

**Joint NPA 250 & 403/780 Relief Planning Committees
Conference Call
June 20, 2007**

Participants: Frank Norman – TELUS
Bryan Alp – NorthwTel
Jennifer Bahlieda – Rogers Communications
Bill Barsley – TELUS
Doug Birdwise – Bell Canada
Eric Coburn – Shaw Cable
Gord Duesburry – GlobalStar Canada
Jean-Michel Dupuis – Rogers Wireless
Melissa Kushnir - Bell
Gino Grandinetti - TELUS
Sam Haigh - NorthwTel
David Heemeryck – Bell
David Hoff – Bell
Peter Heinemeyer – Shaw Communications
Kevin McGouran – MTS Allstream
Brian Monroe – Shaw Communications
Gord Sutherland – Bell
George Wasylkiewicz - TELUS
Suresh Khare – SAIC Canada (CNA)
Glenn Pilley – SAIC Canada (CNA)
Fiona Clegg – SAIC Canada (CNA)

Welcome and Introductions:

Glenn Pilley welcomed the attendees of the NPA 250 Relief Planning conference call, and each of the participants introduced themselves.

Approval of Agenda:

It was noted that a formal agenda for today's NPA 250 Relief Planning Committee (RPC) conference call had not been developed, but that the purpose of this conference call is to discuss the NPA 250 Planning Letter and the development of Relief Implementation Plans for NPAs 250 and 403/780.

Review of April 10, 2007 Conference Call Minutes & Action Items:

It was noted that the minutes from the April 10, 2007 Joint NPA 250, 403 and 780 Relief Planning Committee conference call minutes were distributed to the NPA 250 and NPA 403/780 Relief Planning Committee participants on April 17, 2007.

It was asked whether the minutes could be approved and finalized during today's conference call.

Agreement was reached to accept the April 10, 2007 conference call minutes, as written.

Action Items:

- 1) There were no additional volunteers for a Co-chair on the Consumer Awareness Task Force. It was noted that if at some future date another participant would care to volunteer they should contact Shawn Hall (shawn.hall@telus.com) or Glenn Pilley (pilleyg@saiccanada.com).
- 2) There were no additional volunteers for a Co-chair on the Network Implementation Task Force. It was noted that if at some future date another participant would care to volunteer they should contact George Wasylkiewicz (george.wasylkiewicz@telus.com) or Glenn Pilley (pilleyg@saiccanada.com).
- 3) The CNA sent copies of the NPAs 250, 403 and 780 Consumer Awareness and Network Implementation Task Force contact lists to the Chairs of the two Task Forces. The Chairs can share these lists with the participants in their respective Task Forces but the lists should not be made public.
- 4) Contacts have not yet been provided by Bell Mobility and GT Group Telecom for either of the Task Forces. In addition, a participant from MTS Allstream has not been identified for the Consumer Awareness Task Force.
- 5) A Telecommunications Alliance has been formed to ensure uniformity of consumer awareness in NPAs 250, 403 and 780.
- 6) The Consumer Awareness Task Force held several conference calls between April 18 and June 15, 2007 to ensure that companies were prepared with a uniform approach when providing information to or responding to questions from, the media.

David Heemeryck will establish who should be the Bell Mobility contact for the Network Implementation Task Force.

Kevin McGouran will check to find out whether Anne Gertzbein will be the MTS Allstream Consumer Awareness Task Force representative.

NPA 250 Planning Letter:

It was noted that the CNA had created a draft NPA 250 Planning Letter and distributed it to the NPA 250 and 403/780 Relief Planning Committees on June 19, 2007.

It was noted that development and approval of an NPA 250 Planning Letter is of paramount importance since Decision 2007-38 authorized the CNA to begin assigning NPA 778 CO Codes in the 250 area code as of the date the Decision was released, although such CO Codes could not be activated in the PSTN prior to July 4, 2007. Changes are required to the rate center records in the Telcordia® Business Integrated Routing and Rating Database System (BIRRDs) to allow the assignment of area code 778 CO Codes in the NPA 250 geographic area. Telcordia's Traffic Routing Administration is not officially authorized to make the required changes to the database without having a Planning Letter to provide direction, which means the CNA cannot open

ACD (Assignment Code Records) screens for NPA 778 CO Codes assigned in the NPA 250 region.

