

Before the
UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES
Library of Congress
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)

**GEORGE JOHNSON’S (“GEO”) NOTICE OF INCREASED MONETARY
INFLATION OF 6.2% PERCENT OVER LAST YEAR**

Participant George Johnson (“GEO”), a *pro se* Appellant songwriter, respectfully submits this Notice of Increased Monetary Inflation of 6.2% Over Last Year to the Copyright Royalty Board.

U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS CPI-U AT 6.2% PERCENT

Today, November 11, 2021, The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (“BLS”) released its regular, monthly inflation data which came in at 6.2%¹ percent over last year. The press release reads:

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.9 percent in October on a seasonally adjusted basis after rising 0.4 percent in September, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 6.2 percent before seasonal adjustment.

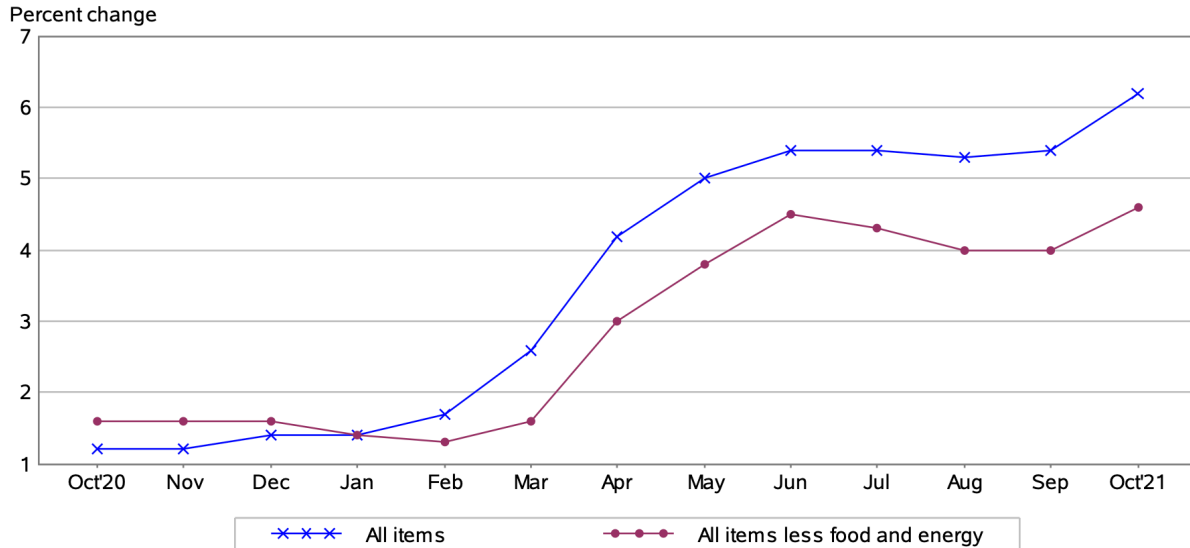
<https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/cpi.pdf> November 11, 2021 press release from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics stating a 6.2% percent increase in CPI-U inflation over the past 12 months.

On October 13, 2021, GEO proposed a lost inflation adjustment to the frozen 9.1 cent mechanical royalty rate in his Written Direct Statement. GEO also proposed a yearly CPI adjustment to the 9.1 cent mechanical going forward, just as this Court determined in the most recent *Web V* rate proceeding².

In February of this year, the inflation rate was between 1% and 2% percent and has been increasing every month since then to 6.2% percent.

See BLS chart below:

Chart 2. 12-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted, Oct. 2020 - Oct. 2021



GEO respectfully files this Notice to the CRB to demonstrate that inflation continues to rise at unprecedented levels, not seen since the 1970's and 1980's.

This 6.2% percent inflation rate negatively affects all Americans, but also all American songwriters and music publishers subject to the compulsory licenses under §115 and §385 Subparts A, B and C.

² <https://app.crb.gov/document/download/25678> *Web V* Determination, September 20, 2021. A CPI inflation adjustment going forward for the webcasting of §114 digital sound recordings.

Respectfully,

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Thursday, November 11, 2021

Proof of Delivery

I hereby certify that on Thursday, November 11, 2021, I provided a true and correct copy of the GEORGE JOHNSON'S (GEO) NOTICE OF 6.2% INFLATION to the following:

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Signed: /s/ George D Johnson