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In Telecom Decision CRTC 2009-453, dated 28 July 2009, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has directed that relief for Québec area code 450 be provided through a distributed overlay of a new area code 579 starting 21 August 2010. This Decision varies previous Telecom Decision CRTC 2009-255 which directed that relief for area code 450 would be provided through an overlay by extending the boundary of existing area code 438, starting 23 October 2010.

The new area code will be implemented on the relief date of 21 August 2010 as a distributed overlay over the geographic area of Southern Québec currently served by the 450 area code. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) has assigned NPA code 579 for this purpose. The area served by NPA code 450 and the new 579 NPA code includes the major communities of Joliette, Granby, St-Hyacinthe, St-Jérôme, St-Lambert, Longueuil, Valleyfield, Ste-Thérèse, Sorel, Boucherville, Chomedey, St-Jean, Pont-Viau, and Laval-Ouest. A map showing the location of the area served by NPA 450, and a list of the 128 Exchange Areas in the area are attached to this letter.

When the new 579 NPA is introduced, no changes will take place in the dialling plans in the area that is served by NPA 450 and will be served by NPA 579. The dialling plan in these areas will be:

- all local calls including Extended Area Service calls will be dialled with 10 digits
- toll and alternatively billed calls will be dialled with 10 digits after the appropriate prefix digit(s)

All international and domestic Telecommunications Service Providers (TSPs) should ensure that the new 579 NPA is activated throughout their networks by 19 June 2010 which is the start date for network testing.

The following test numbers for the new NPA 579 will be made available effective 19 June 2010. Routing of calls to NPA 579 can be verified by dialling the 8378 (TEST) numbers which do not provide answer supervision. Billing of calls to NPA 579 can be verified by dialling the 2455 (BILL) numbers which provide answer supervision.

Test Number	Exchange Area (Rate Center)	Carrier
579-NXX-8378	TBD	TBD
579-NXX-2455	TBD	TBD
579-NXX-8378	TBD	TBD
579-NXX-2455	TBD	TBD
579-NXX-8378	TBD	TBD
579-NXX-2455	TBD	TBD

Calls successfully completed to test numbers will receive the following announcement:

“La communication a été établie avec succès au numéro de vérification de l'indicatif régional 579, à [NOM DUTÉLÉCOMMUNICATEUR], Québec, Canada. You have successfully completed a call to the 579 area code test number at [CARRIER NAME] in Quebec, Canada.”

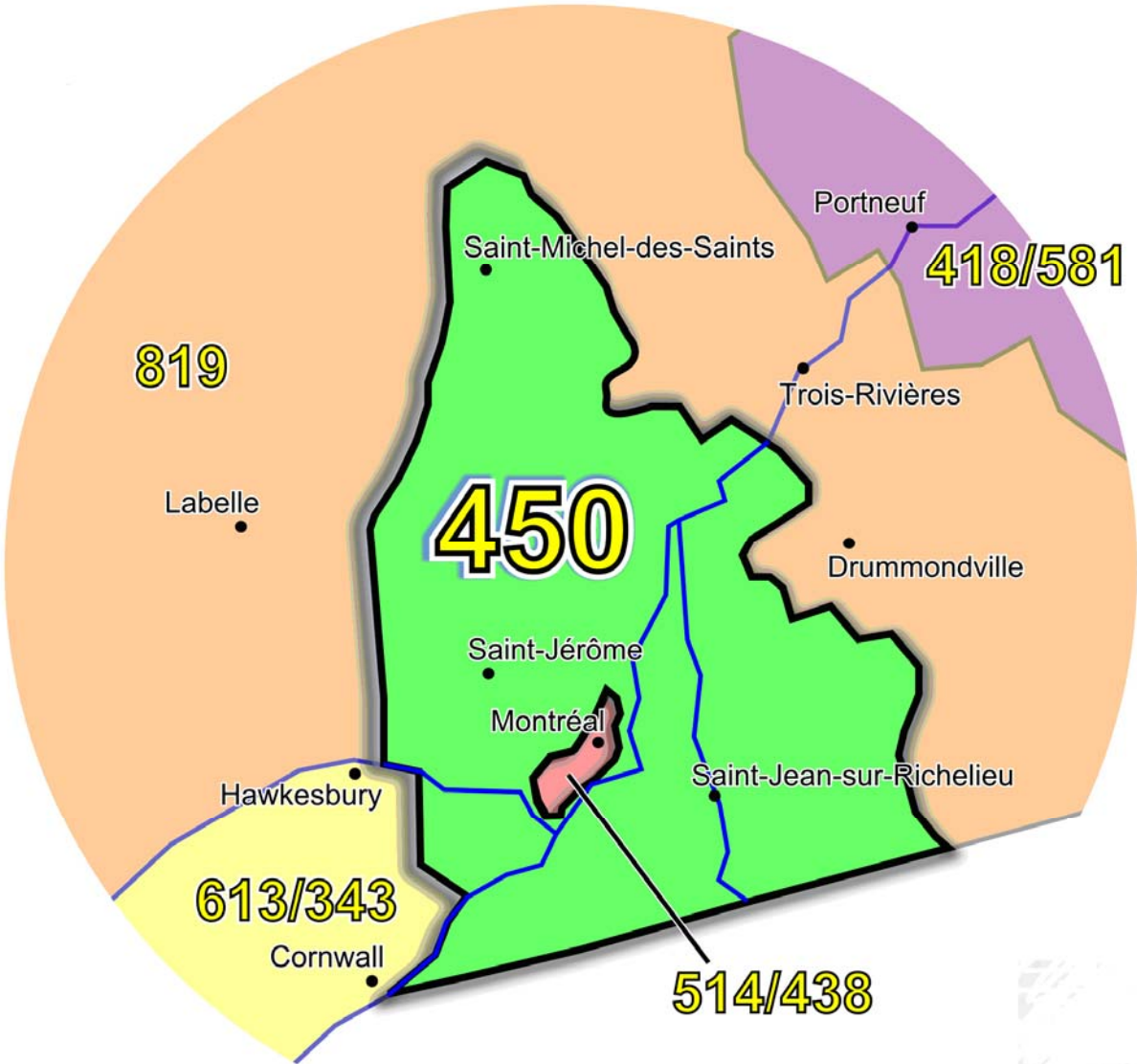
The disconnection dates for the Test numbers will be between 21 September 2010 and 21 October 2010.

