

**NPA 403 & 780 Relief Planning
Meeting, Edmonton, Alberta
October 5 & 6, 2006**

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Agenda:

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Review of NPA 403 Minutes & Action Items – May 10, 2005
- 4) Review of July 2006 R-NRUF Results – Discussion of Implications
- 5) Meeting of NPA 403 RPC and NPA 780 RPC to Reach Agreement on a Joint Relief Planning Document
- 6) Combined NPA 403/780 Planning Documents – Joint TELUS/CNA Contribution Jeopardy Contingency Plan for NPA 403
- 7) Development of Relief Planning Document
- 8) Recommendations
- 9) Next Steps
- 10) Next Meeting

It was decided to move the discussion of the Jeopardy Contingency Plan until after the RPC Recommendations (item 8 above).

Agreement was reached to accept the agenda as modified.

Welcome and Introductions:

Glenn Pilley, Chair of the Relief Planning Committees, welcomed the participants to the meeting.

Approval of Agenda:

Glenn Pilley outlined the proposed agenda. The agenda was approved as modified.

Review of Action Items – May 10, 2005

- 1) On September 6, 2006 a representative from TELUS provided a contribution that will be used as a draft for the creation of a single NPA 403 and 780 Planning Document for the next meeting. This contribution was subsequently modified slightly by the CNA to bring some of the statistics contained therein up to date.
- 2) The CNA distributed copies of the NPA 403 and 780 Planning Documents, showing the changes made during the meetings held in February 2005, to the meeting participants.

- 3) The CNA went through the NPA 403 and NPA 780 Planning Documents to ensure consistency of terminology and spelling. The changes made to the documents were accepted and the resultant revised version of the two Planning Documents was posted to the CNA's website. NPA 403 and 780 participants have been notified of the existence of the updated documents on several occasions since May 2005.

Review of July 2006 R-NRUF Results – Discussion of Implications:

It was noted that the July 2006 R-NRUF results indicate that NPA 403 is due to exhaust in October 2009. It was also noted that NPA 403 will be declared to be officially in a Jeopardy Condition this month by the CNA (i.e., October 2006), since there is no Commission-approved Relief Plan in place for this NPA and exhaust is within 36 months. It was noted that the February 2006 R-NRUF Projected Exhaust Date was March 2011.

In addition, it was noted that the July 2006 R-NRUF shows that the NPA 780 Projected Exhaust Date has changed to November 2010. It was noted that the February 2006 R-NRUF showed a Projected Exhaust Date of February 2013.

It was noted that one of the driving factors behind the shorter timeframe before the Projected Exhaust Dates in NPAs 403 and 780 is the advent of Wireless Number Portability.

Meeting of NPA 403 RPC and NPA 780 RPC to Reach Agreement on a Joint Relief Planning Document:

It was suggested that the NPA 403 and 780 Planning Document be merged, as had been recommended by the TELUS contribution, and that Relief Planning for both NPAs be conducted simultaneously.

Agreement was reached to merge the Relief Planning Committees for NPA 403 and NPA 780.

Combined NPA 403/780 Planning Documents – Joint TELUS/CNA Contribution:

Frank Norman provided a brief description of what had been included and modified in the NPA 403/780 Joint Relief Planning Document. A representative from the CNA also explained some of the statistical changes (e.g., updated R-NRUF results) that had been made to update the document.

Development of Relief Planning Document:

The Chair of the RPC provided a brief synopsis of the Relief Options that are included in section 6 of the NPA 403 & 780 Planning Document.

The Relief Options discussed by the RPC are divided into 3 categories:

- 1) NPA 403 Relief Options - independent of NPA 780 and could be selected and implemented without affecting NPA 780.

- 2) NPA 780 Relief Options - independent of NPA 403 and could be selected and implemented without affecting NPA 403.
- 3) Joint NPA 403/780 Relief Options - provide either for the joint relief of NPAs 403 and 780 at the same time, or in two phases with a 2nd phase that modifies the first phase NPA 403 relief to include NPA 780.

The RPC reviewed and edited the NPA 403/780 Joint Relief Planning Document. Detailed minute taking was suspended during this review.

RPC Recommendations:

Discussion took place as to which Relief Plan was preferred by the NPA 403/780 Relief Planning Committee.

It was suggested that Relief Option Joint-3a (Distributed Overlay of a single new NPA on NPAs 403 and 780) be adopted for use in the upcoming relief of area codes 403 and 780. This option is preferable as no number changes are required, the life of the relief is greater than with a Concentrated Overlay and NPAs 403 and 780 boundaries are unchanged. Additionally, this option provides simultaneous relief to NPAs 403 and 780 with a single new NPA, and requires mandatory 10-digit local dialling. Simultaneous relief for both NPAs can be achieved by a single customer awareness program, will reduce the costs for consumers and Telecommunications Service Providers and is practical as the Projected Exhaust Dates for NPAs 403 and 780 are only one year apart.

