May 8, 2019

Dear Ms. Stillman,

As you know, the Copyright Office is considering the comments received in response to its Notice of Inquiry regarding designation of the Digital Licensee Coordinator.

In its December 21, 2018 Notice of Inquiry, the Copyright Office indicated it may permit informal communication to supplement the written record with respect to specific issues. Following review of the comments received, the Office has determined that it may be beneficial to hear from those who have submitted proposals to be designated as the Mechanical Licensing Collective or as the Digital Licensee Coordinator. At this time, the Office is limiting meetings to those parties who are seeking to be designated under the statute, although the Office is carefully considering the over 600 written comments that were received regarding these proposals.

Meetings are intended to provide an opportunity for participants to clarify or provide follow-up on specific issues raised by the written submissions, and to respond to questions from the Office on those matters. As indicated in the Notice, any informal communications will supplement, not substitute, the written comments that have been received. The Office will not consider or accept new documentary materials outside of these guidelines.

With this in mind, the Office would welcome meeting with the proposed DLC to discuss the entity’s compliance with the statutory criteria for designation of the Digital Licensee Coordinator.

All meetings will be held at the Copyright Office, with telephone conference capabilities available.

To ensure transparency and public notice, the Office requires meeting attendees to submit a written follow-up letter within four business days after the meeting, emailed to the Office (at srufe@copyright.gov). The letter must identify the meeting attendees and summarize the substance of the views expressed and arguments made in such a way that a non-participating party will understand the scope of issues discussed; merely listing the subjects discussed or providing a 1–2 sentence description will not be sufficient. These letters will be made publicly available on the Office’s website along with this letter.

Please let us know if members of the proposed DLC Board are able to meet in a 2-hour window during the following dates: May 22, 28-31, or June 3, and if so, what Board Members or other representatives will attend.

Please contact me at 202-707-3353 with any procedural questions and to arrange for logistics.

Sincerely,

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