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Hi, Melissa,

I just received your notice with our account statement regarding mandatory electronic filing for deposit account holders and the overall necessity of deposit accounts. In the notice it mentioned that comments were being sought on these two items, and as I couldn't find where to send these comments either in the notice or on copyright.gov, I figured I would send it to you as your info was on the cover letter. If you are not the person that handles this, please pass this e-mail along to the appropriate party.

We already file all of our claims electronically and have done so for a year and a half now. so there are no complaints as far as mandatory e-filing for deposit account holders goes. I *would* like to weigh in on the necessity of deposit accounts overall. Our deposit account is a great help to us and I would hate to see this service discontinued.

It is much easier for us to keep track of our copyright budget through the deposit account, especially now that we have online access to that information, and replenishments are also much easier to accomplish. It would become a huge pain if we needed to allocate funds every time we put a shipment together, which is at least once a month and consists of dozens of claims. Also, given how our departmental budgets are set up, we would need to file a funds request each time we did a shipment which is not very efficient and would ultimately prolong the registration process. While we could put together a rough idea of the funds needed for a particular shipment, until we begin filling out applications and realize how many claims each title will have, we won't have a truly accurate picture of the funds that need to accompany a particular shipment.

I understand the need to periodically revisit the way in which certain procedures are carried out, and while the deposit accounts may have been set up for an entirely different reason back in the day, I hope that the Copyright Office is able to see that it is still a valuable and relevant service today.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and please contact me with any questions.

Best,

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