOSED RULE; EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD

DETERMINATION OF REASONABLE RATES AND TERMS
FOR THE DIGITAL PERFORMANCE OF SOUND RECORDINGS

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
Copyright Office
37 CFR Part 260
[Docket No. 96-5 CARP DTRA]

Determination of Reasonable Rates and Terms for the Digital Performance of Sound Recordings

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Office is extending the period to file comments to proposed regulations that will govern the RIAA collective when it functions as the designated agent receiving royalty payments and statements of accounts from nonexempt, subscription digital transmission services which make digital transmissions of sound recordings under the provisions of section 114 of the Copyright Act.

DATES: Comments and Notices of Intent to Participate in a Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel Proceeding are due October 17, 2001.

ADDRESSES: An original and five copies of any comment and Notice of Intent to Participate shall be delivered to: Office of the General Counsel, Copyright Office, James Madison Building, Room LM-403, First and Independence Avenue, SE Washington, DC; or mailed to: Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP), P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, DC 20024-0977.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 23, 2001, the Copyright Office published a notice of proposed rulemaking seeking comments on proposed regulations that will govern the RIAA collective when it functions as the designated agent receiving royalty payments and statements of accounts from nonexempt, subscription digital transmission services which make digital transmissions of sound recordings under the provisions of section 114 of the Copyright Act. 66 FR 38226 (July 23, 2001). Comments on the proposed terms and Notices of Intent to Participate in a Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel Proceeding, the purpose of which would be to adopt terms governing the RIAA collective in its handling of royalty fees collected from the subscription services, were due on August 22, 2001.


On September 26, 2001, AFM and AFTRA requested a further extension of the filing date for comments, and RIAA expressed its support for the request. The Office is granting this request and is extending the deadline for filing comments to October 17, 2001.

Dated: October 4, 2001

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