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RE: Interim measure requiring the Canadian Numbering Administrator to limit the assignment of Central Office codes to certain levels

The Commission received a letter dated 8 November 2023 from the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA), outlining how the CNA intends to apply the direction to limit the assignment of geographic Central Office (CO) Codes, as provided via the CRTC's Secretary General letter dated 30 October 2023 (the direction). In its letter, the CNA set out the detailed assumptions as follows:

- a. As the July 2023 Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast (NRUF) was a Relief NRUF and only 9 of the 18 total geographic Number Planning Area (NPA) complexes required forecast data, and as applicants may make updated submissions at any time, assignment of codes shall be limited to the July 2023 NRUF submissions including any updated submissions received for NPA complexes not specifically part of the July 2023 NRUF (i.e., all submissions from January through to the publication of the July 2023 NRUF results). Annual growth forecasts above 20 codes shall be limited by 80%, rounded up to the nearest whole code, but not limited to fewer than 20 codes (e.g., a forecast for 21 codes will be limited to 20 and the 80% cap will not be applied).
- c. Since assignments will be limited for the period covered by the July 2023 NRUF (up to 1 January 2029), starting with the January 2024 G-NRUF, instructions shall request both a Form 1 and Form 2 for each submission, similar to a Jeopardy Condition requirement, where:
 - i. Form 1 shall contain the frozen submission data up to 1 January 2029, with subsequent years not being frozen.
 - ii. Form 2 shall contain submission data that is not frozen, showing the forecasts without CO Code assignment restrictions; and.

- d. NRUF submissions by new companies or operating company numbers, who have not previously submitted forecast data, shall be discussed with CRTC staff, where appropriate, before being accepted by the CNA.

CRTC staff concurs with the CNA applying the above noted assumptions for implementing the Commission's direction.

Sincerely,

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