The Relief Planning Committees reviewed the draft Planning Letter and made a number of changes. Detailed minute taking was suspended during this review.

It was asked whether the maps contained in the Planning Letter could be modified to better depict the activities taking place in British Columbia, since the cross-hatching on the second map makes it unclear as to what is taking place. In response, it was noted that the CNA is looking into the possibility of changing the maps.

While discussing the list of Exchange Areas in British Columbia it was noted that Cassiar may need to be removed from the list and Good Hope Lake may need to be inserted. It was noted that Telcordia does not have a rate center record for Good Hope Lake and will not create one without having a copy of the tariff page that identifies Good Hope Lake as an exchange. Sam Haigh will check whether Good Hope Lake is a tariffed rate center and, if so, will provide a copy of the tariff page to the CNA.

Agreement was reached to accept the NPA 250 Planning Letter as modified during today's conference call and to send the letter to NANPA to receive a Planning Letter Number. Once the Planning Letter Number is assigned, Telcordia TRA will be informed that the Planning Letter has been posted to the NANPA website.

The CNA will send a copy of the NPA 250 Planning Letter to the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) Administrator to obtain a Planning Letter number and for posting on the NANP website. Once NANPA has provided a Planning Letter number and posted the document, the CNA will notify Telcordia TRA that the Planning Letter is publicly available so the BIRRDs database can be updated.

Some questions were raised with respect to the creation of a Planning Letter for NPA 587 (the overlay NPA for area codes 403 and 780). Fiona Clegg and Suresh Khare from the CNA will create a draft Planning Letter before the next conference call.

Telecom Decisions CRTC 2007-38 & 2007-42:

It was noted that the Commission released Telecom Decision CRTC 2007-38, *Code relief for area code 250 – British Columbia*, on June 7, 2007. In the Decision the Commission directed that:

- the boundary of area code 778 be realigned so that it covers all of British Columbia;
- the introduction of mandatory 10-digit local dialing in area code 250 be coordinated with the relief planning activities in Alberta; and
- Special Central Office Code Assignment Practices be used to preserve 7-digit local dialing in area code 250 until 10-digit local dialing is introduced.

It was noted that the Commission released Telecom Decision CRTC 2007-42, *Code relief for area codes 403 and 780 – Alberta*, on 14 June 2007. In that Decision the Commission directed that:

- the relief be provided through the implementation of a distributed overlay of a single new area code (587) on area codes 403 and 780; and
- the introduction of mandatory 10-digit local dialing in British Columbia.

It was noted that there are certain commonalities between the two Decisions insofar as they set a common timeframe for both provinces to allow for consumer awareness and network implementation activities to be coordinated.

Both Decisions state:

- The introduction of permissive 10-digit dialing should commence 23 June 2008, and carriers are permitted to phase-in this change from that date until 27 June 2008; and
- The requirement for mandatory 10-digit local dialing should commence 8 September 2008 and carriers are permitted to phase-in this change from that date until 12 September 2008.

It was noted that the directives contained in the Decisions suggest that a single Relief Implementation Plan could be developed for NPAs 250, 403 and 780.

Agreement was reached to develop a single Relief Implementation Plan that would facilitate coordination of Consumer Awareness and Network Implementation Task Force activities in British Columbia and Alberta.

Relief Implementation Plans for NPAs 250 and 403/780:

It was noted that, on June 13, 2007 the CNA had notified NPA 250 and 403/780 RPC participants of a contribution that had been posted to the CNA's website that comprises a draft Relief Implementation Plan for NPA 250.

