

## Telling West Virginia's Story

August 29, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND HARDCOPY TO FOLLOW

Jackie J. Livesay Assistant General Counsel & Vice President, Compliance Corporation for Public Broadcasting 401 9th Street, NW Washington, DC 20004-2129

Dear Ms. Livesay,

RE: Audit of Community Service Grants awarded to West Virginia Public Broadcasting, Charleston, West Virginia, for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018, Report #ASJ1901-1904

We reviewed your letter of specific findings and CPB's determinations for WVPB. We also located documents unavailable at the time of our audit. After review, we agree with most of your findings with the exception of royalty payments.

The audit excluded most royalty payments in FY 18 because we could not provide documentation. Since discovering the documents subsequent to the audit, we determined one payment was ineligible (TV - \$413.20) but would ask the following amounts to be approved:

Radio - \$41,108 for FY 2018 - Memo from NPR, Gemma Hooley, Vice President, Member Partnership and Gregory Lewis, Deputy General Counsel, check, check detail, and deposit copy for the cable royalty award settlements attached

TV - \$3,846.29 for FY 2018 - memo from Sandra Pope, Director, Copyright PBS, for the 2014 US Cable Retransmission Copyright License Royalties – 1st Distribution of Funds, copy of check and deposit ticket attached.

Thank you in advance for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Chuck Roberts

Executive Director and CEO

Attachments (8)

cc: William File III, Chair, Educational Broadcasting Authority

## **MEMORANDUM**

To:

Claimants to the 2010-2013 Cable Royalty Funds

From:

Gemma Hooley, Vice President, Member Partnership

Gregory A. Lewis, Deputy General Counsel

Re:

2010-2013 Cable Royalty Distribution

Date:

April 19, 2018

We are pleased to enclose a check representing your share of the distribution of the previously announced 2010-2013 cable royalty award settlement.

Your licensee authorized NPR to represent it in one or more of those proceedings with respect to one or more of its stations.

The amount of the check reflects the claim year(s) in which your station(s) participated. Individual station awards are as follows:

2010 - \$5,355.40

2011 - \$8,399.39

2012 - \$9,178.62

2013 - \$12,859.66

Thank you for your participation in these proceedings and your support for NPR's efforts on behalf of the pool of public radio claimants.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Greg Lewis at 1-800-235-1212 ext. 2050.

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State of West Virginia John D. Perdue, State Treasurer Date:

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FROM:

Sandra Pope, Director, Copyright

**PBS** 

2100 Crystal Drive Arlington, VA 22202 Tel: 703-739-8665 Email: scpope@pbs.org

RE:

Summary - 2014 U.S. Cable Retransmission Copyright License Royalties -

1st Distribution of Funds

Date:

June 2018

\$3846.2	Local Programming
	These royalties compensate you for your local programming that aired
	on your station and was retransmitted by cable system(s) to distant
	subscribers.
	PBS-Distributed Programming
4.1	These royalties compensate you for PBS-distributed programs that aired
· .	on public TV station(s) other than yours and were retransmitted by cable
	system(s) to distant subscribers.
	Syndicated Programming
	These royalties compensate you for programs that aired on a station
	other than your own; these programs were obtained from a source other
	than PBS - for example from NETA, American Public TV, etc. or directly
	from you.
	PBS-Failsafe
	If none of your programs turned up in our distribution sample, even
	though PBS fed one or more of them for broadcast during 2014, then our
	"fail-safe" mechanism kicks in whereby you are compensated from a
	small pool of money we set aside.
\$3846.29	Your TOTAL 2014 U.S. Cable Retransmission Copyright License Royalties
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TO: Public Television Claimants to U.S. Cable Copyright Royalties for Calendar Year 2014

FROM: Sandra Pope, Director, Copyright Administration, (<a href="mailto:scpope@pbs.org">scpope@pbs.org</a>, direct phone 703.739.8665)

Date: June 2018

The Copyright Royalty Board (CRB) of the Library of Congress has released 60% of the total calendar year 2014 cable copyright royalty pool, in shares based on previous CRB decisions, to Public TV claimants' representative, PBS, and other competing claimant groups. (To get its share of the 60% partial distribution, each claimant group representative had to sign an agreement to repay the Library of Congress/Copyright Office any royalties that later turn out to have been overpaid.) PBS is now distributing as much as it can of the 2014 royalties received so far.

Your check or an electronic-payment advisory should be enclosed, along with a statement showing how your cable royalties were calculated. (IF YOU FORWARD THE CHECK OR ADVISORY TO YOUR ACCOUNTING, OPERATIONS OR ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT, PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS MEMO AND ALL THE OTHER DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANY IT.)

If you have received this memo and your statement but no check or PayMode advisory, it could be because you owe PBS money. To ascertain whether that is the case, contact **Kim Glover**, Manager of Accounting Operations, by email at kglover@pbs.org.

The cable royalties are compulsory, blanket license fees paid to the Copyright Office by cable systems, pursuant to the Copyright Act at Title 17, U.S. Code, Section 111. By authority of its Board of Directors, PBS, on behalf of itself and its member stations, filed a claim with the U.S. Copyright Office in July 2015 and has collected 2014 royalties for distant cable retransmissions of stations' and other rights-holders' program properties broadcast on non-commercial, U.S. public television stations. If you were not a PBS member station in 2014, then you filed your own claim for 2014 and authorized PBS to collect royalties on your behalf.

Here are the amounts we received, spent, withheld, and are now paying for calendar year 2014:

Gross 2014 royalties PBS received to date (September 2016)	\$9,147,672,22
Less PBS's actual administrative, legal & settlement expenses to date	\$1,031,553.11
and contingency to cover any additional expenses and claims*	
= Net total PBS is now distributing to public TV claimants	\$8,116,119.11

\*All of PBS's expenses, including salaries and overhead, in connection with our recovery and distribution of these royalties are taken from public TV's royalty award, not from any membership dues or other fees paid by stations or producers.

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