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**NPA 204 Relief Planning Committee**  
**Conference Call**  
**February 18, 2010**

**Participants:** Doug Birdwise – Bell Canada  
Laurie Bowie – Bell Canada  
Gerry Thompson – Rogers Communications Inc.  
Stephen Lau – MTS Allstream  
Chris Holigroski – MTS Allstream  
Mark Cuccia – Interested Party  
Fiona Clegg – SAIC Canada (CNA)  
Suresh Khare – SAIC Canada (CNA)  
Glenn Pilley – SAIC Canada (CNA)

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Glenn Pilley welcomed the attendees and each of the participants introduced themselves. It was asked whether there were any administrative items that needed to be discussed before getting to the substance of the meeting.

**January 12-13, 2010 Minutes & Action Items:**

The minutes from the NPA 204 Relief Planning Committee face-to-face meeting/conference call held on January 12-13, 2010 were distributed on January 18, 2010.

It was asked whether the minutes could be finalized during today's conference call.

Agreement was reached to accept the NPA 204 Relief Planning Committee January 12-13, 2010 face-to-face meeting/conference call minutes as written.

***Action Items:***

- 1) Carriers should continue investigating the capabilities of the various equipment and software in networks and systems that will be impacted by NPA 204 Relief. **(Ongoing)**
- 2) To date, no additional Relief Options have been provided to the Relief Planning Committee in the form of contributions.
- 3) Doug Birdwise compared the language in the assessments contained in the NPA 289/905 Planning Document with the draft NPA 204 Planning Document to see if the assessments in the draft NPA 204 Planning Document should be further edited. The comparison was submitted to the NPA 204 Relief Planning Committee as a contribution on January 19, 2010.
- 4) Doug Birdwise completed the Start and End Date fields in the Proposed Relief Implementation Schedule using the October 2016 Projected Exhaust Date. The

dates contained in the schedule have been colour-coded to facilitate revising the table if the January 2010 R-NRUF results for NPA 204 significantly impact the Projected Exhaust Date. The updated Proposed Relief Implementation Schedule was distributed to the NPA 204 Relief Planning Committee as a contribution on January 18, 2010.

**Agenda:**

It was noted that, while no agenda has been set for today's conference call, the objectives of the call are to:

- Continue reviewing the Planning Document, including the Bell Canada contribution which compared the language in the assessments contained in the NPA 289/905 Planning Document with those contained in the draft NPA 204 Planning Document developed during the January 12-13, 2010 meeting/conference call
- Review and approve the Annexes associated with the Planning Document
- Review the Bell Canada Proposed Relief Implementation Schedule contribution

It was noted that the Proposed Relief Implementation Schedule contribution will be discussed towards the end of the conference call since the CNA is currently analyzing the R-NRUF results for NPA 204 and there is a chance that the Projected Exhaust Date will change.

**Review of NPA 204 Planning Document:**

It was noted that the Bell Canada contribution which compares the language in the assessments contained in the NPA 289/905 Planning Document with those contained in the draft NPA 204 Planning Document used the January 12-13, 2010 version of the Planning Document as a baseline.

It was recommended that the Bell Canada contribution be used as a straw model document for the continued review of the NPA 204 Planning Document.

Agreement was reached to use the Bell Canada contribution which compares the language in the assessments contained in the NPA 289/905 Planning Document with those contained in the draft NPA 204 Planning Document as a straw model for the continued development of an NPA 204 Planning Document.

Doug Birdwise provided a brief description of what had been done in section 5 of the draft Planning Document.

**Review of the Annexes associated with the Planning Document:**

The NPA 204 Relief Planning Committee reviewed and edited the annexes associated with the Planning Document. During this review, detailed minutes taking was suspended.

**Formation of Consumer Awareness and Network Implementation Task Forces:**

It was suggested that participants begin to identify the people within their respective companies who should participate in the Consumer Awareness and Network

Implementation Task Forces, and be prepared to discuss the formation of these Task Forces during the next conference call.

Some discussion took place concerning the formation of a Telecommunications Alliance to act in the stead of a Consumer Awareness Task Force. It was noted that in eastern Canada most consumer awareness activities have been coordinated by a Telecommunications Alliance, while in western Canada these activities were conducted by a Consumer Awareness Task Force which had three Co-chairs.

It was noted that Network Implementation Task Forces have typically been chaired or co-chaired by the ILEC.

Several questions were raised concerning the merits of a Telecommunications Alliance and it was suggested that some economies of scale can be gained by forming such an alliance.

Doug Birdwise will contact Stephen Lau with Lucie Pugliese's contact information and will also talk to him off line regarding the formation of a Network Implementation Task Force.

In response to some questions, it was noted that network announcements concerning implementation of 10-digit dialling and the introduction of a new NPA must be exactly the same for all Carriers. It was also noted that if Carriers want to change the content of the network announcements, once the Commission has decided on the text, those Carriers would need to obtain permission from the CRTC.

#### **Relief Implementation Schedule:**

It was noted that the CNA is currently analyzing the preliminary R-NRUF results. It was also noted that there have been some changes to some of the NPA 204 NRUF input, which means that the Projected Exhaust Date may move in from October 2016.

It was suggested that the Relief Planning Committee wait until March before working through the schedule in detail since the R-NRUF results are not final. It was noted that the assumption of 2015 for a relief implementation date will probably move in somewhat.

Doug Birdwise and Glenn Pilley explained the line items in the Relief Implementation Schedule and the linkages between some of the dates contained in the schedule.

It was noted that a contribution is required for the Relief Implementation Plan. It was also noted that in some NPAs requiring relief, the Relief Implementation Plan and the Planning Document have been sent in to the Commission simultaneously.

#### **Next Steps:**

A conference call has been scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, March 30, 2010 14:00 – 16:00 Eastern Time (13:00 – 15:00 Central Time)

The call in number for these conference calls will be 1-800-366-7242 and the access number will be 7091039#.

The objectives of this Relief Planning Committee conference call will be to:

- Review the NPA 204 R-NRUF results
- Finalize the Planning Document, including the Annexes
- Form a Consumer Awareness Task Force and a Network Implementation Task Force
- Develop a Relief Implementation Plan
- Develop a Planning Letter

The NPA 204 RPC Chair thanked the participants for attending today's NPA 204 Relief Planning Committee conference call.

**Summary of Agreements Reached:**

- 1) Agreement was reached to accept the NPA 204 Relief Planning Committee January 12-13, 2010 face-to-face meeting/conference call minutes as written.
- 2) Agreement was reached to use the Bell Canada contribution which compares the language in the assessments contained in the NPA 289/905 Planning Document with those contained in the draft NPA 204 Planning Document as a straw model for the continued development of an NPA 204 Planning Document.

**Summary of Action Items:**

- 1) Carriers should continue investigating the capabilities of the various equipment and software in networks and systems that will be impacted by NPA 204 Relief. **(Ongoing)**
- 2) Participants should begin to identify the people within their respective companies who will participate in the Consumer Awareness and Network Implementation Task Forces, and be prepared to discuss the formation of these Task Forces during the next conference call.
- 3) Doug Birdwise will contact Stephen Lau with Lucie Pugliese's contact information and will also talk to him off line regarding the formation of a Network Implementation Task Force.
- 4) A contribution is required for the NPA 204 Relief Implementation Plan.