

**NPA 705 Relief Planning Committee
Meeting – Day 1
May 13-14, 2009**

Participants: Doug Birdwise – Bell Canada
Tracy Cant – Ontera
Gerry McLaughlin – Ontera
Eric Berger - Ontera
Laurie Bowie – Bell Canada
Fiona Clegg – SAIC Canada (CNA)
Suresh Khare – SAIC Canada (CNA)
Glenn Pilley – SAIC Canada (CNA)

Conference Bridge: Gerry Thompson – Rogers Communications Inc.
Olena Bilozerska – TELUS
Frank Norman – Interested Party
Jean-Marc D'Aoust – Cogeco
Mark Cuccia – Interested Party

Welcome and 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.

May 1, 2009 Minutes & Action Items:

The minutes from the Joint NPA 289/905 Industry Stakeholder, NPA 705 Relief Planning Committee, NPA 819 Industry Stakeholder Conference Call held on May 1, 2009 were distributed on May 8, 2009.

It was noted that some non-substantive changes had been made to the minutes by Bell Canada, and was asked whether the minutes could be finalized during today's meeting.

Agreement was reached to accept the minutes from the Joint NPA 289/905 Industry Stakeholder, NPA 705 Relief Planning Committee, NPA 819 Industry Stakeholder Conference Call held on May 1, 2009, as modified.

Action Items:

- 1) The CNA requested NPA 289/905 and NPA 819 R-NRUFs on May 12, 2009 and asked that current and prospective CO Code Holders submit the completed forecasts to the CNA no later than June 1, 2009.
- 2) Due to the alacrity of the request for an R-NRUF, the CNA did not send out an e-mail message to current and potential CO Code Holders in NPA 289/905 and NPA 819 alerting the industry that an R-NRUF request would be made by the

CNA by May 15, 2009. Distribution lists were developed by the CNA in order to make the R-NRUF request.

- 3) The Director of the CNA contacted the Chair of the CSCN requesting that the requirement to hold a CSCN conference call/meeting to discuss the J- and R-NRUF results for NPAs 204, 289/905, 450, 613, 705 and 819 and the requirement for the CNA to complete J- and R-NRUF reports for these NPAs be waived.

Agenda:

It was noted that an agenda for this week's meetings had been posted on the CNA website in April 2009. At a high level, the following summarizes the agenda:

- CNA Review of Industry Guidelines
- CNA Role in the Relief Planning Process
- CRTC Staff Comments on the NPA Relief Planning Process
- Review of NPA 705 Initial Planning Document
- Review of Contributions
- Round Table Discussions of Issues and Alternatives
- Integration of Contributions into Planning Document
- Next Steps

Exhaust Date of NPA 705:

It was noted that several TSPs have either updated or submitted new forecasts and the Projected Exhaust Dates for several NPAs have changed. Specifically, NPA 705 is due to exhaust in February 2012 which is an advance from the June 2012 date established by the January 2009 G-NRUF results.

It was noted that other NPAs have also moved in; for example, the Projected Exhaust Date for NPA 289/905 has moved in to February 2014.

It was noted that NPA 705 is officially in a Jeopardy Condition as of today. It was also noted that the results that led to the Jeopardy Condition being declared have been reviewed by CRTC staff, and have been approved.

The CNA will send out a notice to the CSCN and the NPA Relief Planning Committees, containing the latest NRUF results, in addition to a message notifying the CSCN and Relief Planning Committee that NPA 705 is in a Jeopardy Condition.

It was requested that a copy of the e-mail message notifying current and prospective CO Code Holders of the Jeopardy Condition in NPA 705 be posted to the NPA 705 relief planning page of the CNA website.

CNA Review of Industry Guidelines/CNA Role in the NPA Relief Planning Process:

Glenn Pilley reviewed the NPA relief planning process and the roles of the CRTC and CNA. This information is contained in a PowerPoint presentation, available from the CNA's website at http://www.cnac.ca/npa_codes/relief/705/relief_705.htm.

A copy of the Canadian NPA Relief Planning Guidelines is available from <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/public/cisc/cn/CNODGL0013A.doc>.

It was noted that Wireless Number portability, Telecom Decision CRTC 2004-46 (*Trunking arrangements for the interchange of traffic and the point of interconnection between local exchange carriers*) and the appearance of a number of new entrants in the region has increased demand for CO Codes in NPA 705.

