

**NPA 289-905 Relief Planning Committee  
Meeting – Day 1  
October 26-27, 2009**

**Participants:** Doug Birdwise – Bell Canada  
Laurie Bowie – Bell Canada  
Bill Barsley – TELUS  
Olena Biloserska - TELUS  
Peter Lang – Rogers Cable Communications Inc.  
Fiona Clegg – SAIC Canada (CNA)  
Suresh Khare – SAIC Canada (CNA)  
Glenn Pilley – SAIC Canada (CNA)

**Conference Bridge:** Diane Dolan - Distributel

**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.

**May 1, 2009 Minutes & Action Items:**

The minutes from the Joint NPA 289/905 Industry Stakeholder, NPA 705 Relief Planning Committee, NPA 819 Industry Stakeholder Conference Call held on May 1, 2009 were distributed on May 8, 2009.

It was noted that some non-substantive changes had been made to the minutes by Bell Canada, however no other comments were received. The minutes were finalized after the NPA 705 Relief Planning Committee meeting held on May 13, 2009.

***Action Items:***

- 1) The CNA requested NPA 289/905 and NPA 819 R-NRUFs on May 12, 2009 and asked that current and prospective CO Code Holders submit the completed forecasts to the CNA no later than June 1, 2009.
- 2) Due to the alacrity of the request for an R-NRUF, the CNA did not send out an e-mail message to current and potential CO Code Holders in NPA 289/905 and NPA 819 alerting the industry that an R-NRUF request would be made by the CNA by May 15, 2009. Distribution lists were developed by the CNA in order to make the R-NRUF request.
- 3) The Director of the CNA contacted the Chair of the CSCN requesting that the requirement to hold a CSCN conference call/meeting to discuss the J- and R-NRUF results for NPAs 204, 289/905, 450, 613, 705 and 819 and the requirement for the CNA to complete J- and R-NRUF reports for these NPAs be waived.

**Agenda:**

It was noted that an agenda for this week's meetings had been posted on the CNA website on September 30, 2009. At a high level, the following summarizes the agenda:

- CNA Review of Industry Guidelines
- CNA Role in the Relief Planning Process
- CRTC Staff Comments on the NPA Relief Planning Process
- NPA 289/905 Exhaust Date
- Review of NPA 289/905 Initial Planning Document
- Review of Contributions
- Round Table Discussions of Issues and Alternatives
- Integration of Contributions into Planning Document
- Next Steps

It was noted that most of the participants attending today's meeting have been involved in the NPA Relief Planning process at least once before. Consequently, it was recommended that the first three agenda items not be discussed.

Agreement was reached that since most of the participants in today's meeting are familiar with the NPA Relief Planning process, the following agenda items will not be discussed:

- CNA Review of Industry Guidelines
- CNA Role in the Relief Planning Process
- CRTC Staff Comments on the NPA Relief Planning Process

The following two sections of these minutes address these three agenda items on a generic basis and have been included purely as information for any NPA 289/905 Relief Planning Committee participant that was unable to attend these meetings and is unfamiliar with the NPA Relief Planning process.

***CNA Review of Industry Guidelines/CNA Role in the NPA Relief Planning Process:***

These minutes contain some template text concerning the NPA relief planning process and the roles of the CRTC and CNA. This information is contained in a PowerPoint presentation, available from the CNA's website at [http://www.cnac.ca/npa\\_codes/relief/289-905/relief\\_289-905.htm](http://www.cnac.ca/npa_codes/relief/289-905/relief_289-905.htm).

A copy of the Canadian NPA Relief Planning Guidelines is available from <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/public/cisc/cn/CNODGL0013B.doc>.

***CRTC Staff Comments on the NPA Relief Planning Process:***

These minutes contain some template text concerning this agenda item.

The Commission released Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2009-310, *Establishment of a CISC ad hoc committee for area code relief planning for area codes 289 and 905 in southern Ontario*, on 28 May 2009. In that Notice of Consultation the Commission announced the establishment of a CRTC Interconnection Steering

Committee ad hoc relief planning committee (RPC) to examine options and make recommendations for providing relief to area code 289-905 in southern Ontario. The Commission also invited the public and telecommunications service providers to participate in the activities of the RPC.

A copy of the Notice of Consultation is available from <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2009/2009-310.htm>.

It was noted that Commission staff is unable to attend this meeting so there are no direct staff comments.

#### **Exhaust Date of NPA 289/905:**

It was noted that the R-NRUF results for NPA 289/905 were released on 9 June 2009. These results included the direction contained in Telecom Notice of Consultation 2009-310 to set aside 7 CO Codes for initial assignments and 15 CO Codes for initial CO Code assignments for new entrants. At that time, the Projected Exhaust Date for NPA 289/905 was October 2016.

It was noted that the anticipated growth rate is 43 CO Codes per year between 2011 and 2015.

#### **Review of NPA 289/905 Initial Planning Document:**

Suresh Khare presented some slides that picture the various forecasts and Relief Options that the CNA identified in the Initial Planning Document (IPD). In addition, he presented some of the statistics associated with execution of any of these options concerning the quantities of CO Codes affected by telephone number changes and the dates for subsequent exhausts using these options.

