

NETWORK IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE (NITF)

NPAs 250, 403 & 780

PROGRESS REPORT #1

26 October 2007

The NITF submits this progress report to the RPC to provide an update on the status of its activities to implement 10 digit local dialing in NPAs 250, 403 & 780, the extension of overlay NPA 778 on NPA 250 and the new overlay NPA 587.

The NITF reports that all carriers submitting comments to it have indicated they are following the schedule in the Relief Implementation Plans (RIPs) for NPAs 250, 403 & 780. See attachments.

Some carriers reported a problem with providing network announcements and automatic call completion on calls dialed using only 7 digits in certain switches commencing 23 June 2008. The NITF understands that any carriers with this problem have advised the CRTC of their current status and actions taken to address it. The NITF will not be taking any additional action regarding this situation at this time.

Some carriers reported a problem with providing network announcements and automatic call completion on calls dialled using only 7 digits to ported numbers. The problem exists on NORTEL CS2K switching products. The carries are currently investigating alternatives and will advise the CRTC.

The NITF advises that all activities are being implemented in accordance with the major milestones and schedule of NITF activities identified in the Relief Implementation Plans. This includes the assignment of test CO Codes and establishment of test numbers to facilitate network and billing testing.

It is expected that all carriers' networks will be ready for the implementation of the network announcements on 7 digit dialed calls in the above NPAs in June 2008.

Attached to this NITF Progress Report are the Progress Reports submitted by the following TSPs:

- MTS Allstream
- Bell Mobility
- Bell (West)
- Call-Net Communications (now Rogers Communications)
- Fido (now Rogers Communications)
- Northwestel
- Northwestel Mobility
- Rogers Wireless (now Rogers Communications)
- Shaw Telecom
- TELUS
- TELUS Mobility

The known TSPs that did not submit a progress report to the NITF are:

City-West
Globalstar
Globility
GT Group Telecom
ISP Telecom

The NITF is not aware of any other current or future TSPs that may decide to operate in the affected NPAs prior to the relief dates in September 2008.

Submitted by: George Wasylkiewicz Chair NITF (TELUS)

October12, 2007

**PROGRESS REPORT TO THE NETWORK IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE
(NITF)
NPAs 250, 403 & 780**

MTS / Allstream submits this progress report to the NITF to provide an update on the status of its activities to implement 10 digit local dialling in NPA's 250, 403, and 780.

MTS / Allstream is following the schedule in the Relief Implementation Plans (RIPs) for NPAs 250, 403, and 780. MTS / Allstream is in position to meet the dates established for both permissive dialing and mandatory ten digit dialing in NPA's 250, 403 and 780 as set out by the commission.

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MTS / Allstream

Bell
October 11, 2007
PROGRESS REPORT TO THE NETWORK IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE
(NITF)
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Bell – Western Region - PROGRESS REPORT

“Bell is following the schedule in the RIPs for NPAs 250, 403 & 780 and activities and preparation for implementing relief is under way. Bell is concerned that on the NORTEL CS2K switching product, there is currently no method of playing the 7 digit permissive announcement to callers when 7 digit dialled calls to ported numbers are placed. This is an issue especially for Bell in the western region since the majority of numbers on the Bell network have been ported from other service providers.”

Bell Mobility
1st Oct,2007
PROGRESS REPORT TO THE NETWORK IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE
(NITF)
NPA 250, 403 & 780

INTRODUCTION

The NPA Relief Implementation Plan (RIP) for NPAs 250, 403 and 780 require periodic progress reports by each Telecommunications Service Provider (TSP) operating in the above identified NPAs and by the Network Implementation Task Forces (NITF) established for each NPA relief project. This Progress Report is submitted to the NITF and CRTC staff for the above NPAs. This Progress Report will be attached to the NITF Progress Report to the RPCs.

PROGRESS REPORT

Bell Mobility is following the schedule in the RIPs for NPAs 250, 403 and 780 reports its general network readiness for implementing 10 digit local dialing in the above NPAs plus the one overlay NPA, specifically NPA 587 as an overlay of NPA 403. All network implementation activities are proceeding according to the schedule contained in the Relief Implementation Plans (RIPs) for these NPAs. The Bell Mobility network can already accommodate 10 digit local dialing in these NPAs

PROPOSED NPA RELIEF IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE – As contained in RPC NPA 250-403-780 RIP 2007-07-26.doc document.

The following table identifies the major implementation activities, deliverables and associated dates based upon the tasks identified in the Canadian NPA Relief Planning Timeline as well as major events in both the CAP and NIP. All TSPs and telecommunications service users should plan their internal relief activities in accordance with the following Relief Implementation Schedule.