CRTC Staff Comments on the NPA Relief Planning Process:

It was noted that the Commission released Telecom Notice of Consultation, *Establishment of a CISC ad hoc committee for area code relief planning for area code 705 in northern Ontario*, on 6 April 2009. In that Notice of Consultation the Commission announced the establishment of a CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee ad hoc relief planning committee (RPC) to examine options and make recommendations for providing relief to area code 705 in northern Ontario. The Commission also invited the public and telecommunications service providers to participate in the activities of the RPC.

A copy of the Public Notice is available from <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2009/2009-179.htm>.

It was noted that Commission staff is unable to attend this meeting so there are no direct staff comments. In a discussion with the CNA, CRTC staff did request that the CNA impress on RPC participants the urgency of implementing NPA relief.

It was noted that the NPA 705 Relief Planning Committee is now a sanctioned sub-committee of the CISC.

It was noted that the Notice of Consultation set aside 7 CO Codes for initial CO Code assignments and 10 CO Codes for initial CO Codes for new entrants. It was also noted that, with the announcement of a Jeopardy Condition, the 7 CO Codes set aside for initial CO Code assignments will be returned to the general assignment pool.

Review of NPA 705 Initial Planning Document:

Suresh Khare presented some slides that picture the various forecasts and relief options that the CNA identified in the Initial Planning Document (IPD). In addition, he presented some of the statistics associated with execution of any of these options concerning the quantities of CO Codes affected by telephone number changes and the dates for subsequent exhausts using these options.

In response to a question, it was noted that the projected future average growth between 2011 and 2015 is about 36 CO Codes per year and the projected dates for subsequent exhausts were developed using this average growth.

It was noted that the NPA 705 CO Code Inventory Chart contained in the Power Point presentation will be updated on a regular basis during the course of the relief planning process. It was also noted that, according to the CO Code Inventory Chart, 26 additional CO Codes can be made available for assignment due to the announcement of a Jeopardy Condition.

It was noted that the CNA did not consider a Technology-specific Overlay since the introduction of WNP in Canada does not permit this Relief Option to be implemented.

It was noted that the CNA also did not consider a Concentrated Overlay as growth is spread fairly evenly throughout the NPA.

It was noted that additional relief options can be provided to the Relief Planning Committee in the form of contributions.

It was noted that the Exchange Areas contained in the Local Interconnection Regions shown in the various relief options proposed by the CNA in the IPD are based on Bell Canada's Exchange Areas.

It was noted that one of the main advantages of an NPA split is that 7-digit local dialling can be retained. Conversely, it was noted that by creating an NPA split and retaining 7-digit local dialling, CO Code protection must be implemented to avoid dialling conflicts.

Six relief options were contained in the CNA's IPD:

- Plan 1a: Split - North Bay LIR in North (North retains NPA 705)
- Plan 1b: Split - North Bay LIR in North (South retains NPA 705)
- Plan 2a: Split - North Bay LIR in South (North retains NPA 705)
- Plan 2b: Split - North Bay LIR in South (South retains NPA 705)
- Plan 3: NPA 807 Boundary Extension Overlay
- Plan 4: Distributed Overlay of New NPA on NPA 705

It was noted that there is an advantage to implementing 10-digit local dialling, since it reduces customer confusion in areas where there may be 7-digit local dialling in some places and 10-digit local dialling in others. It was also noted that customers are already inured to dialling 1+10-digits to make long distance calls, so 10-digit local dialling is not a significant change to certain dialling patterns.

Review of Contributions:

It was noted that there is a Bell Canada contribution which was distributed to the NPA 705 RPC participants on May 10, 2009. The contribution proposes a number of changes to the original Initial Planning Document (IPD), which was posted to the CNA website on April 8, 2009. The Relief Planning Committee was advised that the document and associated annexes had been posted on the same date.

It was noted that the Bell Canada contribution used the CNA's original IPD as a base document.

It was also noted that a subsequent contribution, which builds on both the CNA's IPD and the Bell Canada contribution was submitted by Frank Norman on May 12, 2009. It was suggested that since Frank Norman's contribution used both documents and left all the revision marks in place from the previous contribution, that it be used as a straw model document for developing the NPA 705 Planning Document.

