

**NPA 204 Relief Planning Committee
Conference Call
December 8, 2010**

Participants: Doug Birdwise – Bell Canada
Neil Thomson – Westman Communications
Mark Cuccia – Interested Party
Kathy Gerrard – AAA Alarm Systems
Lana Bakun – MTS Allstream
Dulari Harrichand – MTS Allstream
Ron Fleming – MTS Allstream
Jean-Michel Dupuis – Rogers Communications
Diane Dolan – Distributel
Helen Petronski – TELUS
David McKeown – Westman Telecommunications
Allen Trafford – MTS Allstream
Stephen Lau – MTS Allstream
Olena Biloserska – TELUS
Eric Coburn – Shaw Telecommunications
Don Ruchkall - Province of Manitoba
Fiona Clegg – SAIC Canada (CNA)
Suresh Khare – SAIC Canada (CNA)
Glenn Pilley – SAIC Canada (CNA)

Welcome and Introductions:

Glenn Pilley, Chair of the NPA 204 Relief Planning Committee (RPC), 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.

Agenda:

It was noted that, while no agenda has been set for today's conference call, the objective of the call will be to review the NPA 204 October 2010 J-NRUF results.

October 12, 2010 Minutes & Action Items:

The minutes from the NPA 204 Relief Planning Committee conference call held on October 12, 2010 were distributed on November 4, 2010.

It was noted that no comments have been received concerning the November 4, 2010 minutes and it was asked whether the minutes could be finalized during today's conference call.

Agreement was reached to finalize the minutes from the October 12, 2010 NPA 204 Relief Planning Committee conference call.

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) Volunteers for an additional Co-chair for the Consumer Awareness Task Force are requested. **(Ongoing)**
- 3) It is the responsibility of individual Carriers to contact any alarm companies that are their customers in sufficient time to ensure that the transition from 7- to 10-digit local dialling is accomplished prior to 30 April 2012. **(Ongoing)**
- 4) MTS Allstream will immediately begin changing their network translations to accommodate 10-digit permissive dialling throughout Manitoba (with the possible exception of the six Exchange Areas which may have technological limitations: Shamattawa, Pukatawagan, Poplar River, Brochet, Tadoule Lake, and Lac Brochet). This activity will be completed by 1 December 2011. **(Ongoing)**
- 5) MTS Allstream will periodically inform the alarm companies, Consumer Awareness Task Force, the Network Implementation Task Force and the CNA of their progress as their switches are converted from 7- to 10-digit dialling capability. **(Ongoing)**
- 6) MTS Allstream must confirm with the vendor of the DMS-10 switches (located in the six Exchange Areas previously identified) that the introduction of new NPA 431 can be accommodated. Depending on the outcome of these discussions, MTS Allstream may have to approach the Commission to arrive at a possible solution or alternative option. The outcome of these discussions shall be relayed to the RPC. **(Ongoing)**
- 7) On December 7, 2010 Dulari Harrichand provided Fiona Clegg with her title, street address, e-mail address, telephone number and fax number for so that her name can be added to the NPA 204 participants list.
- 8) On October 13, 2010 Fiona Clegg provided contact names from each of the Carriers operating in NPA 204 to Lucie Pugliese so that she could establish a distribution list for the Consumer Awareness Task Force.

Points Noted:

It was noted that information will be provided to the alarm companies as switches become ten-digit dialling capable. It was noted that MTS Allstream is adhering to the Relief Implementation Schedule.

NPA 204 J-NRUF Results:

It was noted that the NPA 204 Projected Exhaust Date is now forecast for November 2012, which is an advance of four to five months. The July 2010 J-NRUF results had indicated that the Projected Exhaust Date was April 2013.

It was noted that Carriers can request CO Codes from the new NPA between 6 months and 66 days from the Effective Date. It was also noted that the Relief Date would be the earliest possible In-Service date for any CO Codes assigned from the new 431 NPA. It was noted that the 66-day minimum interval for putting a CO Code into service provides approximately a two month timeframe worth of CO Code assignments, albeit from the new NPA.

It was asked if the Relief Date could be moved forward given that the Projected Exhaust Date has advanced to November 2012, which is the same month as the Relief Date for NPA 204. Bell Canada would be prepared to move the Relief Date forward by up to three months. In response, MTS Allstream indicated that they do not support accelerating the current relief implementation schedule.

It was noted that Triple AAA alarms would also be impacted and cannot advance the Relief Date given the number of changes that will need to be made for their customers.

It was noted that Glenn Pilley had spoken with CRTC staff and that CRTC staff recognizes that they will be very careful when reviewing applications for new CO Codes, and will ensure the assignment of CO Codes does not exceed a Carrier's forecasts in accordance with Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2009-309 or the number of CO Codes available for assignment. This could be a severe problem, since Carriers need to manage the number of CO Codes they request to make certain that CO Codes are available for assignment to other Carriers as well.

It was asked whether the CNA's format for the NPA 204 April 2011 J-NRUF could be created on a monthly basis as opposed to quarterly.

It was noted that it is too late for the January NRUF to be done monthly since the request for the January 2011 J-NRUF has already been created and approved by the CSCN.

It was suggested that a contribution be created for discussion on a future call about a monthly NPA 204 J-NRUF.

Next Steps:

A conference call will be scheduled to discuss the January 2011 J-NRUF results once they have been released which will probably be in late March or very early April.

A conference call has been scheduled as follows:

Next Conference Call: Assuming we get a contribution to change the NRUF approach.

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2011
Time: 14:00 – 16:00 Eastern (13:00 – 15:00 Central)
Call In#: 1-800-366-7242
Access#: 7091039

The objective of this conference call will be to discuss the format for future NPA 204 J-NRUFs (i.e., whether they should be conducted on a monthly or quarterly basis).

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

Summary of Agreements Reached:

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