

NPA 450 RELIEF PLANNING COMMITTEE - TIF REPORT

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WORKING GROUP: NPA 450 Relief Planning Committee (Ad Hoc)

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REPORT TITLE: Relief Planning Committee (RPC) Recommendation for the
NPA 450 Relief Implementation Plan

OUTCOME: Consensus

RELATED TASK(s) #: None

BACKGROUND:

On 29 March 2007, the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA) announced that Number Plan Area (NPA) 450 had entered the relief planning window of 72 months. The CNA advised the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) and industry of this situation and conducted the July 2007 Relief Planning Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast (R-NRUF), which indicated NPA 450 would exhaust in September 2013. Subsequently, the January 2008 R-NRUF indicated that the Projected Exhaust Date (PED) had moved out to October 2014 and the July 2008 R-NRUF indicated that the Projected Exhaust Date had moved in to September 2012. The December 31, 2008 J-NRUF indicated that the Projected Exhaust Date had moved in to November 2010.

On 4 November 2008, the CRTC issued Telecom Public Notice CRTC 2008-17, *Establishment of a CISC ad hoc committee for area code relief planning in Quebec area code 450*, in which it established the CISC ad hoc Relief Planning Committee (RPC) for NPA 450. In the Public Notice, the CRTC requested the RPC to examine options for providing relief to area code 450. The Commission invited the public and Telecommunications Service Providers to participate in the activities of the RPC.

In addition, the Public Notice directed the RPC to set aside 7 CO Codes for initial code assignments and 10 CO Codes for initial code assignments for new entrants only. The directives in the Public Notice and additional R-NRUF forecast information caused the Projected Exhaust Date to move forward to December 2010, thereby contributing to a Jeopardy Condition in NPA 450.

The most recent NPA 450 J-NRUF conducted in November 2008, indicated that the Projected Exhaust Date would be November 2010; however, if the RPC's recommendation to allow the 17 CO Codes corresponding to 17 Future Canadian NPAs to become assignable, then the Projected Exhaust Date would move out to February 2011.

In Telecom Decision CRTC 2007-24 dated 13 April 2007, the Commission approved Version 2.0 of the Canadian NPA Relief Planning Guidelines (the Guidelines). The Guidelines require the NPA 450 Relief Planning Committee (RPC) to develop a Relief

Implementation Plan (RIP), including a relief implementation schedule, consumer awareness program and network implementation plan.

On 18 February 2009, the RPC submitted NPA 450 TIF Report #1, titled "Relief Planning Committee (RPC) Recommendation for the NPA 450 Planning Document" which includes recommendations for the relief method and date.

This RIP was prepared in accordance with those recommendations.

The attached RIP establishes a public framework and timeframe for implementing relief for area code 450. This RIP also addresses the activities, deliverables, and issues impacting more than one individual TSP. It does not cover activities internal to each TSP. In addition, this RIP does not cover areas for which there is already an established process for coordination between TSPs to establish service (e.g., interconnection agreements between carriers).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The NPA 450 RPC hereby submits the attached NPA 450 Relief Implementation Plan for CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee (CISC) consideration and Commission approval.

ATTACHMENT:

NPA 450 Relief Implementation Plan, dated 20 March 2009