

November 9, 2023

**Via Email and
Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested**

Shira Perlmutter, Register of Copyrights
Suzanne Wilson, General Counsel and Associate Register of Copyrights
United States Copyright Office
101 Independence Ave. S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20559-6000

Re: Notice of Intent to Audit The Mechanical Licensing Collective, 17 USC § 115(d)(3)(L)

Copyright Owner: Bridgeport Music, Inc.
Audit Period: January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2023

Dear Ms. Perlmutter and Ms. Wilson,

I am the Vice President and Secretary of Bridgeport Music, Inc. (“Bridgeport”). Bridgeport is a music publisher that owns and/or controls the copyrights to a large collection of musical compositions subject to the blanket compulsory mechanical license administered by The Mechanical Licensing Collective, Inc. (“The MLC”) under the Music Modernization Act (“MMA”), 17 U.S.C. § 115. Please accept this letter as Bridgeport’s Notice of Intent to Audit The MLC under 17 U.S.C. § 115(d)(3)(L).

As you know, the MMA authorizes a copyright owner, individually or together with other copyright owners, to “conduct an audit of the mechanical licensing collective to verify the accuracy of royalty payments by the mechanical licensing collective to such copyright owner.” 17 USC § 115(d)(3)(L)(i). More particularly, a copyright owner may audit The MLC “once in a year for any or all of the 3 calendar years preceding the year in which the audit is commenced...” 17 USC § 115(d)(3)(L)(i)(I). In connection with a copyright owner’s statutory audit rights, The MLC “shall make such books, records, and data available...and respond to reasonable requests for relevant information and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to facilitate access to relevant information maintained by third parties.” 17 USC § 115(d)(3)(L)(i)(III). To commence the audit, a copyright owner “shall file with the Copyright Office a notice of intent to conduct an audit of the mechanical licensing collective, identifying the period of time to be audited, and shall simultaneously deliver a copy of such notice to the mechanical licensing collective.” 17 USC § 115(d)(3)(L)(i)(IV). Further, “[t]he Register of Copyrights shall cause the notice of audit to be published in the Federal Register not later than 45 calendar days after the date on which the notice is received.” *Id.*

In accordance with 17 USC § 115(d)(3)(L), Bridgeport hereby submits this Notice of Intent to Audit the books and records of The MLC for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

A copy of this Notice of Intent to Audit is being delivered simultaneously to The MLC as indicated below. Our auditor will contact the MLC directly to coordinate the audit on our behalf.

We thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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