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NOTICE OF THE BOARD

The above-mentioned SOCAN Tariffs were last certified by the Board on June 29, 2012 for the years 2011 and 2012.

In March of both 2012 and 2013, SOCAN filed with the Board its proposed tariffs for the years 2013 and 2014, respectively. SOCAN proposed that the Tariffs remain the same as certified by the Board for 2011-2012. The Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association (CRFA) and the Hotel Association of Canada (HAC) objected to the tariffs, in particular on the basis that the rates were excessive and unreasonable.

In March 2014, SOCAN filed with the Board its proposed tariffs for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017. The only modification SOCAN proposed was to apply inflationary increases for all fixed-rate tariffs, including the above-noted tariffs. SOCAN used the formula approved by the Board in its 2004 decision with respect to multiple tariffs. Accordingly, SOCAN increased the fixed-rate tariffs by 7.3 per cent, to account for inflation between the end of 2004 and the end of 2013. There were no objectors to the above-mentioned tariffs for the years 2015-2017.

The attached document shows the rates certified by the Board for 2011-2012 and the rates proposed by SOCAN for 2013 to 2017.

The Board wishes to proceed with the certification of these tariffs, as follows. First, the objectors are asked to confirm whether they still wish to object to the three tariffs mentioned above. In the affirmative, the Board will set a schedule in which objectors will be asked to file, in writing, the details of the reasons for objecting to the tariffs as well as evidence, if any; they might wish to file in support of their arguments. SOCAN will then be asked to respond to the objectors submissions. Any further steps in the process will be decided by the Board, after having considered the initial submissions of the parties.

Attachment: <http://www.cb-cda.gc.ca/avis-notice/active/2015/socan3-18-20-04022015.pdf>