Central Office (NXX) Codes within NPA 579 may be assigned to TSPs starting from 21 February 2010, but cannot be activated in the PSTN prior to the Relief Date of 21 August 2010.

General questions about this relief activity may be directed to Glenn Pilley or Suresh Khare, of the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA), at 613-563-7242. Specific questions related to telecommunications services and network routing should be directed to the appropriate TSP.

Attachments

**Map of the NPA 450 area**  
(After relief the NPA 450 area will be the NPA 450/579 area)



## Exchange Areas in NPA 450

Existing Exchange Areas in NPA 450; these will be in NPA 450 and 579 after the overlay

Actonvale	Mansonville	St-Lambert
Baie-du-Fèbvre	Marieville	St-Liboire
Beauharnois	Mascouche	St-Lin
Bedford	Mirabel-Aéroport	St-Marc
Beloeil	Mirabel-St-Augustin	St-Michel-des-Saints
Berthierville	Mirabel-Ste-Scholastique	St-Ours
Boucherville	Morin Heights	St-Paul-d'Abbottsford
Bromont	Napierville	St-Pie
Brownsburg	Notre-Dame-de-Stanbridge	St-Pie-de-Guire
Chambly	Oka	St-Polycarpe
Châteauguay	Ormstown	St-Rémi
Chomedey	Pierreville	St-Sauveur
Clarenceville	Pont-Viau	St-Simon
Contrecoeur	Rawdon	St-Thomas-d'Aquin
Côteau-du-Lac	Rigaud	St-Vincent-de-Paul
Côteau-Landing	Rivière-Beaudette	St-Zénon
Cowansville	Roxton Falls	St-Zéphirin
Crabtree	Shawbridge	Ste-Adèle
Dunham	Sorel	Ste-Anne-des-Plaines
Eastman	St-Aimé	Ste-Hélène-de-Bagot
Farnham	St-Alphonse-de-Rodriguez	Ste-Julie-de-Verchères
Franklin Centre	St-André-Est	Ste-Julienne
Frelighsburg	St-Barthélémy	Ste-Justine-de-Newton
Granby	St-Blaise	Ste-Madeleine
Hemmingford	St-Bruno	Ste-Marguerite
Henryville	St-Calixte-de-Kilkenny	Ste-Marthe
Howick	St-Césaire	Ste-Martine
Hudson	St-Chrysostôme	Ste-Rosalie
Huntingdon	St-Clet	Ste-Rose
Joliette	St-Constant	Ste-Thérèse
Knowlton	St-Damase	Ste-Victoire
Lachute	St-Denis	Sutton
Lacolle	St-Eustache	Terrebonne
Lanoraie	St-Felix-de-Valois	Upton
Laprairie	St-Gabriel-de-Brandon	Valcourt
Laval-Est	St-Hippolyte	Valleyfield
Laval-Ouest	St-Hugues	Varennes
Lavaltrie	St-Hyacinthe	Vaudreuil
Lawrenceville	St-Jacques	Venise-en-Québec
Le Gardeur	St-Jean	Verchères
L'Épiphanie-l'Assomption	St-Jean-de-Matha	Waterloo
Les Cèdres	St-Jérôme	Yamaska
Longueuil	St-Jude	