It was noted that Frank Norman's contribution contains two additional relief options:

- Plan 3 b: NPA 343 Boundary Extension Overlay

The proposed Plan 3b) would realign the boundaries of NPA 343 to include all 203 Exchange Areas in NPA 705 in addition to the 132 Exchange Areas in NPA 343/613 area. NPA 705 resources will not be assigned to the 132 Exchange Areas in the current NPA 343/613 area. It is assumed that local 10-digit dialling will become mandatory in the NPA 705 area immediately prior to the Boundary Extension Overlay and local calls in the NPA 343/613 area will continue to be dialled using 10 digits.

- Plan 5: New NPA Multiple Overlay on NPAs 705 and 905/289

Under proposed Plan 5, a new NPA would be introduced as an overlay to serve the NPA 705 area and the NPA 289/905 area. It is assumed that local 10-digit dialling will become mandatory in the NPA 705 area immediately prior to the Multiple NPA Overlay and local calls in the NPA 289/905 area will continue to be dialled using 10 digits.

An updated version of Frank Norman's contribution was distributed earlier today at the request of the contributor since certain NPA 705 RPC participants had indicated that the contribution was difficult to print. Some additional minor changes were made to the updated version of the contribution.

Agreement was reached to use Frank Norman's most recent (i.e., the version distributed on May 13, 2009) contribution as a straw model for developing the NPA 705 Planning Document.

Development of Planning Document:

The Relief Planning Committee began to review and edit the contribution. During this process, detailed minutes taking was suspended.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:00.

**NPA 705 Relief Planning Committee
Meeting – Day 2
May 14, 2009**

Participants: Doug Birdwise – Bell Canada
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Laurie Bowie – Bell Canada
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Planning Document:

The Relief Planning Committee continued to review and edit the contribution from Frank Norman. During this process, detailed minutes taking was suspended.

It was noted that, in general, there seems to be consensus that an overlay will be the preferred relief method however there is uncertainty as to whether this should be done as a boundary extension overlay or a distributed overlay of a new NPA over the NPA 705 geographic area.

Participants were requested to submit contributions identifying their preferred Relief Option and the rationale for that choice.

While discussing the proposed relief implementation schedule, it was noted that the proposed schedule contained in the draft NPA 705 Planning Document is part of the original Bell Canada May 10, 2008 contribution. It was noted that all Carriers should review Bell Canada's proposal since it is recommending a June 18, 2011 Relief Date.

It was also noted that, in accordance with the Canadian NPA Relief Planning Guideline, the Relief Date should be 12-18 months in advance of the Projected Exhaust Date which would mean the latest date for relief would be February 2011.

Next Steps:

Future conference calls have been scheduled as follows:

- June 4, 2009 11:00- 14:00 Eastern Time

- June 19, 2009 13:30 – 16:30 Eastern Time
- June 30, 2009 11:00 – 14:00 Eastern Time

The call in number for these conference calls will be 1-800-366-7242 and the access number will be 7091039#.

The objectives of these Relief Planning Committee conference calls will be to:

- Continue reviewing the first draft of the Planning Document
- Finalize the Planning Document
- Review and approve the Annexes associated with the Planning Document
- Form a Consumer Awareness Task Force and a Network Implementation Task Force
- Develop a Relief Implementation Plan
- Develop a Planning Letter

The meeting was adjourned at 15:55 Eastern Time.

The NPA 705 RPC Chair thanked the participants for attending this week's NPA 705 Relief Planning Committee meetings.

Summary of Agreements Reached:

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- 2) A copy of the e-mail message notifying current and prospective CO Code Holders of the Jeopardy Condition in NPA 705 will be posted to the NPA 705 relief planning page of the CNA website.
- 3) Additional Relief Options can be provided to the Relief Planning Committee in the form of contributions.
- 4) Participants were requested to submit contributions identifying their preferred Relief Option and the rationale for that choice.
- 5) All Carriers should review Bell Canada's proposed relief implementation schedule since it is recommending a June 18, 2011 Relief Date. In accordance with the Canadian NPA Relief Planning Guideline, the Relief Date should be

12-18 months in advance of the Projected Exhaust Date which would mean the latest date for relief would be February 2011.