NITF related activities are highlighted in **GREEN**. Network and operational activities that individual TSPs are required to implement are highlighted in **YELLOW**.

RELIEF IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE
Relief of NPAs 250, 403 and 780

	ITEM	PRIME	250		403/780	
			START	END	START	END
1	CRTC issues Telecom Decision CRTC 2007-38 relief method for NPA 250	CRTC		07 Jun 2007		
2	CRTC issues Telecom Decision CRTC 2007-42 relief method for NPAs 403/780	CRTC				14 Jun 2007
3	RPC prepares NPA 250 Planning Letter and the NPA 250 Planning Letter		20 Jun 2007	26 Jun 2007		
4	RPC consults with CATF and NITF to prepare RIP	RPC CATF NITF	20 Jun 2007	24 July 2007	20 Jun 2007	24 July 2007
5	CNA submits NPA 250 Planning Letter to NANPA elcordia TRA			26 Jun 2007		
6	RPC prepares NPA 403/780 Planning Letter				28 Jun 2007	24 July 2007
7	CNA submits NPA 403/780 Planning Letter to					24 July 2007

	ITEM	PRIME	250		403/780	
			START	END	START	END
	notifies Telcordia TRA					
8	NANPA Posts NPA 403/780 Planning Letter					3 Aug 2007
9	RPC submits RIP to CISC & CRTC for approval	RPC		26 July 2007		26 July 2007
10	CISC approves RIP	CISC		17 Aug 2007		17 Aug 2007
11	CRTC approves RIP	CRTC	17 Aug 2007	17 Sept 2007	17 Aug 2007	17 Sept 2007
12	CNA issues media release and sends approved A, Telcordia TRA, CLNPC & RPC participants	CNA	17 Sept 2007	1 Oct 2007	17 Sept 2007	1 Oct 2007
13	Telcordia TRA database updates to records with the expanded geographic area for NPA 778, and of new AB NPA 587	Telcordia TRA		26 Jun 2007	3 Aug 2007	10 Aug 2007
14	All Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) to develop effective consumer awareness program with the	TSPs	20 Jun 2007	30 Sept. 2007	20 Jun 2007	30 Sept. 2007
15	NPA 250 Relief Date (earliest date when NPA 778 NPA 250 may be activated)	TSPs		04 Jul 2007	n/a	n/a
16	CATF to notify business and residence customers 78 boundary realignment and NPA 587 via media other materials (phase 1)	CATF	07 Jun 2007	04 Jul 2007	07 Jun 2007	04 Jul 2007
17	All TSPs to notify their business and residence the introduction of NPA 587 in Alberta and NPA 778 in B.C. via multiple communications channels	CATF & TSPs	14 Jun 2007	07 Sep 2008	14 Jun 2007	07 Sep 2008
18	All TSPs commence and continue consumer activities	TSPs	07 Jun 2007	07 Sep 2008	14 Jun 2007	07 Sep 2008
19	All TSPs to notify all of their business & special 10-digit local dialing	TSPs	07 Jun 2007	07 Sep 2008	14 Jun 2007	07 Sept 2008
20	All TSPs to notify all residence customers by bill page of 10-digit local dialing	TSPs	07 Jun 2007	22 May 2008	14 Jun 2007	22 May 2008
21	TSPs to submit Progress Report #1 to NITF and	TSPs		12 Oct 2007		12 Oct 2007
22	NITF and CATF develop & submit Progress Report #1 to	NITF & CATF	12 Oct 2007	26 Oct 2007	12 Oct 2007	26 Oct 2007
23	RPC develops & submits Progress Report #1 to	RPC	26 Oct 2007	09 Nov 2007	26 Oct 2007	09 Nov 2007
24	Special Types of Telecommunications Service SAPs, alarm companies, ISPs, paging companies, and any concerns to TSPs and CRTC	Special Types	20 Jun 2007	03 Dec 2007	20 Jun 2007	03 Dec 2007
25	All Telecommunications Service Users (including 911 PSAPs, alarm companies, ISPs, paging companies, etc.) to implement changes to their telecom systems (e.g., CPEs) & systems to accommodate NPA 778	Telecommunications Service Users	20 Jun 2007	04 Jul 2007		
26	All Telecommunications Service Users (including 911 PSAPs, alarm companies, ISPs, paging companies, etc.) to implement changes to their telecom systems (e.g., CPEs) & systems to accommodate NPA 587 in 10-digit local dialing in Alberta and BC	Telecommunications Service Users	20 Jun 2007	22 Jun 2008	20 Jun 2007	22 Jun 2008
27	Payphone Providers Reprogram Payphones	Payphone Providers	20 Jun 2007	22 Jun 2008	20 Jun 2007	22 Jun 2008
28	TSPs and database owners/operators to modify industry databases	Database Owners/Operators	20 Jun 2007	22 Jun 2008	20 Jun 2007	22 Jun 2008
29	Directory Assistance Readiness for the introduction into the NPA 250 region in British Columbia	TSPs	20 Jun 2007	04 Sep 2007		
30	Directory Assistance Readiness for the introduction into the NPA 403/780 regions in Alberta	TSPs			20 Jun 2007	12 Sep 2008
31	Operator Services Readiness for 10-digit dialing	TSPs	20 Jun 2007	22 Jun 2008	20 Jun 2007	22 Jun 2008
32	Directory Publisher Readiness for 10-digit dialing for telephone numbers in the directory prior to the introduction of 10-digit local dialing)	Directory Publishers	20 Jun 2007	07 Sep 2008	20 Jun 2007	07 Sep 2008