On June 19, 2007 a TELUS contribution that proposes a single NPA 250, 403 and 780 Relief Implementation Plan was distributed to the RPC participants and was posted to the CNA website.

Agreement was reached to use the TELUS contribution as a straw model document for developing the NPA 250, 403 and 780 Relief Implementation Plan.

It was suggested that the objective of this conference call should be to address the relief implementation schedule and the Consumer Awareness and Network Implementation Plans prior to addressing the introduction.

Detailed minute taking was suspended while the straw model Relief Implementation Plan was being edited.

While discussing the schedule, it was noted that one of the line items is that "all Telecom Service Providers to develop and file individual consumer awareness programs with the CRTC (may be done collectively by Western Telecommunications Alliance)". Gino Grandinetti noted that Shawn Hall should mention this item to the other Consumer Awareness Task Force members on the June 21, 2007 CATF conference call. It was noted that representatives can only provide reports for those companies that attend the

meetings. In response to questions concerning the content of the report, it was noted that the CRTC will be looking for a high-level overall plan, for example the expected timeframe for media releases and contacting customers.

Some questions arose with respect to the start and end dates for the Canadian Local Number Portability Consortium Database Readiness. Suresh Khare will contact Marian Hearn, to identify these dates.

It was noted that volunteers are required to obtain NPA 587 test CO Codes to test routing arrangements and for billing.

It was noted that 7- and 10-digit permissive dialing in NPA 778 and 250 is already possible. George Wasykiewicz will establish that a line item specifying a date certain for permissive dialing does not need to be included in the Relief Implementation Schedule and will ensure that permissive dialing is accomplished throughout British Columbia as part of the NITF activities.

Next Meeting/Conference Call:

The next conference call is scheduled as follows:

- Monday, July 9, 2007 12:00 – 15:00 Eastern time

The call in number for this conference call will be 416-849-7326 and the access number will be 7325651#.

The NPA 250 and 403/780 RPC Chair thanked the participants for attending today's Relief Planning Committee conference call.

Summary of Agreements Reached:

- 1) Agreement was reached to accept the April 10, 2007 conference call minutes, as written.
- 2) Agreement was reached to accept the NPA 250 Planning Letter as modified during today's conference call and to send the letter to NANPA to receive a Planning Letter Number.
- 3) Agreement was reached to develop a single Relief Implementation Plan that would facilitate coordination of Consumer Awareness and Network Implementation Task Force activities in British Columbia and Alberta.
- 4) Agreement was reached to use the TELUS contribution as a straw model document for developing the NPA 250, 403 and 780 Relief Implementation Plan.

Summary of Action Items:

- 1) David Heemeryck will establish who should be the Bell Mobility contact for the Network Implementation Task Force.

- 2) Kevin McGouran will check to find out whether Anne Gertzbein will be the MTS Allstream Consumer Awareness Task Force representative.
- 3) The CNA will modify the maps contained in the Planning Letter to better depict the activities taking place in British Columbia, since the cross-hatching on the second map makes it unclear as to what is taking place.
- 4) Sam Haigh will check whether Good Hope Lake is a tariffed rate center and, if so, will provide a copy of the tariff page to the CNA.
- 5) The CNA will inform Telcordia TRA when the Planning Letter is publicly available so the BIRRDs database can be updated.
- 6) Fiona Clegg and Suresh Khare from the CNA will create a draft Planning Letter for NPA 587 (the overlay NPA for area codes 403 and 780) before the next conference call.
- 7) Shawn Hall should inform the CATF of the requirement for all Telecom Service Providers to develop and file individual consumer awareness programs with the CRTC (may be done collectively by the Western Telecommunications Alliance).
- 8) Suresh Khare will contact Marian Hearn to identify the start and end dates for Canadian Local Number Portability Consortium Database Readiness.
- 9) George Wasylkiewicz will establish that a date certain for 7- and 10-digit permissive dialing in British Columbia does not need to be included in the Relief Implementation Schedule and will ensure that permissive dialing is accomplished throughout British Columbia as part of the NITF activities.