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Thank you for your recent e-mail, as you are aware bands and disc jockeys are not licensed by SOCAN, as they are not considered to be the individual or group authorizing the event, and therefore the musical performance. It's up to the person authorizing the performance to make sure that it can legally take place.

The owner of a hall is the one usually considered responsible for paying any performing rights fees necessary when the hall is rented by a third party. Even though the owner and the third party may be held jointly responsible, it is the owner who ultimately decides how the hall is used, and is therefore the one who is invoiced.

Under the terms of Tariff No. 8, licence fees for events of which music forms a part should be paid by the operator of the premise in which the function takes place.

It is therefore necessary for the premises operators throughout Canada to collect and forward payment of licence fees for all clients' events with live and/or recorded music at their premises. These reports should include payment for dances, receptions (wedding receptions, office, birthday, anniversary, Christmas parties etc.), and fashion shows. All of these events require a licence under the terms of the Copyright Act.

We are enclosing information which may be given to individual clients, however, should they have any questions or require additional information, have them call our toll free number.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paula Shallow".

Paula Shallow, Licensing Representative

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