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**NPA 450 Relief Planning Committee
Conference Call
June 23, 2009**

Participants: Doug Birdwise – Bell Canada
Margo Fisher – Distributel
Laurie Bowie – Bell Canada
Mark Cuccia – Interested Party
Jeanne Lacombe – CRTC Staff
Lucie Pugliese – Telecommunications Alliance
Olena Bilozerska - TELUS
Deirdre Massiah-Gomes - TELUS
Jean-Marc D'Aoust – Cogeco
Shelley Marks – TELUS
Paul Robinson – Rogers Cable Communications Inc.
Thanh Duong - TELUS
Patrick Desy – Quebecor Media Inc.
Fiona Clegg – SAIC Canada (CNA)
Suresh Khare – SAIC Canada (CNA)
Frank Norman – SAIC Canada (CNA)
Glenn Pilley – SAIC Canada (CNA)

Welcome and Introductions:

Glenn Pilley, Chair of the NPA 450 Relief Planning Committee, welcomed the attendees and each of the participants introduced themselves.

Agenda:

It was noted that although no formal agenda had been distributed, the objective of this conference call was to discuss the:

- Relief Implementation Plan Requirements
- Final Planning Letter

June 3, 2009 Conference Call Minutes & Action Items:

The June 3, 2009 NPA 450 Conference Call minutes were sent out to the RPC participants on June 17, 2009. It was asked whether the minutes could be finalized today.

No substantive comments have been received by the Chair or Secretary of the NPA 450 RPC, to date. It was noted that the date of today's conference call had been incorrectly transcribed in the June 3, 2009 minutes and it was requested that the date be corrected to show June 23, 2009.

Agreement was reached to finalize the NPA 450 RPC minutes from June 3, 2009 as amended.

Action Items:

- 1) On June 17, 2009 the CNA sent contact information for IrisTel and ISP Telecom to the Telecom Alliance Chair, so that they may be contacted concerning the upcoming Telecom Alliance teleconference.
- 2) RPC participants were to send a representative to the June 15, 2009 NITF teleconference. This was only partially successful; however, since that time some follow-up from the RPC Chair, the CNA, and CRTC staff have ensured that most companies will be represented.
- 3) Contributions are being solicited in order to facilitate work on the Relief Implementation Plan.

Points Noted:

It was noted, that although it was not an action item, Bell Canada did send an updated version of the map that was attached to the Planning Letter and it has been incorporated into the Planning Letter that was sent out earlier today.

It was noted that Baie-du-Fèvre does not have an accent in the list of Exchange Areas shown in the Planning Letter. It was requested that this be corrected.

It was requested that the CNA double-check that Telephone Milot is the ILEC for Baie-du-Fèvre.

Post Meeting Note: *According to the CNA's records, Telephone Milot is the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier in Baie-du-Fèvre. Telephone Milot is a subsidiary of Sogetel.*

It was noted that 438/450, as opposed to just 450, needs to be shown on the Canadian map located on the CO Code status page of the CNA website.

It was noted that no contributions have been received with respect to the Relief Implementation Plan.

Planning Letter

The latest version of Planning Letter was distributed to the NPA 450 Relief Planning Committee participants on June 23, 2009.

Agreement was reached that the CNA should not submit the NPA 450 Planning Letter until the Commission provides a response with respect to the Bell Canada Review & Vary, which could change the relief method for NPA 450 from a boundary extension overlay to a distributed overlay.

Relief Implementation Plan:

It was noted that Bell Canada has been reviewing the Commission's decision concerning the relief method for NPA 450 and may seek a Review and Vary to have the relief method changed from a boundary extension overlay to a distributed overlay. It was noted that Bell Canada has been seeking support from some other carriers on this matter, but cannot provide more information at this time.

