Signed at Washington, DC, this 18th day of March, 2003.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration

Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; **General Wage Determination Decisions**

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and Federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be

impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedeas decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the Federal **Register**, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modification issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department.

Further information and selfexplanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-3014, Washington, DC 20210.

Modification to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of the decisions listed to the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts" being modified are listed by Volume and State. Dates of publication in the Federal Register are in parentheses following the decisions being modified.

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General Wage Determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts, including those noted above, may be found in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon And Related Acts". This publication is available at each of the 50 Regional Government Depository Libraries and many of the 1,400 Government Depository Libraries across the country.

General wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts are available electronically at no cost on the Government Printing Office site at www.access.gpo.gov/davisbacon. They are also available electronically by subscription to the Davis-Bacon Online Service (http://davisbacon.fedworld.gov of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) of the U.S. Department of Commerce at 1–800–363–2068. This subscription offers value-added features such as electronic delivery of modified wage decisions directly to the user's desktop, the ability to access prior wage decisions issued during the year, extensive Help desk Support, etc.

Hard-copy subscriptions may be purchased from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. (202) 512–1800.

When ordering hard-copy subscription(s), be sure to specify the State(s) of interest since subscriptions may be ordered for any or all of the six separate Volumes, arranged by State. Subscriptions include an annual edition (issued in January or February) which includes all current general wage determinations for the States covered by each volume. Throughout the remainder

of the year, regular weekly updates will be distributed to subscribers.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 3rd day of April 2003.

Carl J. Poleskey,

Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office

[Docket No. 2001-8 CARP CD 98-99]

Distribution of 1998 and 1999 Cable Royalty Fund

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Initiation of arbitration and announcement of schedule.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress is announcing the initiation of and schedule for the 180-day arbitration period for the Phase I distribution of royalties collected under the cable statutory license of the Copyright Act for the 1998 and 1999 calendar years.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 11, 2003.

ADDRESSES: All hearings and meetings for the proceeding to distribute section 111 royalties shall take place in the James Madison Memorial Building, Room LM–414, First and Independence Avenues, SE., Washington, DC 20540.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David O. Carson, General Counsel, or Susan N. Grimes, CARP Specialist, P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: (202) 707–8380. Telefax: (202) 252–3423.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background

This notice fulfills the requirement of 37 CFR 251.72 and 17 U.S.C. 111(d)(4)(B). Section 251.72 of the CARP rules provides that:

If the Librarian determines that a controversy exists among claimants to either cable, satellite carrier, or digital audio recording devices and media royalties, the Librarian shall publish in the Federal Register a declaration of controversy along with a notice of initiation of an arbitration proceeding. Such notice shall, to the extent feasible, describe the nature, general structure and schedule of the proceeding. 37 CFR 251.72.

Each year cable systems submit royalties to the Copyright Office for the retransmission to their subscribers of over-the-air broadcast signals. These royalties are, in turn, distributed in one of two ways to copyright owners whose works were included in a retransmission of an over-the-air broadcast signal and who timely filed a claim for royalties with the Copyright Office. The copyright owners may either negotiate the terms of a settlement as to the division of the royalty funds, or the Librarian of Congress may convene a Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP) to determine the distribution of the royalty fees that remain in controversy. 17 U.S.C. 111(d)(4)(B).

On September 6, 2000, the Library of Congress published a notice in the Federal Register seeking comment as to the existence of controversies for the distribution of the 1998 cable royalties. 65 FR 54077 (September 6, 2000). The parties to the distribution reported both Phase I and Phase II controversies and filed their Notices of Intent to Participate. On October 2, 2001, the Library published a Notice in the Federal Register seeking comments as to the existence of controversies for the distribution of 1999 cable royalties. 66 FR 50219 (October 2, 2001). The parties to this distribution reported Phase I and Phase II controversies as well and filed their Notices of Intent to Participate. By Order dated February 20, 2002, the Library consolidated the distribution of the 1998 and 1999 cable royalties into a single proceeding before a single CARP. Order in Docket No. 2001-8 CARP CD 98-99 (February 20, 2002).

Of the eight parties that filed Notices of Intent to Participate in this consolidated Phase I distribution proceeding, two parties, National Public Radio and the Devotional Claimants Group, have settled. The parties that remain are the Joint Sports Claimants, the Music Claimants, the Program Suppliers, the Canadian Claimants, the National Association of Broadcasters on behalf of commercial broadcasters, and the Public Television Claimants on behalf of noncommercial broadcasters. These parties have filed their written direct cases setting forth their requested distribution percentages, and the Library has conducted discovery on the written direct cases under 37 CFR 251.45. The cases are now ready for proceeding before a CARP under chapter 8 of the Copyright Act.

Selection of Arbitrators

In accordance with § 251.6 of the CARP rules, the arbitrators have been selected for this proceeding. They are: The Honorable Michael Wolf

(Chairperson)
The Honorable Jeffrey Gulin
The Honorable Michael Young