It was noted that the CNA did not consider the following Relief Options:

- Boundary Realignment - not examined since growth is also occurring across adjacent NPAs, and Boundary Realignment is a short-term measure that would require NPA and CO Code changes for telephone numbers.
- Technology-specific Overlay - not examined because assigning NPAs to specific types of technology has not been possible since number portability between technologies came into effect.
- A Distributed Overlay option which would also have provided relief to NPA 705 was described in detail in the IPD but is not examined in the PD since it was ruled out by Telecom Decision CRTC 2009-622.

It was noted that additional Relief Options can be provided to the Relief Planning Committee in the form of contributions at any time during development of the Planning Document.

Nine Relief Options were contained in the most recent contribution to the Planning Document:

- Plan 1a: Split - East West Split of NPA 289, East retains NPA 289
- Plan 1b: Split - East West Split of NPA 289, West retains NPA 289
- Plan 2a: Single Concentrated Overlay – Central Area
- Plan 2b: Dual Concentrated Overlay – East West Areas
- Plan 3a: NPA 226 Boundary Extension Overlay
- Plan 3b: NPA 343 Boundary Extension Overlay
- Plan 4a: Distributed Overlay of New NPA on NPA 289/905
- Plan 4b: Distributed Overlay of New NPA on Multiple NPA areas 289/905 and 416/647
- Plan 4c: Distributed Overlay of separate New NPAs on NPA areas 289/905 and 416/647 at the same time

In response to a question, it was noted that the projected future average growth between 2011 and 2015 is about 43 CO Codes per year and the projected dates for subsequent exhausts were developed using this average growth.

It was noted that the NPA 289/905 CO Code Inventory Chart contained in the Power Point presentation will be updated on a regular basis during the course of the relief planning process. It was also noted that, according to the CO Code Inventory Chart, 19 additional CO Codes can be made available for assignment if a Jeopardy Condition were announced for NPA 289/905.

#### **Review of Contributions:**

The CNA released the Initial Planning Document for NPA 289/905 on September 18, 2009. Since then, contributions have been submitted by Bell Canada, an Interested Party (Craig Croskery) and another by the CNA. The latter document was subsequently revised on October 22-23, 2009 (text and annexes, respectively).

It was noted that all of the contributions were based on a Bell Canada contribution which was brought to the attention of the NPA 289/905 RPC participants on October 7, 2009. The contribution proposes a number of changes to the original Initial Planning Document (IPD), which was posted to the CNA website on September 18, 2009. It was noted that the Bell Canada contribution used the CNA's original IPD as a base document.

Agreement was reached to use the CNA's most recent contribution as a straw model document for developing the NPA 289/905 Planning Document.

Doug Birdwise presented the changes to the IPD that were proposed by Bell Canada.

It was noted that Bell Canada converted the IPD into a Planning Document and edited it mainly from a Relief Planning Committee perspective, with a few instances which are Bell Canada specific.

It was noted that Bell Canada had created some assessments of the Relief Options, although in a slightly different format from the original IPD. For example, all of the splits

are assessed together as opposed to individually. In addition, Bell Canada also included dates in the Relief Implementation Schedule.

Bell Canada also included some text recommending Bell Canada's preferred NPA relief code.

**Development of Planning Document:**

The Relief Planning Committee began to review and edit the contribution. During this process, detailed minutes taking was suspended.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:45 Eastern Time.

**NPA 289/905 Relief Planning Committee  
Meeting – Day 2  
October 27, 2009**

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**Conference Bridge:** Peter Lang – Rogers Cable Communications Inc.

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Glenn Pilley welcomed the attendees and each of the participants introduced themselves.

**Planning Document:**

The Relief Planning Committee continued to review and edit the second of the CNA's contributions. During this process, detailed minutes taking was suspended.

During discussion of Plan 4c, Distributed Overlay of separate New NPAs on NPAs 289/905 and 416/647 at the same time, Bell Canada noted that, if this option were selected, establishing the relief NPA Code for NPA 416/647 in advance at this time (but not implementing relief earlier than the projected relief date for NPA 416/647) would help reduce the cost for Bell Canada to implement relief for NPA 416/647.

**Next Steps:**

Future conference calls have been scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday, November 11, 2009 14:00 – 16:00 Eastern Time
- Tuesday, November 24, 2009 13:00 – 16:00 Eastern Time
- Thursday, December 3, 2009 13:30 – 15:30 Eastern 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 these Relief Planning Committee conference calls will be to:

- Continue reviewing the NPA 289/905 Planning Document
- Finalize the Planning Document
- Review and approve the Annexes associated with the Planning Document
- Form a Consumer Awareness Task Force and a Network Implementation Task Force
- Develop a Relief Implementation Plan
- Develop a Planning Letter

The meeting was adjourned at 15:55 Eastern Time.

The NPA 289/905 RPC Chair thanked the participants for attending this week's NPA 289/905 Relief Planning Committee meetings.

**Summary of Agreements Reached:**

- 1) Agreement was reached that since most of the participants in today's meeting are familiar with the NPA Relief Planning process, the following agenda items will not be discussed:
  - CNA Review of Industry Guidelines
  - CNA Role in the Relief Planning Process
  - CRTC Staff Comments on the NPA Relief Planning Process
- 2) Agreement was reached to use the CNA's most recent contribution as a straw model document for developing the NPA 289/905 Planning Document.

**Summary of Action Items:**

- 1) Additional Relief Options can be provided to the Relief Planning Committee in the form of contributions at any time during the development of the Planning Document. **(Ongoing)**