

Copyright Board
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Commission du droit d'auteur
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Notice of Initiation and Order of the Board CB-CDA 2025-064

Proceeding Number PT25-06

Proceeding SOCAN Tariff 20 – Karaoke Bars and Similar Establishments (2023-2028)

Member Daniela Bassan

I. Proposed Tariffs to be Considered

[1] The Board is ready to commence proceeding PT25-06 – SOCAN Tariff 20 – Karaoke Bars and Similar Establishments (2023-2028), to consider the following proposed tariffs (the “Proposed Tariffs”):

- SOCAN Tariff 20 – Karaoke Bars and Similar Establishments for the years 2023-2025
- SOCAN Tariff 20 – Karaoke Bars and Similar Establishments for the years 2026-2028

II. Objectors

[2] Objections to the Proposed Tariffs have been filed by the following parties:

Table 1 – List of Objectors

Objector	Tariff Name	Tariff Periods
Hotel Association of Canada (HAC)	SOCAN Tariff 20 – Karaoke Bars and Similar Establishments	2023-2025, 2026-2028
Restaurants Canada (RC)	SOCAN Tariff 20 – Karaoke Bars and Similar Establishments	2023-2025, 2026-2028

[3] At this time, should an objector decide not to participate in this proceeding, they must inform the Board and Parties by **August 14, 2025**. For more information, see [*Practice Notice on Changing the Status of a Party \(PN 2023-010\)*](#).

III. Language of Proceeding

[4] Parties may address the Board and each other in the official language of their choice. Parties must confirm the official language in which they wish to participate in this proceeding by **August 27, 2025**.

IV. Confidential Information

[5] If a party anticipates that they will need to disclose confidential information in the course of this proceeding, they are invited to request a confidentiality order as soon as possible (see Rule 46 of the [*Copyright Board Rules of Practice and Procedure*](#) (the “Rules”)), in accordance with the [*Practice Notice on Confidentiality Order \(PN 2024-013\)*](#).

V. Proceeding Detail Page

[6] Information about this proceeding can be found on the Board’s [website](#).

VI. Interveners and Letters of Comment

[7] A person with an interest in this proceeding may file a request for intervener status as per Rule 52 of the Rules; any person may file a letter of comment in the official language of their choice as per Rule 53.

[8] If needed, please [contact the Registry](#) as soon as possible for further information on how to file a request to intervene or a letter of comment.

VII. Issues To Be Addressed

[9] Based on the Notice of Grounds for Objections filed by RC and HAC on December 16, 2024, the Board understands that the issues to be addressed in this proceeding are:

- a. Whether any inflation-based adjustments should be made;
- b. If applicable, which methodology should be used to calculate the inflation-based adjustments;
- c. The combined impact of the rate increase proposed by Re:Sound and SOCAN (from \$419.68 to over \$1,000) on karaoke operators.

[10] Unless parties indicate otherwise, the Notice of Grounds for Proposed Tariff and for Objection filed for 2026-2028 will be considered for both tariff periods, and the parties will proceed on the basis of these issues.

VIII. Proposed Schedule of Proceeding

[11] The Board proposes the following schedule of proceeding:

Table 2 – Proposed Schedule of Proceeding

Filing Event	Proposed Time for Completion
SOCAN files Case Record	4 weeks
Objectors file Response Case Record	4 weeks
SOCAN files Reply	3 weeks

IX. Order

[12] No later than **August 27, 2025**, the parties shall inform the Board if they agree with the above-listed issues and with the proposed schedule of proceeding.

[13] Should they disagree with the list of issues, the parties must file a Statement of Issues (jointly, or individually if they cannot agree) and, if applicable, a proposed schedule of proceeding by **September 3, 2025**.