

**Joint NPA 250, 403 & 780 Relief Planning Committees
Conference Call
July 31, 2008**

Participants: Esther Snow – Shaw Communications
George Wasylkiewicz - TELUS /TELUS Mobility
Gino Grandinetti - TELUS
Sam Haigh - NorthwesTel
Frank Norman - TELUS
Toby Cockcroft - Globility
Mark Cuccia
Suresh Khare – SAIC Canada
Fiona Clegg – SAIC Canada
Glenn Pilley – SAIC Canada

Welcome & Introductions:

The Chair welcomed the participants to the Joint NPA 250, 403 & 780 Relief Planning Committee conference call. The purpose of this conference call is to discuss and ratify the Network Implementation and Consumer Awareness Task Force progress reports.

It was noted that copies of the Task Force progress reports were distributed to the Relief Planning Committees for NPAs 250 and 403/780 on July 24, 2008.

Some US Carriers not Routing to NPA 587 Test Numbers:

It was noted that Sprint is not yet routing to the TELUS 587-610 nor to MTS-Allstream test-numbers in Alberta (587-810). Additionally, it was noted that in the US, MCI is not yet routing to any 581-N10- Alberta test-numbers. Some concern was expressed that if some US carriers have not opened NPA 581 for testing, they may neglect to open the NPA to route calls after area code relief is implemented.

It was suggested that an Emergency Notice (EN) be released by Telcordia Technologies to remind the US carriers that NPA 587 should be opened.

An action item was given to the RPC chair to have an EN drafted and forwarded to Telcordia for release and to check to determine if the ITU is aware that NPA 587 has been opened.

NITF Progress Report #2:

George Wasylkiewicz presented the Joint NITF Progress Report #2.

It was noted that all carriers that have submitted comments for the NITF progress report have indicated they are following the schedule in the Relief Implementation Plan (RIP) for NPAs 250 and 403/780.

As noted in Progress Report #1, some carriers continue to have 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 the situation at this time.

It was noted that several Telecommunications Service Providers (TSPs) have not submitted input to the Chair of the NITF and that those TSPs are listed at the beginning of the report.

Agreement was reached to accept the NITF progress report as written, and to authorize the Chair or Secretary of the RPCs to forward the progress report to the CISC and Commission staff on or before August 13, 2008.

CATF Progress Report #2:

Gino Grandinetti presented the Joint CATF Progress Report #2.

It was noted that the Shaw Communications Inc. CATF Update Report was not appended to the Joint CATF Update Report. It was noted that it was an oversight since Shaw Communications Inc. had opted out of the Western Telecommunications Alliance.

Esther Snow agreed to send the report to the CATF and RPC Chair to be appended to the Joint CATF Progress Report, by the end of August 1, 2008.

Agreement was reached to accept the CATF progress report, as written, but with the addition of the Shaw Communications Inc. Update Report, and to authorize the Chair or Secretary of the RPCs to forward the progress report to the CISC and Commission staff on or before August 13, 2008.

Additional Agenda Item:

It was noted that, when conducting troubleshooting exercises, it would have been beneficial to be able to easily determine the origin of the 7 – 10-digit dialling announcement, which in turn would have facilitated the identification of the carrier originating the problem. It was suggested that since the wording of the announcement was identical for all carriers, some sort of Carrier identification could/should be added to the announcement for future NPA relief. The RPC generally agreed with the notion, but determined that it would be best studied by the CSCN during review of the NPA Relief Planning Guidelines.

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

Summary of Agreements Reached:

- 1) Agreement was reached to accept the NITF progress report as written, and to authorize the Chair or Secretary of the RPCs to forward the progress report to the CISC and Commission staff on or before August 13, 2008.

- 2) Agreement was reached to accept the CATF progress report, as written, but with the addition of the Shaw Communications Inc. Update Report, and to authorize the Chair or Secretary of the RPCs to forward the progress report to the CISC and Commission staff on or before August 13, 2008.

Summary of Action Items:

- 1) An action item was given to the RPC chair to have an EN drafted and forwarded to Telcordia for release and to check to determine if the ITU is aware that NPA 587 has been opened.
- 2) The RPC Secretary will forward the NITF Progress Report 2 to the CISC and Commission staff on or before August 13, 2008.
- 3) The RPC Secretary will forward the CATF Progress Report 2 to the CISC and Commission staff on or before August 13, 2008.