	ITEM	PRIME	250		403/780	
			START	END	START	END
33	9-1-1 PSAP Systems and Databases Readiness	PSAPs & s	20 Jun 2007	04 Sep 2007	20 Jun 2007	12 Sep 2008
34	9-1-1 TSP Readiness	TSPs	20 Jun 2007	04 Sep 2007	20 Jun 2007	12 Sep 2008
35	Canadian Local Number Portability Consortium Database Readiness	CLNPC NPAC	20 Jun 2007	04 Sep 2007	20 Jun 2007	08 Sep 2008
36	Toll Free SMS Database Readiness	Toll TSPs	20 Jun 2007	04 Sep 2007	20 Jun 2007	07 Sep 2008
37	Intelligent Service Control Point & Service Order Readiness	TSPs	20 Jun 2007	04 Sep 2007	20 Jun 2007	07 Sep 2008
38	Apply for test CO Codes in NPA 587	TSPs	n/a	n/a	22 Oct 2007	18 Feb 2008
39	Develop Inter-Carrier Network Test Plans (carriers to make arrangements in accordance with inter-carrier agreements) to accommodate the boundary change of NPA 778	NITF TSPs	20 Jun 2007	15 Oct 2007		
40	Develop Inter-Carrier Network Test Plans (carriers to make arrangements in accordance with inter-carrier agreements) for the introduction of 10-digit dialing to accommodate NPA 587 implementation	NITF TSPs	20 Jun 2007	22 Apr 2008	20 Jun 2007	22 Apr 2008
41	TSPs prepare for Inter-Carrier Network Testing (works, toll, local)	TSPs	20 Jun 2007	23 Apr 2008	20 Jun 2007	23 Apr 2008
42	Activation Date for NPA 587 Test CO Codes and (prior to start date for inter-carrier testing)					22 Apr 2008
43	Inter-Carrier Testing Period (starts 2 months prior to 10-Digit Dialing Transition Period – subject to Inter-Carrier Test Plans)	NITF TSPs	23 Apr 2008	22 Jun 2008	23 Apr 2008	22 Jun 2008
44	Phase-in of 7- to 10-Digit Dialing Transition Period	TSPs	23 Jun 2008	27 Jun 2008	23 Jun 2008	27 Jun 2008
45	7- to 10-Digit Dialing Transition Period Timeframe	TSPs	23/27 Jun 2008	08/12 Sep 2008	23/27 Jun 2008	08/12 Sep 2008
46	Discontinue special CO Code assignment practices for NPA 778	CNA		10 Jul 2008	n/a	n/a
47	TSPs to submit Progress Report #2 to NITF and CATF	TSPs	27 Jun 2008	11 Jul 2008	27 Jun 2008	11 Jul 2008
48	NITF and CATF develop & submit Progress Report #2	NITF & CATF	11 Jul 2008	25 Jul 2008	11 Jul 2008	25 Jul 2008
49	RPC develops & submits Progress Report #2 to NITF and CATF	RPC	25 Jul 2008	08 Aug 2008	25 Jul 2008	08 Aug 2008
50	Phase-in of mandatory 10-digit dialing	TSPs	08 Sep 2008	12 Sep 2008	08 Sep 2008	12 Sep 2008
51	Mandatory 10-digit dialing date for NPAs 250, 403 and completion of Phase 2 of NPA 250 relief)	TSPs		12 Sep 2008		12 Sep 2008
52	NPA 403/780 Relief Date (earliest date when NPAs may be activated)					19 Sep 2008
53	TSPs submit final Progress Report #3 to CATF and NITF	TSPs	19 Sep 2008	20 Oct 2008	19 Sep 2008	20 Oct 2008
54	Submission of NITF and CATF Final Progress Report to NITF and CATF	NITF & CATF	20 Oct 2008	03 Nov 2008	20 Oct 2008	03 Nov 2008
55	RPC submits Final Report #3 to CISC/CRTC	RPC	03 Nov 2008	17 Nov 2008	03 Nov 2008	17 Nov 2008
56	Return of Test CO Codes	TSPs				13 Oct 2008
57	Change Mandatory 10-Digit Dialing Announcement	TSPs	8 Dec 2008	15 Jan 2009	8 Dec 2008	15 Jan 2009

October 5, 2007.