It was noted that a Telecommunications Alliance needs to be formed to ensure consumer awareness in NPA 403 and 780.

It was noted that customers in the Calgary and Edmonton areas may prefer separate overlay NPAs for NPAs 403 and 780 as described in Relief Option Joint-3b (Distributed Overlays of separate new NPAs on NPAs 403 and 780 at the same time), which also requires mandatory 10-digit local dialling. It was also noted that this option is a less efficient use of numbering resources (NPAs), and introduction of two new NPAs rather than one may increase the cost of relief implementation slightly for consumers and Telecommunications Service Providers.

It was noted that relief for NPAs 403 and 780 should be implemented in a single phase regardless of the Relief Option chosen by the CRTC.

Agreement was reached to recommend to the Commission that Plan 3a (Distributed Overlay of a single new NPA on NPAs 403 and 780) be adopted for use in the upcoming relief of area codes 403 and 780.

Jeopardy Contingency Plan for NPA 403:

It was noted that a Commission staff letter, dated October 2, 2006 has been received by the CNA. The letter notes that the July 2006 R-NRUF results show that NPA 403 is expected to go into jeopardy in October 2006 since the Projected Exhaust Date will be within the 36 month window specified in the Canadian NPA Relief Planning Guidelines and no relief plan is in place.

The NPA 403 and NPA 780 Jeopardy Contingency Plans were reviewed and modified by the RPC.

Suresh Khare and Frank Norman will meet on October 12, 2006 to update the NPA 403 and NPA 780 CO Code Inventory Charts and will provide the input to the RPC Chair and Secretary for inclusion in the latest version of the NPA 403/780 Planning Document. The RPC Secretary or Chair will ensure that a copy of the October version of the draft NPA 403 & 780 Relief Planning Document is posted to the CNA website and will notify the RPC participants of its existence and location on the website.

Agreement was reached to accept the October 2006 NPA 403 & 780 Planning Document and Annexes, including the updates that will be provided for the NPA 403 & 780 CO Code Inventory Charts.

Next Steps:

It was noted that the frequency of the NPA 780 R-NRUF may have to be increased to quarterly to match the frequency of the NPA 403 J-NRUFs. This decision will be made by the NPA 403/780 Relief Planning Committee.

It was also noted that the format of the NPA 403 J-NRUF and 780 R-NRUF may have to be changed to accommodate the relief method and dates recommended by the Relief Planning Committee. If this is the case, the format of the updated NRUF forms will be decided by the NPA 403/780 Relief Planning Committee.

Next Meeting:

It was suggested that a final version of the Planning Document be made available for a review by the RPC members.

It was suggested that a conference call be scheduled for late October to conduct this review.

Post Meeting Note: *A conference call has been scheduled as follows:*

<i>Date:</i>	<i>Wednesday, November 1, 2006</i>
<i>Time:</i>	<i>14:00 – 16:00 Eastern</i>
<i>Call In#:</i>	<i>416-849-7326</i>
<i>Access#:</i>	<i>7325651#</i>

The Chair of the NPA 403/780 Relief Planning Committee thanked the attendees for their participation during the past two days of the meeting.

Summary of Agreements Reached:

- 1) Agreement was reached to accept the agenda as modified.
- 2) Agreement was reached to merge the Relief Planning Committees for NPA 403 and NPA 780.

- 3) Agreement was reached to recommend to the Commission that Plan 3a (Distributed Overlay of a single new NPA on NPAs 403 and 780) be adopted for use in the upcoming relief of area codes 403 and 780.
- 4) Agreement was reached to accept the October 2006 NPA 403 & 780 Planning Document and Annexes, including the updates that will be provided for the NPA 403 & 780 CO Code Inventory Charts.

Summary of Action Items:

- 1) A Telecommunications Alliance needs to be formed to ensure consumer awareness in NPA 403 and 780.
- 2) Suresh Khare and Frank Norman will meet on October 12, 2006 to update the NPA 403 and NPA 780 CO Code Inventory Charts and will provide the input to the RPC Chair and Secretary for inclusion in the latest version of the NPA 403/780 Planning Document.
- 3) The CNA will notify NPA 403 & 780 RPC participants when the latest version of the NPA 403 & 780 Planning Document is posted on the CNA website.
- 4) The NPA 403/780 RPC must decide on the format of the J-NRUF forms to be used to track CO Code assignments and forecasts in NPA 403 during the Jeopardy Condition. The frequency and format of the NPA 780 R-NRUFs must also be decided.