

structural steel for riser conduit support was discovered to be in need of immediate repairs and/or replacement. Therefore, more time is needed to complete the job, conduct tests, and inspections. The subject temporary deviation will be replaced with a temporary interim rule because an extension of time could not be approved, as it exceeds the 180 day limit.

Dated: November 21, 2017.

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Copyright Royalty Board

37 CFR Part 380

[Docket No. 14-CRB-0001-WR (2016-2020)
(COLA 2018)]

Cost of Living Adjustment to Royalty Rates for Webcaster Statutory License

AGENCY: Copyright Royalty Board (CRB), Library of Congress.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Royalty Judges announce a cost of living adjustment (COLA) in the royalty rates that commercial and noncommercial noninteractive webcasters pay for eligible transmissions pursuant to the statutory licenses for the public performance of and for the making of ephemeral reproductions of sound recordings.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 1, 2018.

Applicability Dates: These rates are applicable to the period January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sections 112(e) and 114(f) of the Copyright Act, title 17 of the United States Code, create statutory licenses for certain digital performances of sound recordings and the making of ephemeral reproductions to facilitate transmission of those sound recordings. On May 2, 2016, the Copyright Royalty Judges (Judges) adopted final regulations governing the rates and terms of copyright royalty payments under those licenses for the license period 2016-2020 for performances of sound recordings via eligible transmissions by commercial

and noncommercial noninteractive webcasters. See 81 FR 26316.

Pursuant to those regulations, at least 25 days before January 1 of each year from 2017 to 2020, the Judges shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of a COLA applicable to the royalty fees for performances of sound recordings via eligible transmissions by commercial and noncommercial noninteractive webcasters. 37 CFR 380.10(a)(1)-(2).

The adjustment in the royalty fee shall be based on a calculation of the percentage increase in the CPI-U from the CPI-U published in November 2015 (237.838), according to the formula $(1 + (C_y - 237.838)/237.838) \times R_{2016}$, where C_y is the CPI-U published by the Secretary of Labor before December 1 of the preceding year and R_{2016} is the royalty rate for 2016 (*i.e.*, \$0.0022 per subscription performance or \$0.0017 per nonsubscription performance). The adjustment shall be rounded to the nearest fourth decimal place. 37 CFR 380.10(c) (as revised herein). The CPI-U published by the Secretary of Labor from the most recent index published before December 1, 2017, is 246.663.¹ Applying the formula in 37 CFR 380.10(c) and rounding to the nearest fourth decimal place results in an increase in the rates for 2018.

The 2018 rate for eligible transmission of sound recordings by commercial webcasters is a rate of \$0.0023 per subscription performance and a rate of \$0.0018 per nonsubscription performance.

Application of the increase to rates for noncommercial webcasters results in a 2018 rate of \$0.0018 per performance for all digital audio transmissions in excess of 159,140 ATH in a month on a channel or station.

As provided in 37 CFR 380.1(d), the royalty fee for making ephemeral recordings under section 112 of the Copyright Act to facilitate digital transmission of sound recordings under section 114 of the Copyright Act is included in the section 114 royalty fee and comprises 5% of the total fee.

List of Subjects in 37 CFR Part 380

Copyright, Sound recordings.

Final Regulations

In consideration of the foregoing, the Judges amend part 380 of title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

¹ As announced on November 15, 2017, by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in its *News Release—Consumer Price Index October 2017*, available at <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/cpi.pdf> at 4.

PART 380—RATES AND TERMS FOR TRANSMISSIONS BY ELIGIBLE NONSUBSCRIPTION SERVICES AND NEW SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES AND FOR THE MAKING OF EPHEMERAL REPRODUCTIONS TO FACILITATE THOSE TRANSMISSIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 380 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 17 U.S.C. 112(e), 114(f), 804(b)(3).

■ 2. Section 380.10 is amended by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 380.10 Royalty fees for the public performance of sound recordings and the making of ephemeral recordings.

(a) *Royalty fees.* For the year 2018, Licensees must pay royalty fees for all Eligible Transmissions of sound recordings at the following rates:

(1) *Commercial Webcasters:* \$0.0023 per performance for subscription services and \$0.0018 per performance for nonsubscription services.

(2) *Noncommercial webcasters.* \$500 per year for each channel or station and \$0.0018 per performance for all digital audio transmissions in excess of 159,140 ATH in a month on a channel or station.

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Dated: November 20, 2017.

Suzanne M. Barnett,

Chief Copyright Royalty Judge.

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Copyright Royalty Board

37 CFR Part 386

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Cost of Living Adjustment to Satellite Carrier Compulsory License Royalty Rates

AGENCY: Copyright Royalty Board (CRB), Library of Congress.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Royalty Judges announce a cost of living adjustment (COLA) of 2.0% in the royalty rates satellite carriers pay for a compulsory license under the Copyright Act. The COLA is based on the change in the Consumer Price Index from October 2016 to October 2017.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 1, 2018.

Applicability Dates: These rates are applicable to the period January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018.