



Our File: NPA 250 Relief

13 September 2004

To: INTERESTED PARTIES IN NPA 250

Subject: **NPA 250 RELIEF PLANNING MEETING**

The most recent telephone number growth projections submitted in the NPA 250 Relief Planning Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast (R-NRUF) to the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA) by prospective and current Central Office (CO) Code Holders indicate that the 250 Number Plan Area (NPA) is expected to exhaust in June of 2009. NPA 250 consists of 275 exchanges, including the rapidly growing exchanges of Victoria, Nanaimo, Parksville, Campbell River, Comox, Duncan, Port Hardy and Saanich, located on Vancouver Island, and Kelowna, North and South Kamloops, Prince George, Vernon, Penticton, Fort St. John, Nelson, Prince Rupert and Quesnel, located in the Interior Mainland (northeast of the Lower Mainland, which is served by NPAs 604 and 778) of the province of British Columbia in Canada.

In accordance with the current Canadian Radio-television & Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) approved Canadian NPA Relief Planning Guidelines (the Guidelines), dated 13 August 2003, when an NPA is projected to exhaust within the next 72 months, the CNA is required to convene an Initial NPA Relief Planning meeting to facilitate the development of an NPA Relief Plan.

Accordingly, you are invited to attend the Initial NPA 250 Relief Planning Meeting hosted by the CNA as follows:

Location: The Grand Okanagan Lakefront Resort and Conference Centre
1310 Water Street
Kelowna, British Columbia
Ph: 250-763-4500
Fax: 250-763-4565
Reservations: 1-800-465-4651

Dates: Thursday and Friday, October 21 and 22, 2004

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A copy of the Guidelines can be obtained from: http://www.cnac.ca/npa_data.htm.

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In accordance with the Canadian NPA Relief Planning Guidelines, the CNA, acting in its role as NPA 250 Relief Coordinator, has prepared the attached Initial Planning Document (IPD). During the preparation of the IPD, all code relief methods were considered but only several were included in the base IPD. The Relief Planning Committee may use this IPD as a base line document to prepare the Relief Plan for NPA 250.

The date of the Initial NPA 250 Relief Planning Meeting was selected to allow sufficient time for Interested Parties and the CRTC to analyze the Relief Options identified in the IPD from the perspectives of the effects on their customers, economics, and technological and operational impacts. At the Initial NPA Relief Planning Meeting, Interested Parties may provide contributions proposing Relief Options. The NPA Relief Planning Committee shall establish a schedule for subsequent Relief Planning Meetings (or conference calls) to discuss the proposed Relief Options and develop a Relief Plan via a consensus process.

The CNA hereby requests proposals for Relief Options for NPA 250 from all Interested Parties. To assist in developing contributions, the aggregate forecast from the July 2004 R-NRUF, including a list of the Exchange Areas for NPA 250, is available from the CNA website at: http://www.cnac.ca/npa_data.htm#NPA250. Please submit your contributions for Relief Options to me no later than Wednesday, October 6, 2004 and bring sufficient copies (about 30) to be distributed to all participants at the Initial NPA Relief Planning Meeting.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact me or Fiona Clegg at 613-563-7242.

In addition, please confirm your attendance by contacting Fiona Clegg at cleggf@saiccanada.com, no later than October 6, 2004.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

Suresh Khare
NPA 250 Relief Coordinator

Attachment

c.c.: CSCN Chair
CRTC Staff