Copyright Board Canada



Commission du droit d'auteur Canada

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Notice of Initiation of

the Board

CB-CDA 2025-122

Proceeding Number PT25-20

Proceeding Television Reproduction (2015-2024)

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I. Context

[1] The Board is carrying out some file "housekeeping" that will also be of assistance to Parties and the public.

[2] Previous proceedings related to tariff proposals pertaining to over-the-air television were suspended, while other proposals were subsequently filed for different tariff periods but proceedings were not formally initiated. Some of the proposed tariffs were eventually approved on the basis of jointly submitted texts, one became subject to a specific proceeding (SOCAN Tariff 2.D) whereas others were not. CBC recently withdrew its participation as objector in relation to certain proposed tariffs, yet remains a participant in relation to other proposed tariffs.

[3] Based on the foregoing, this proceeding is identified as *Television Reproduction* (2015-2024), bearing proceeding number PT25-20. The proceeding's details are as follows.

II. Proposed Tariffs Considered

- [4] This consolidated proceeding considers the following proposed tariffs (jointly, "the Proposed Tariffs"):
 - CMRRA Tariff 5 Commercial Television for the year 2015;
 - CMRRA Tariff 5 Commercial Television for the year 2016;
 - CMRRA Tariff 5 Commercial Television for the year 2017;
 - CMRRA Tariff 5 Commercial Television for the year 2018;

- CMRRA Tariff 5 Commercial Television for the year 2019;
- CMRRA Tariff 6 CBC Television for the year 2016;
- CMRRA Tariff 6 CBC Television for the year 2017;
- CMRRA Tariff 6 CBC Television for the year 2018;
- CMRRA Tariff 6 CBC Television for the year 2019;
- SODRAC Tariff 8 Commercial Television for the year 2017;
- SODRAC Tariff 8 Commercial Television for the year 2018;
- SODRAC Tariff 8 Commercial Television for the year 2019;
- SOCAN/SODRAC Tariff 2.A.R Commercial Television for the years 2020 to 2021; and
- SOCAN/SODRAC Tariff 2.A.R Commercial Television for the years 2022 to 2024.

III. Objectors

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

Table 1 - List of Objectors

Objector	Tariff Name	Tariff Period(s)
Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB)	CMRRA Tariff 5 – Commercial	2015, 2016, 2017,
	Television	2018, 2019
	SODRAC Tariff 8 – Commercial Television	2017, 2018, 2019
	SOCAN/SODRAC Tariff 2.A.R – Commercial Television	2020-2021, 2022- 2024
Stingray Digital Group Inc.	CMRRA Tariff 5 – Commercial	2016, 2017, 2018,
	Television	2019
	SODRAC Tariff 8 – Commercial Television	2017, 2018, 2019
	SOCAN/SODRAC Tariff 2.A.R – Commercial Television	2020-2021
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)	CMRRA Tariff 6 – CBC Television	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
	SODRAC Tariff 8 – Commercial Television	2019
	SOCAN/SODRAC Tariff 2.A.R – Commercial Television	2020-2021
Rogers Communications Canada Inc.	CMRRA Tariff 5 – Commercial Television	2016, 2019
Quebecor Media Inc.	CMRRA Tariff 5 – Commercial Television	2019
Shaw Communications Inc.	CMRRA Tariff 5 – Commercial Television	2015, 2016, 2019
Cogeco Communications	CMRRA Tariff 5 – Commercial Television	2019

IV. Withdrawal of Participation

[6] In Order CB-CDA 2025-008 issued January 23, 2025, the Board decided that Rogers Communications Canada Inc., Quebecor Media Inc., Shaw Communications Inc., and Cogeco Communications would no longer be participants as objectors to CMRRA Tariff 5 – Commercial Television (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019).

[7] On October 30, 2025, CBC informed the Board that it was withdrawing its participation as objector in relation to proposed tariffs SODRAC Tariff 8 – Commercial Television (2017, 2018, 2019) and SOCAN/SODRAC Tariff 2.A.R – Commercial Television (2020-2021, 2022-2024).

[8] For reference, should an objector decide not to participate in this proceeding, they must inform the Board and parties as per <u>Practice Notice on Changing the Status of a Party (PN 2023-010)</u>.

V. Language of Proceeding

[9] Parties may address the Board and each other in the official language of their choice.

[10] Unless CBC advises otherwise, the Board will issue correspondence to parties in both official languages, since CBC is still a participant (CMRRA Tariff 6) and indicated that it will be participating in both official languages in its Notice of Grounds for Objection to SODRAC Tariff 8, filed on August 9, 2022, in response to Order CB-CDA 2022-024.

VI. Proceeding Detail Page

[11] Information about this proceeding can be found on the Board's website.

VII. Interveners and Letters of Comment

[12] A person with an interest in this proceeding may file a request for intervener status as per Rule 52 of the <u>Copyright Board Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>; any person may file a letter of comment in the official language of their choice as per Rule 53.

[13] Please <u>contact the Registry</u> as soon as possible for further information on how to file a request to intervene or a letter of comment.

VIII. Joint Statement of Issues

[14] A Joint Statement of Issues was already filed in response to Order CB-CDA 2025-086.

IX. Next Steps

[15] Parties should refer to Order CB-CDA 2025-105 and to Confidentiality Order CB-CDA 2025-123 accompanying this notice.