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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.

Constance K. Robinson,

*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.

Constance K. Robinson,

*Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.*

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#### **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**

##### **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."<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

also seeks to be advised of Phase II categories that are completely settled.

## II. Comments on Controversies

In order to schedule proceedings to resolve Phase II controversies as soon as possible after the conclusion of arbitration proceedings in Phase I, the Copyright Office directs all claimants to royalty fees collected in 1990, 1991 and 1992 for secondary transmissions by cable systems to submit comments as to whether controversies exist as to the distribution of these funds. If any controversies exist, the claimant should specifically name the claimants with whom he or she has a controversy. The Office also seeks comments as to whether each Phase II controversy should be handled by a separate CARP, or whether a single CARP should handle more than one or all controversies. Comments must be submitted no later than March 15, 1996.

## III. Notice of Intent to Participate

In addition to comments on controversies, the Copyright Office requests those claimants who have identified the existence of a Phase II controversy and wish to participate in a Phase II distribution proceeding, to file a Notice of Intent to Participate in the proceeding by March 15, 1996. Failure of a claimant to file a timely Notice of Intent to Participate, or to be represented by another claimant filing a timely Notice, will subject the Phase II claim to dismissal. The filing of a timely Notice of Intent to Participate is thus critical to a claimant being able to present an effective claim in a Phase II proceeding.

Dated: February 12, 1996.

Marilyn J. Kretsinger,

*Acting General Counsel.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kristin Larson or Robert S. Cunningham, Permit Office, Office of

Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On 27 October, 1995, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the Federal Register of permit applications received. A permit was issued on 11 January 1996 for the following applicant: Dr. Rennie Holt, Permit Number: 96WM1-NOAA, National Marine Fisheries, Effective Date: 11 January 1996, Expiration Date: 15 March 2001.

Kristin Larson,

*Permit Office.*

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Scientific Computing; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Scientific Computing (#1185).

*Date and Time:* March 4, 1996, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1150, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. John Van Rosendale, Program Director, New Technologies Program, Suite 1122, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1962.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide recommendations and advice concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Faculty Early Career Development (Career) Program as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: February 12, 1996.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

*Committee Management Officer.*

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Astronomical Sciences (1186); Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-

463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Astronomical Sciences (#1186).

*Date and Time:* March 7 and 8, 1996, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 1020, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* James P. Wright, Program Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703/306-1819.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations on proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the CAREER Program in the Division of Astronomical Sciences.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: February 12, 1996.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

*Committee Management Officer.*

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems (No. 1189).

*Date and Time:* March 4, 5, and 6, 1996; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 565, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Edward H. Bryan, Program Director, Environmental Engineering, Division of Bioengineering and Environmental Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1318.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate CAREER proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including