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NPA 450 RELIEF PLANNING COMMITTEE - TIF REPORT

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

REPORT #: **NPA 450 TIF Report 1** **File ID: 450RE01A.doc**

REPORT TITLE: **Relief Planning Committee (RPC) Recommendation for the NPA 450 Planning Document**

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. The July 2008 R-NRUF indicated that the Projected Exhaust Date had moved in to September 2012.

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 creating a Jeopardy Condition in NPA 450.

The most recent NPA 450 J-NRUF conducted in November 2008, assumes Commission approval of the RPC's recommendations, and indicates a Projected Exhaust Date of 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 relief planning documents, which describe all options that might reasonably be pursued to implement relief for area code 450.

The CNA convened the Initial Planning Meeting on November 25-26, 2008 to review the Initial Planning Document which was used as a straw model for developing the NPA 450 Planning Document. The RPC has since held a number of conference calls to review and edit the Planning Document and to review the changing results of the R-NRUFs and J-NRUF that have been conducted since NPA 450 entered the relief planning window.

The following table summarizes the Projected Exhaust Dates from the various surveys conducted by the CNA:

Source	Projected Exhaust Date
G-NRUF January 2007	September 2013
R-NRUF January 2008	October 2014
R-NRUF July 2008	September 2012.
Updated November R-NRUF Forecast in conjunction with Telecom Public Notice CRTC 2008-17 and CRTC Staff Opinion regarding Jeopardy Condition	December 2010
J-NRUF December 31, 2008 (assumes the 7 CO Codes for Initial Code Assignment are available for assignment; however the 17 CO Codes that are the same as the Future Geographic NPA Codes listed below are not available for assignment)	November 2010
J-NRUF December 31, 2008 (assumes the 7 CO Codes for Initial Code Assignment and the 17 CO Codes that are the same as the Future Geographic NPA Codes listed below are available for assignment)	February 2011

The objective of the NPA Relief Planning process is to ensure that Central Office (CO) Codes and telephone numbers are always available for use by Telecommunications Service Providers (TSPs) and their customers in the geographic area requiring relief.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

In the Planning Document, the RPC makes several recommendations including:

- Insert recommendations here

These recommendations are described in more detail in the appropriate sections of the NPA 450 Planning Document.

ATTACHMENT:

NPA 450 Planning Document, dated XX February 2009