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# **UPDATE July 19, 2022**

#### **Industry Veteran Scott Abbott Joins Cinnamon Mueller**

Please join us in welcoming Scott Abbott to the Cinnamon Mueller team, who many of you already know from his 14 years in senior management at NCTC. As a non-lawyer, Scott brings a unique set of skills to our video content management work, having worked for many operators (both as VP Video Strategy & Sales at Frontier Communications and as a consultant to many small and mid-sized operators), for major programmers (HBO, Disney/ESPN, AMC Networks and NBCU), and in the technology sector at Harmonic.

With almost 40 years in the industry, his experience with contract negotiations, coupled with his strategic planning expertise, allow us to offer clients additional help managing day-to-day and future challenges with video distribution.

Welcome aboard, Scott!

### Inaugural Broadband Data Collection Filing Due September 1, 2022

On June 30, 2022, the FCC's Broadband Data Task Force released a <u>Public Notice</u> announcing the opening of the inaugural Broadband Data Collection ("BDC") filing window. Facilities-based broadband service providers may now file data in the BDC system reflecting where the providers make mass-market Internet access service available <u>as of June 30, 2022</u>. The BDC filing is due <u>September 1, 2022</u>.

Facilities-based broadband service providers should submit their data in the BDC system via <a href="https://bdc.fcc.gov/bdc">https://bdc.fcc.gov/bdc</a>. Information about the categories of broadband providers that must file availability data, the entities that may also submit verified availability data, and what data must be filed can be found at <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData/filers">https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData/filers</a>.

Broadband providers must file broadband and voice availability and subscribership data as of June 30, 2022 in both the BDC system and the Form 477 filing interface.

If you have any questions about the new Broadband Data Collection, please contact Scott Friedman at (314) 462-9000 or sfriedman@cinnamonmueller.com.

## FCC Form 477 Still Due September 1, 2022 Despite New Broadband Data Collection

The next Form 477 is due <u>September 1, 2022</u>. Telephone, broadband, and interconnected VoIP providers must report information about broadband connections and local telephone service as of <u>June 30, 2022</u>.

Form 477 must be filed even though most facilities-based broadband service providers must also now file data on the availability of, and subscriptions to, mass market Internet service in the Broadband Data Collection database.

Instructions for filers can be found <u>here</u>. Filers can also review a brief summary of the Form 477 on the FCC's <u>website</u>. If you have any questions about Form 477, please contact Scott Friedman at (314) 462-9000 or <u>sfriedman@cinnamonmueller.com</u>.

### Copyright Forms and Fees Due by August 29, 2022

Cable operators must file with the U.S. Copyright Office their Statement of Accounts (Form SA1-2 or SA3) and pay any royalty fees due for the January 2022 – June 2022 accounting period by **August 30, 2022**. The following forms apply:

- **SA1-2 Short Form.** For use by cable systems with semiannual gross receipts of less than \$527,600.
- **SA3 Long Form.** For use by cable systems with semiannual gross receipts of \$527,600 or more.

Cable operators may now electronically sign and submit their SOAs. Excel-based SA1-2E Short Form and SA3E Long Form, along with additional instructions regarding the forms, are available for download on the Copyright Office's <u>Section 111 webpage</u>. Cable operators may choose to continue to use the paper-based forms as well.

Copyright filings must be accompanied by a filing fee in addition to the royalty payment. The filing fee is calculated based on the type of form filed:

SOA Type	Filing Fee
SA-1 (\$137,100 or less gross revenues)	\$15
SA-2 (\$137,101 – \$527,599 gross	\$20
revenues)	
SA-3 (\$527,600 or more gross revenues)	\$725

Operators must also remit the royalty fee and filing fee in a single electronic payment. If you have any questions about copyright forms or fees, please contact Bruce Beard at (314) 394-1535 or bbeard@cinnamonmueller.com.

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