

NOTICE OF GROUNDS FOR PROPOSED TARIFF

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SOCAN Tariff 2.C – Television – Société de télédiffusion du Québec (2026-2028)

1. Description of Uses Covered by the Proposed Tariff

This tariff applies only to uses of musical works in SOCAN's repertoire by the Société de télédiffusion du Québec and is limited to communications to the public by telecommunication for its stations, website and technological platforms.

2. Description of Users / Groups of Users Covered by the Proposed Tariff

This tariff applies only to the Société de télédiffusion du Québec.

3. Explanation of How Royalties are Determined

The proposed annual royalty rate for 2026-2028 is \$334,602.95.

The proposed royalties are based on the previously approved tariff. The proposed royalties have been increased since the last approved tariff which received a rate increase, which was approved in 2012 for the years 2009 to 2012. This proposed increase accounts for inflation according to the Board's established CPI-adjustment formula and the Board's default methodology as published by the Board in its *Inflation Adjustment to Royalty Rates – Default Methodology*. The inflation calculation commences in January 2010. SOCAN has estimated the appropriate inflationary increase based on projected CPI for years that full CPI data is not available. According to the Board's adjustment formula, this figure will likely change once actual CPI data is available. Notwithstanding the proposed royalties and any joint-submitted text for years prior to 2026, SOCAN requests that the Board certify the maximum inflationary increase that SOCAN is entitled to under the Board's adjustment formula at the time of approval of the tariff and that such inflation calculation commence as of the last increase to the royalty amount.

4. Submissions on the Collection of Information

This tariff does not have any specific reporting requirements.

5. Explanation of Changes from Previously Approved Tariff

The proposed tariff includes the following changes from the previously approved tariff:

- 1) The explanation for the new proposed rate for 2026-2028 is found above.
- 2) Language describing a "licence" has been removed and the language has been changed to "To communicate to the public by telecommunication..." in order to comply with the Board's *Practice Notice on Filing of Proposed Tariffs* [PN 2019-004 rev. 4].
- 3) The audit clause from the previously approved tariff has been removed because the nature of this tariff does not require an audit provision.
- 4) The following language "i.e. uses that would otherwise be the subject of SOCAN Tariff 22.D" has been removed in order to comply with the Board's *Practice Notice on Filing of Proposed Tariffs* [PN 2019-004 rev. 4] and the discouragement of references to other proposed or approved tariffs.