

September 10, 2007
CSCN Conference Call
(Joint Meeting with NPA 403/780 Relief Planning Committees)
July 2007 J-NRUF Results for NPAs 403 & 780

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Welcome:

The Chair of the NPA 403/780 Relief Planning Committee welcomed the attendees and the participants introduced themselves. It was noted that this is a joint meeting of the CSCN and the NPA 403/780 Relief Planning Committee.

Agenda:

It was noted that no formal agenda had been provided for today's conference call, but that the purpose of the call is to review the July 2007 J-NRUF results for NPAs 403 and 780. The aggregate results were released on September 4, 2007.

Review of July 2007 J-NRUF results for NPAs 403 and 780:

The Chair of the NPA 403/780 Relief Planning Committees provided a brief summary of the aggregate J-NRUF results.

It was noted that the NPA 780 Projected Exhaust Date is now forecast for August 2009, which moves the Projected Exhaust Date in by three months from the April 2007 J-NRUF result of November 2009.

The Chair asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the results. In response it was noted that, as relief in NPA 780 will take place at the same time as in NPA 403, there is no concern with the fact that the Projected Exhaust Date has moved in.

It was noted that the NPA 403 Projected Exhaust Date is now forecast for September 2008, which moves the Projected Exhaust Date in by three months from the April 2007 J-NRUF result of December 2008.

It was noted that September 2008 is the date that the CRTC has set for NPA relief in Alberta and; therefore, if the demand for CO Code assignments increases there could be a situation in NPA 403 that precipitates stricter code conservation measures.

It was noted that 707 CO Codes have been assigned in NPA 403, which is currently overrunning the forecast demand. Additionally, it was noted that the 19 CO Codes shown

on the CO Code Inventory Chart in the JCP as being "Available for Assignment in a Jeopardy Condition" have been calculated into the July 2007 J-NRUF results to reach the September 2008 Projected Exhaust Date.

It was asked whether the CO Codes Available for Assignment in a Jeopardy Condition (identified on the CO Code Inventory Chart in the JCP) would be shown as available for assignment on the CNA website. In response, it was noted that if all CO Codes currently shown as "Available" on the CNA website were assigned, then the CO Codes that are "Available for Assignment in a Jeopardy Condition" on the CO Code Inventory Chart in the JCP will be shown as "Available" for assignment in the order that they were listed in the JCP (i.e., the 911 misdial Codes will be the last two CO Codes to be shown as "Available" on the CNA website).

It was noted that the CNA is closely monitoring the CO Code assignment rate in NPA 403.

It was noted that NPA 587 CO Codes can be requested up to six months in advance of September 19, 2008 and that, provided the Effective Date is not prior to the September 19, 2008 Relief Date, CO Codes from NPA 587 could be assigned by the CNA to relieve some of the demand for NPA 403 CO Codes.

In response to a question, it was noted that demand appears to be for Initial CO Codes as opposed to Growth Codes. It was also noted that Commission staff use the most recent J-NRUF results to establish whether a request for a CO Code was originally forecast or whether a revised J-NRUF has been filed. In the later instance, some justification for the revision may be required. It was suggested that this practice may be an incentive for Telecommunications Service Providers to over-forecast demand.

It was suggested that correspondence be sent to Commission staff noting the fact that the Projected Exhaust Date for NPA 403 will occur in the same month as the Relief Date and that there are some CO Codes that could be assigned which are currently administrative codes; specifically, there are 4 CO Codes that have been set aside for new entrants. Additionally, it should be noted that it could be as late as mid-July 2008 before NPA 587 CO Codes are assigned by the CNA since these CO Codes cannot be activated until the Relief Date (i.e., September 19, 2008).

It was also recommended that Commission staff should examine all CO Code requests to ensure that the assignment is really necessary at the time of the application.

It was suggested that the Relief Planning Committee could revise the Relief Implementation Plan to advance the Relief Date. In response, it was noted that advancing the Commission-approved Relief Date is not really an option due to the amount of time it would take to revise the schedule and to receive a Commission Decision.

It was concluded that it is currently unnecessary to take action and that the situation will be monitored carefully by the CNA. The Relief Planning Committee and CSCN will take a close look at the next J-NRUF results to establish whether this conclusion is still valid, or whether additional conservation measures may be required.

Agreement was reached that the CNA, RPC and CSCN will continue to monitor future NRUF projections and CO Code assignment rates in NPA 403.

Glenn Pilley, Chair of the Relief Planning Committee, will send an e-mail message to Commission staff advising them of the CSCN's and Relief Planning Committee's suggestions and conclusions with respect to CO Code assignment activity in NPA 403.

A representative from the CNA asked what the CSCN and RPC expect with respect to the methodology used to identify "CO Codes available for assignment in a Jeopardy Condition" on the CNA website. In response, it was concluded that, although it might not be entirely equitable, when the supply of "Available" CO Codes is exhausted then the status of the "CO Codes available for assignment in a Jeopardy Condition" will be changed from "Not Available" to "Available" in the sequence that they appear on the CO Code Inventory Chart in the JCP.

It was asked whether undesirable CO Codes could be assigned to LRNs; for example, the 911 misdial codes. No definitive conclusion was reached, but it was conceded that this may be a possibility.

Agreement was reached to change the CO Code status on the CNA website for NPA 403 CO Codes that have been listed as available for assignment in a Jeopardy Condition on the CO Code Inventory Chart to show as "Available" once all other available CO Codes in NPA 403 have been assigned.

Next Meeting or Conference Call:

No additional conference calls were scheduled during today's meeting. It was noted that the Joint NPA 250/403/780 Consumer Awareness and Network Implementation Task Forces have been holding regular conference calls and are adhering to the Relief Implementation Schedule in the absence of a Commission Decision.

A conference call will be scheduled to discuss the Commission's Decision concerning the Relief Implementation Plan once it is released or after the next set of J-NRUF results are released, whichever comes first.

It was noted that the CNA will be requesting the next J-NRUF at the end of September.

The Chair thanked the attendees for their participation on the conference call.

Summary of Agreements Reached:

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Summary of Action Items:

Glenn Pilley, Chair of the Relief Planning Committee, will send an e-mail message to Commission staff advising them of the CSCN's and Relief Planning Committee's suggestions and conclusions with respect to CO Code assignment activity in NPA 403.