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Copyright Office Issues Final Rule for Small Claims Expedited Registration Procedures and FOIA Conforming Amendment. 37 CFR Parts 201, 203 and 221 [Docket No. 2021–2] Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement (“CASE”) Act Regulations: Expedited Registration and FOIA. 86 Fed. Reg. 46,119-23. The U.S. Copyright Office has published a final rule establishing procedures for a new expedited registration option for a work at issue before the Copyright Claims Board (CCB), which is being established under the Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement (CASE) Act. The rule enables a CCB claimant or counterclaimant with a pending copyright registration application to request expedited registration once the CCB proceeding has become active. The Office is adopting these changes to help facilitate access to alternative dispute resolution before the CCB. Additionally, the Office has adopted a conforming amendment to its Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) regulations. The amendment reflects the CASE Act’s direction that only those CCB “determinations, records, and information” that are published on the Office’s website and that relate to a CCB final determination are subject to disclosure under FOIA.

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Copyright Royalty Board 37 CFR Part 385 [Docket No. 21–CRB–0001–PR (2023–2027)] Determination of Rates and Terms for Making and Distributing Phonorecords (Phonorecords IV), 86 Fed. Reg. 40793. Because of technical issues with the electronic filing system, the Copyright Royalty Judges are reopening the comment period in connection with a proposed partial settlement and proposed regulations that set certain rates and terms applicable during the period beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2027, for the section 115 statutory license for making and distributing phonorecords of nondramatic musical works for an additional 15 days.