

Prf, JAPAN; SMC Corporation, Tokyo, JAPAN; Socapel, SA, Penthaz Vaud, SWITZERLAND; Softing GmbH, Munich, GERMANY; Square D Company, Palatine, IL; Groupe Schneider, Boulogne Billancourt, FRANCE; Toshiba International Corporation, Houston, TX; Toshiba Corporation, Tokyo, JAPAN; TURCK, Inc., Plymouth, MN; Uticor Technology, Inc., Cettendorf, IA; Vector Informatik GmbH, Ditzngen, GERMANY; Wago Corporation, Brown Deer, WI; Wago Knotakttechnik GmbH, Miden, GERMANY; Whedco, Inc., Ann Arbor, MI; Wonderwear Corporation, Irvine, CA; Yaskawa Electric Ameica, Inc., Northbrook, IL; and Yaskawa Electric Corporation, Kitakyushu, JAPAN.

The purpose of this venture is to promote the adoption of a viable industrial automation communication network standard based on the DeviceNet protocol to increase the range of options for builders of such industrial equipment systems and to produce products, processes or services consisting of or relating to the specification of the DeviceNet protocol and products or services designed to distinguish items that conform to such specification from those that do not.

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Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Petroleum Environmental Research Forum Project No. 94-06

Notice is hereby given that, on December 12, 1995, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301, *et seq.* ("the Act"), the Members of the Petroleum Environmental Research Forum participating in ("PERF") Project No. 94-06 filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and with the Federal Trade Commission disclosing a change in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, the following party has become a member: Aluminum Company of America, Alcoa Center, PA.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or the planned activities of PERF Project No. 94-06.

On March 20, 1995, PERF Project No. 94-06 filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The

Department of Justice published a notice in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on April 27, 1995, (60 FR 20750).

The last notification was filed with the Department on November 21, 1995. A notice was published in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on December 20, 1995 (60 FR 65670).

Information regarding participation in Project No. 94-06 may be obtained from Mr. P.W. Becker, Exxon Research & Engineering Company, Florham Park, NJ.

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Copyright Office

[Docket No. 94-3 CARP-CD-90-92]

Distribution of 1990, 1991 and 1992 Cable Royalty Funds

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Notice with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Office directs all claimants to royalty fees collected for secondary transmissions by cable systems in 1990, 1991, and 1992 to submit comments as to whether Phase II controversies exist as to the distribution of these funds. The Office is also directing those claimants reporting the existence of Phase II controversies to file a Notice of Intent to Participate.

DATES: Comments on controversies and Notices of Intent to Participate are due March 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: If sent by mail, an original and five copies of the comments on controversies and the Notice of Intent to Participate should be addressed to: Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP), P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, DC 20024. If hand delivered, an original and five copies of the comments on controversies and the Notice of Intent to participate should be brought to: Office of the Copyright General Counsel, James Madison Memorial Building, Room 407, First and Independence Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20540.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn J. Kretsinger, Acting General Counsel, or William Roberts, Senior Attorney, Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP), P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, DC

20024. Telephone (202) 707-8380. Telefax (202) 707-8366.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Each year, cable systems submit royalties to the U.S. Copyright Office for a statutory license to retransmit broadcast signals to their subscribers. 17 U.S.C. 111. These royalties are, in turn, distributed to the appropriate copyright owners by means of a cable royalty distribution proceeding. Distribution proceedings were formerly conducted by the Copyright Royalty Tribunal. However, on December 17, 1993, the Tribunal was abolished. Royalty distribution proceedings are now conducted by *ad hoc* copyright arbitration royalty panels (CARPs) convened and supported by the Library of Congress and the Copyright Office. Copyright Royalty Tribunal Reform Act of 1993, Public Law 103-198, 107 Stat. 2304 (1993).

Currently, the Copyright Office is conducting its first distribution of cable royalties under the new CARP regime. On March 21, 1995, the Office consolidated distribution of the 1990, 1991 and 1992 cable royalty funds into a single proceeding, and announced that it would conduct Phase I and Phase II controversies sequentially. 60 FR 14971 (March 21, 1995). The Office would first conduct a proceeding and convene a CARP to resolve all Phase I controversies for the 1990-92 funds, and, after the proceeding had been completed, would "ascertain the existence of any Phase II controversies and conduct separate proceedings."¹ 60 FR at 14974. The Office also announced that it would resolve the issue of whether to allow a single CARP to resolve more than one Phase II controversy at the time it determined the existence of any Phase II controversies. *Id.*

The CARP proceeding to resolve Phase I controversies for the 1990-92 royalties commenced on December 4, 1995, and will close on June 1, 1996. 60 FR 58680 (November 28, 1995). CARP proceedings to resolve Phase II controversies, if any, may therefore be scheduled anytime after June 1, 1996, in accordance with the Office's decision to handle them sequentially. See 60 FR 14971, 14974. Conversely, the Office

¹ The Copyright Office faces the possibility of initiating multiple CARP proceedings in 1996. Therefore, in the interest of establishing workable schedules for the Copyright Office and for the interested parties to these future proceedings, the Office requests comments concerning the ascertainment of Phase II controversies in the current cable distribution proceeding at this time.