

Before the
UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES
Washington, D.C.

In re

Determination of Royalty Rates and Terms for
Making and Distributing Phonorecords
(Phonorecords IV)

Docket No. 21-CRB-0001-PR
(2023-2027)

NOTIFICATION OF STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS

Pursuant to the Order issued by the Copyright Royalty Judges on February 9, 2021, American songwriter George Johnson (“GEO”), *pro se*, hereby notifies the Judges that as of the conclusion of the voluntary negotiation period, no settlement involving GEO has been reached. GEO will inform the Judges immediately should one or more of the parties reach any agreement in the future.

As outlined in GEO’s April 19, 2021 *Notice of Motion Objecting to NMPA, NSAI, SME, UMG, and WMG’s Settlement and Pending Motion*, GEO will be filing an Opposition Motion to any Motion of Settlement by NMPA and NSAI. GEO will provide greater detail as to why the Court should respectfully deny this Settlement *on behalf of hundreds of thousands of American songwriters and music publishers*.

GEO respectfully objects to any Settlement of Subpart A or B mechanical royalties for phonorecords and downloads without being properly litigated in public.

GEO has reached out to all of the Services, NMPA, NSAI, and RIAA with several proposals and will continue to offer additional options to these proposals to all Participants — one being *a full sales model on streaming platforms, completely replacing the subscription model*. GEO is open to any and all suggestions or proposals by any of the Participants.

Respectfully submitted,

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Proof of Delivery

I hereby certify that on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, I provided a true and correct copy of the George Johnson's Notice of Status of Negotiations to the following:

Copyright Owners, represented by Benjamin K Semel, served via ESERVICE at Bsemel@pryorcashman.com

Spotify USA Inc., represented by Joseph Wetzel, served via ESERVICE at joe.wetzel@lw.com

Powell, David, represented by David Powell, served via ESERVICE at davidpowell008@yahoo.com

Joint Record Company Participants, represented by Susan Chertkof, served via ESERVICE at susan.chertkof@riaa.com

Google LLC, represented by Gary R Greenstein, served via ESERVICE at ggreenstein@wsgr.com

Amazon.com Services LLC, represented by Joshua D Branson, served via ESERVICE at jbranson@kellogghansen.com

Apple Inc., represented by Mary C Mazzello, served via ESERVICE at mary.mazzello@kirkland.com

Zisk, Brian, represented by Brian Zisk, served via ESERVICE at brianzisk@gmail.com

Pandora Media, LLC, represented by Benjamin E. Marks, served via ESERVICE at benjamin.marks@weil.com

SoundCloud Operations Inc., represented by Todd Larson, served via ESERVICE at todd.larson@weil.com

Signed: /s/ George D Johnson