It was noted that Bell Canada would like to change the relief method because, since the release of Telecom Decision CRTC 2009-255, Bell Canada has examined its costs to implement NPA relief for the NPAs currently undergoing relief planning and has determined that significant cost savings would result if a distributed overlay were the chosen relief method. It was also noted that Bell Canada could not implement a boundary extension overlay in a significantly shorter period of time than a distributed overlay, which had been an underlying factor when the company did support this relief method.

It was noted that, in response to some preliminary discussions with CRTC staff, a Decision concerning the Bell Canada Review and Vary could be forthcoming within 6 weeks or so. In response to another question, it was noted that if the Review and Vary is accepted by the Commission, then the Relief Date would advance to August 2010.

It was noted that changing the relief method and date could be a problem for the Communications Plan. In response, it was suggested that a preliminary Communications Plan could be filed with Commission staff, but that it may have to be changed if the Commission rules in Bell Canada's favour.

It was noted that Bell Canada supports new area code overlays for NPAs 450, 705, and 289/905. This does not mean that a boundary extension overlay would not be supported elsewhere in the future.

It was noted that the Planning Document had recommended both a distributed overlay and a boundary extension overlay. It was suggested that development of the Relief Implementation Plan should be deferred until a decision has been made with respect to the Review and Vary.

In response, it was noted that the Relief Planning Committee should revise the Relief Implementation Plan to align with the directives contained in Telecom Decision CRTC 2009-255. It was suggested that the RIP should be written in such a way that it can easily be modified with respect to the relief method and date if necessary.

It was suggested that the RIP should not be submitted until a Decision is received from the Commission. In response, it was noted that the RPC should submit a Relief Implementation Plan that accommodates the Decision, but it should be written in such a way that a change could be made later if the Bell Canada Review and Vary is accepted.

It was asked what the current Projected Exhaust Date is for NPA 450. In response, it was noted that in accordance with the latest J-NRUF results and the directives contained in Telecom Public Notice CRTC 2008-17, the Projected Exhaust Date is November 2010.

It was noted that the Commission had indicated that in a Jeopardy Condition, the 7 CO Codes set aside for initial code assignment for applicants in general and the 17 CO Codes that correspond to future Canadian area codes could be made available for assignment under certain circumstances. If these CO Codes were to be added into the assignment pool, the Projected Exhaust Date would move out to February 2011.

After more discussion concerning whether or not the Relief Planning Committee should continue to update the Relief Implementation Plan, the CNA noted that it is a proponent of continuing to develop the Relief Implementation Plan in accordance with the directives contained in the Commission's Decision.

The NPA 450 Relief Planning Committee continued to review the Relief Implementation Plan. Detailed minutes were not taken during this exercise.

Next Meeting

The next RPC 450 conference calls will be held as follows:

- Thursday, July 9, 2009; 13:30 – 15:30 Eastern
- Thursday, July 23, 2009; 14:00 – 16:00 Eastern

The Call in Number for both conference calls is 1-800-366-7242, with an access code of 7091039#.

The Chair thanked the NPA 450 Relief Planning Committee participants for attending today's conference call.

Summary of Agreements Reached

- 1) Agreement was reached to finalize the NPA 450 RPC minutes from June 3, 2009 as amended.
- 2) Agreement was reached that the CNA should not submit the NPA 450 Planning Letter until the Commission provides a response with respect to the Bell Canada Review & Vary, which could change the relief method for NPA 450 from a boundary extension overlay to a distributed overlay.

Summary of Action Items

- 1) Contributions are being solicited in order to facilitate work on the Relief Implementation Plan.
- 2) The NPA 450 Relief Planning Committee Secretary will correct the spelling of Baie-du-Fèvre in the list of Exchange Areas attached to the Planning Letter.
- 3) The CNA will double-check that Telephone Milot is the ILEC for Baie-du-Fèvre.
- 4) The CNA will change the NPA 450 indicator on the CO Code status page of the CNA website to show 438/450.
- 5) The CNA will not submit the NPA 450 Planning Letter until the Commission provides a response with respect to the Bell Canada Review & Vary.