To the Network Implementation Task Force Chairman.

Progress report of activities for NPAs 250, 403, and 780.

Rogers Communications Inc. is following the schedule in the RIPs for NPAs **250, 403 & 780** and reports its general network readiness for implementing relief. The company has no specific concerns to identify to the CRTC staff at this time.

Respectfully,

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The format looks good to me.

Fiona, you can consider this report for both Rogers Comm. and Rogers Wireless.

Have good vacations Paul.

Thanks

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**Northwestel NPA 250 Relief Network Plan Update
October 12, 2007**

SAMMY R. D. HAIGHCompleted:

Form relief plan committee within Northwestel to handle Network, hardware and Advertising aspects of the relief plan implementation.

All Exchanges in the Northwestel NPA 250 Operating area were identified and were programmed for permissive dialing. (All can call locally 7 or 10 digits).

Presently, NPA 250 voicemail system is already 10-digit local access and nothing needs to be done.

All Exchanges in the Yukon Territory along the Alaska Highway route are now programmed for permissive dialing to eliminate the cross border confusion in the future.

EAS service trunks identified from Lower Post, B.C. (within the NPA 250 operation area) and Watson Lake, Y.T. (within the 867 operating area) were identified and also made permissive with the understanding that they will remain permissive even after the NPA 250 has become mandatory 10 digit.

Identified the need for updating all Calling Features within our major Operating Centre (Ft. Nelson, B.C.) and the requirement to change the preprogrammed calling features (i.e.: company set call forwards) to route 10 digits locally. A request for a quote to have the switch manufacturer set up a mass change load on the database was sent and the cost estimate was received. This was done to be able to estimate our capital funding for 2008. All smaller exchanges will be done manually as they are small enough to be done easily)

To be done:

Are-enact the regular Northwestel Relief plan meetings (were put on hold when the CRTC decision was finalized for the plan to go in 2008 rather than rushing it in 2007)

Pay station programming for 10 digit permissive and mandatory dialing is being investigated and will be implemented when required.

Request an updated quote from the Exchange Manufacturer for the Ft. Nelson office to have mass change done to custom calling features for mandatory 10 digit dialing. Implement the plan prior to the Mandatory change over.

Ensure the Communications are implemented to the customers when the relief plan goes into effect (CATF contact person on our team).

Build routing and common Digital Announcement for when mandatory dialing commences. (Cannot implement any type of permissive call branding recording within any exchange in our operating area. Instead we will enhance the advertising to the customers to ensure they are aware of the forthcoming changes)

Build test plan for Mandatory cutover in Northwestel's area.

Ensure all Repair-Answer/ Operators/ Customer contacts are aware and have knowledge of the changes to happen in the event of customers contacting Northwestel when they can't dial their neighbors.

Notes:

Northwestel does not presently operate in the NPA 780/403 areas.

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Shaw Telecom Inc.

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As at October 10, 2007 Shaw's network implementation activities are proceeding according to the schedule contained in the Relief Implementation Plans (RIPs) for 250, 403 and 780.

We have, however, identified a problem with some of our switches providing network announcements and automatic call completion on calls dialled using only 7 digits. Three switches that serve Shaw operating regions in the province of Alberta and two switches that serve Shaw operating regions in the province of British Columbia are not currently able to automatically complete a call after providing the network announcements. Shaw is reviewing several strategies to work around the problem; we will advise CRTC staff as soon as there are any updates on this matter.

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TELUS Communications, TELUS Mobility
Oct. 12, 2007
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(NITF)
NPAs 250, 403 & 780

PROGRESS REPORT #1

The network implementation activities for TELUS Communications and TELUS Mobility for the Relief of NPAs 250, 403, and 780 are proceeding on schedule as per the Relief Implementation Plans (RIPs) for NPA 250, 403, and 780.

The company has identified that 5 switches located in NPA 250 that serve certain small communities in the province of BC, and 1 switch in AB that provides service to a small number of subscribers in both AB & BC do not have the capability of providing automatic call completion after providing the network announcements. The company is investigating this situation to determine if there is a cost effective solution that can be implemented to provide such network announcements with automatic call completion, and will advise CRTC staff shortly regarding this matter, including possible actions that may be taken to mitigate this problem.

George Wasykiewicz, TELUS Communications