

**NPA 416/647 Relief Planning Committee  
Conference Call  
April 27, 2011**

**Participants:** Laurie Bowie – Bell Canada  
Bruce Rebel – Bell Canada  
Olena Bilozerska – TELUS  
Lucie Pugliese – Telecommunications Alliance  
Bill Barsley – TELUS  
Mark Cuccia – Interested Party  
Peter Lang – Rogers Communications  
Fiona Clegg – SAIC Canada (CNA)  
Suresh Khare – SAIC Canada (CNA)  
Glenn Pilley – SAIC Canada (CNA)

**Welcome & 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.

It was noted that there is no formal agenda for today's conference call but that the objectives are to review the Planning Document, the Bell Canada contribution for Section 11 (Jeopardy Contingency Plan), item 15 and the revised Relief Implementation Schedule and Plan. It was also noted that there needs to be a brief discussion concerning selecting another Co-chair for the Network Implementation Task Force.

**Minutes & Action Items from April 14 2011:**

The minutes from the April 14, 2011 NPA 416/647 Relief Planning Committee conference call were made available on the CNA website on April 26, 2011.

It was noted that participants have probably not had a chance to review the minutes from the April 14, 2011 conference call. It was suggested that participants have until May 10, 2011 to provide the Chair and Secretary with comments.

Agreement was reached to finalize the April 14, 2011 minutes on May 10, 2011 provided no substantive comments are received by the Chair and/or Secretary of the NPA 416/647 Relief Planning Committee prior to that date.

**Action Items:**

- 1) The Relief Planning Committee needs to reach agreement that a new Relief Date of May 3, 2014 is acceptable.

**Post Meeting Note:** *This Action Item has been superseded.*

- 2) The Relief Planning Committee needs to consider the Bell Canada contribution for Section 11 (Jeopardy Contingency Plan), item 15 of the Planning Document.

**Co-chair for NPA 416/647 Network Implementation Task Force (NITF):**

It was noted that the retirement of Doug Birdwise from Bell Canada has left one of the NPA 416/647 NITF Co-chair positions vacant. It was also noted that, typically, one of the Co-chairs should be a representative from the ILEC. The other Co-chair is Peter Lang from Rogers Communications.

It was noted by a representative from Bell Canada that, at this time, Bell Canada's representatives are not in a position to identify a Co-chair for the Network Implementation Task Force. Laurie Bowie or Bruce Rebel will address this question on the next conference call.

**Relief Implementation Schedule:**

It was noted that on the April 14, 2011 NPA 416/647 Relief Planning Committee conference call the Relief Planning Committee had reviewed a Bell Canada contribution which modifies the Relief Implementation Schedule to accommodate the 5 month advance in the Projected Exhaust Date. The proposed Relief Date is May 3, 2014 which is a year in advance of the currently Projected Exhaust Date.

It was noted that there is not yet a Telecommunications Alliance in place for NPA 416/647, but there probably will be an alliance created since the same Service Providers that have been involved with relief planning in Ontario previously will be affected.

It was noted that a Telecommunications Alliance should be formed but this will not be confirmed until after a CRTC Decision concerning the Relief Method and Relief Date is received. It was confirmed that Jacqueline Michelis of Bell Canada will still be the Consumer Awareness Task Force Co-chair. It was also noted that it will be closer to November before Communications tactics can be implemented.

It was noted that some new data has been added to the latest R-NRUF and the current Projected Exhaust Date for NPA 416/647 is June 2014.

It was noted that Bell Canada's proposed Relief Date of May 3, 2014 is now very close to the latest Projected Exhaust Date for NPA 416/647 which is June 2014.

It was noted that the previous growth rate in NPA 416/647 was 90 codes per year for 20 years, based on the January 2011 R-NRUF. With the new data that has been added to the latest R-NRUF, the current growth rate has increased to an average of 117 CO Codes per year until 2017.

It was noted that the original NPA 416/647 Projected Exhaust Date was May 2015 based on the January 2011 R-NRUF.

It was noted that one of the things to consider is that if the Relief Date has to be moved in a by a year to June 2013, there are one or two other NPAs that need relief at the same time. It was suggested that it might be better to combine relief planning for

NPA 416/647 and adjacent NPA 289/905 so that implementation of the new area codes can occur simultaneously. It was noted that, at least from a communications perspective, simultaneous implementation of the new area codes would be cheaper. In addition, it was noted that if relief were implemented at the same time some synergies in terms of deployment of personnel would also be achieved.

It was noted that if the Relief Planning Committee waits for the next set of R-NRUF results, which will be due in early August, then it will be September before the results are made public. It was noted that if no Relief Date is established in the near future, Carriers may have even less time to prepare for the introduction of the new NPA 437.

