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To All Television Clients

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BROADCASTER COPYRIGHT ROYALTY CLAIMS FOR 2006

Any claim to the cable and satellite royalty funds for programming which aired in 2006 must be filed with the U. S. Register of Copyrights by July 31, 2007. If you believe that you are eligible to share in either cable or satellite royalties and have any questions about the requirements for filing, please contact our office immediately. We would be pleased to assist you in filing a claim.

Pursuant to the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976, a cable or satellite system carrying secondary transmissions of broadcast stations must pay "compulsory license" royalties to the Register of Copyrights. Those royalties are held in a pool to compensate copyright owners who submit timely claims. In order to share in the distribution of the royalty fees collected for the year 2006, eligible copyright owners must file a claim with the Copyright Royalty Board no later than July 31, 2007.

Three types of copyright owners who claim that their works were the subject of secondary transmissions by cable systems during the relevant period are qualified to receive royalties:

- Those whose work was included in a cable system's secondary transmission

of a non-network television program beyond the local service area of the station (generally, the DMA of a television station),

- Those whose work was included in a secondary transmission identified in a cable system's "special statement of account" for substituted or additional non-network television programs, and
- Those whose work was included in non-network programming consisting only of aural signals carried by a cable system beyond the local service area of the station.

In order to be eligible to receive satellite royalty fees, a copyright owner's works must have been included in a secondary transmission for private home viewing made by a satellite carrier during the applicable accounting period.

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This memorandum is intended only as a general discussion of these issues and should not be regarded as legal advice. We would be pleased to provide additional details or advice about specific situations if desired. To discuss any of the issues presented here, please contact Suzanne E. Head at 202-416-1082 or any other attorney in our office.