

# Canadian Steering Committee on Numbering

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**Date:** 2 June 2026

BY GC KEY

**To:** Secretary General  
Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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ATTN: Marc Morin

**Subject:** Request expedited decision of CSCN report CNRE158A (proposed TBCOCAG)

Dear Sir,

On 24 December 2025 the Canadian Steering Committee on Numbering (CSCN) submitted report CNRE158A, a proposed Version 1.0 of the *Canadian Thousands-Block (NXX-X) and Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guideline* (TBCOCAG) to replace the existing *Canadian Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guideline*. The report was subsequently accepted by the CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee (CISC) to be considered by the CRTC on 31 March 2026. In report CNRE158A, the CSCN recommended that the CRTC approve the proposed guideline either in an interim or final Decision prior to the launch of the first Exchange Area implementation of Thousands-Block Pooling (TBP). The implementation date of the first set of three Exchange Areas is scheduled for 28 July 2026 as Phase 1 - Test Launch (in accordance with Telecom Decision CRTC 2025-321).

During a CSCN TIF 125 (TBP Controlled Production Rollout) meeting, the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA) staff advised the committee that the schedule for Phase 1 - Test Launch has a milestone event whereby the industry may donate unused Thousands Blocks from Central Office (CO) Codes that are not needed by Code Holders. The donation date for Phase 1 - Test Launch is 4 June 2026.

To be able to donate any Thousands Blocks from existing CO Codes, the industry would have to utilize forms from the proposed TBCOCAG. Additionally, the CNA would have to process the donation, converting the CO Code to pooled, assigning the retained Thousands Blocks to the donator and the donated Thousands Blocks must be held in the various Exchange Area pools. Further work is also performed by the CNA making retained Thousands-Block assignments in the Business Routing and Rating Database System (BIRRDS), after which, the donator must input appropriate Block-level routing information.

The purpose of TBP is for numbering efficiency and, to achieve that goal, it would be beneficial for there to be Thousands Blocks available to the industry as of the implementation date of the phase. The risk of not having available Thousands Blocks in the pool is that a new CO Code would have to be assigned as a pool replenishment Code to make blocks available for the first Applicant after the implementation date.

The CSCN feels that donations can not be done without approval (interim or final) of the proposed TBCOCAG. The CSCN understands that the CRTC is working expeditiously to accommodate the Phase 1 - Launch Trial implementation date of 28 July 2026 and further understands that the donation date of 4 June 2026 is incredibly close.

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In conclusion, the CSCN is recommending that the CRTC consider an advanced interim approval of CNRE158A (the proposed TBCOCAG) for the purposes of facilitating Thousands-Block donation ahead of the Phase 1 - Launch Trial.

Sincerely,

**Sent electronically via GC Key**

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Canadian Steering Committee on Numbering

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