It was noted that the Projected Exhaust Date for NPA 289/905 appears to have moved in slightly to January 2015 from April 2015.

It was recommended that the NPA 416/647 Relief Planning Committee advocate the relief of both sets of NPAs simultaneously. It was noted that if both sets of exhausting NPAs are to be relieved concurrently, then the NPA 416/647 Planning Document would have to be approved by the Commission by the end of May this year or a Jeopardy Condition would exist in NPA 416/647.

It was suggested that it would be less expensive for all Carriers to implement two NPA reliefs simultaneously. It was further suggested that the CRTC's Relief Date of March 2013 be retained for NPA 289/905 and the Relief Date for NPA 416/647 be matched to it. It was noted that March 2013 is 14 months from the Projected Exhaust Date of NPA 416/647.

It was noted that the ILEC must decide if the proposal to have coinciding Relief Dates for NPAs 416/647 and 289/905 is feasible. Questions also arose concerning whether the Relief Date for both NPAs should be March or June 2013. In response, it was noted that choosing a Relief Date in March 2013 would obviate the need for a Review and Vary of the Commission's Decision concerning the Relief Date for NPA 289/905. It was also noted that using a March 2013 Relief Date would mean that Carriers had 3 months less time to introduce the new 437 NPA in the Toronto area which could be problematic.

In response to a question, it was noted that in Telecom Decision CRTC 2010-213, dated 13 April 2010, the Commission set the relief implementation date for area codes 289 and 905 at 25 March 2013.

It was noted by Lucie Pugliese, Telecommunications Alliance, that from a Consumer Awareness point of view, some of the dates that have been identified in the NPA 289/905 Relief Implementation Plan have already passed (e.g., the Communications Plan should have been completed by 25 March 2011). It was also noted that all Carriers are to notify their customers of the introduction of new overlay NPA 365 in the NPA 289/905 area by September of this year. Lucie Pugliese also noted that the Consumer Awareness Task Force has not been involved with the NPA 289/905 implementation project and, consequently, no communications plans have gone to the Commission.

It was noted by Lucie Pugliese that developing a new relief implementation plan may take several weeks. However, she supports matching the two relief implementation projects and filing a single communications plan for both. It was noted that creating a

different relief implementation schedule would allow the NPA 289/905 team members time to meet the revised dates for filing their communications plans.

Agreement was reached that the implementation date for NPA 416/647 should coincide with the Commission-approved Relief Date for NPA 289/905 which is 25 March 2013. Consequently, the Relief Implementation Schedule for NPA 416/647 should be updated to mirror that of NPA 289/905 as closely as possible.

Peter Lang, Rogers Communications, volunteered to provide a contribution in the form of a Relief Implementation Schedule for NPA 416/647 that would match the dates as closely as possible with those identified in the NPA 289/905 Relief Implementation Schedule.

TELUS noted that any contribution concerning a revised Relief Implementation Schedule would have to be reviewed by the Relief Planning Committee before the Planning Document can be finalized. It was also noted that a revised Relief Date needs to be discussed internally.

#### **Next Steps:**

A conference call to discuss the Planning Document, the Bell Canada contribution for Section 11 (Jeopardy Contingency Plan), item 15 and the revised Relief Implementation Schedule and Plan will be held as follows:

Date:	Monday, May 9, 2011
Time:	14:00 – 16:30 Eastern Time
Call In#:	1-800-366-7242
Access#:	7091039#

#### **Summary of Agreements Reached:**

- 1) Agreement was reached to finalize the April 14, 2011 minutes on May 10, 2011 provided no substantive comments are received by the Chair and/or Secretary of the NPA 416/647 Relief Planning Committee prior to that date.
- 2) Agreement was reached that the implementation date for NPA 416/647 should coincide with the Commission-approved Relief Date for NPA 289/905 which is 25 March 2013. Consequently, the Relief Implementation Schedule for NPA 416/647 should be updated to mirror that of NPA 289/905 as closely as possible.

#### **Summary of Action Items:**

- 1) The Relief Planning Committee needs to consider the Bell Canada contribution for Section 11 (Jeopardy Contingency Plan), item 15 of the Planning Document.
- 2) On the next conference call, Laurie Bowie or Bruce Rebel will address the question of who the Bell Canada Co-chair of the Network Implementation Task Force will be.

- 3) Peter Lang, Rogers Communications, volunteered to provide a contribution in the form of a Relief Implementation Schedule for NPA 416/647 that would match the dates as closely as possible with those identified in the NPA 289/905 Relief Implementation Schedule.