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RE: NPA 709 Jeopardy Suspension Plan

Dear Kelly Walsh:

By letter dated 29 March 2023, the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA) advised CRTC staff that area code 709 is in a jeopardy condition due to an advancement of 48 months in the projected exhaust date (PED), as indicated by the January 2023 Relief-Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast (R-NRUF). The January 2023 R-NRUF shows that the PED has advanced from November 2028 to December 2024. In response, Commission staff agreed that CNA should:

- Freeze all central office code assignments in Area Code 709/879 based on the January 2023 G-NRUF carrier submissions to the 1 January 2024 forecast quantities; and
- Conduct Area Code 709/879 Jeopardy Numbering Resource Utilization Forecasts (JNRUFs) at the NPA level of detail.

By letter dated 15 May 2023, the CNA advised staff that as a result of the April 2023 jeopardy NRUF (J-NRUF) and the modifications to the Canadian NPA Relief Planning Guideline approved in Telecom Decision 2023-141 – *CISC Canadian Steering Committee on Numbering – Consensus report CNRE136A – Updating of the Canadian NPA Relief Planning Guideline including Appendices B and C*, NPA 709 is no longer in a Jeopardy Condition.

As such, the CNA has requested staff's concurrence with the following measures:

- Declare the suspension of the Jeopardy Condition in NPA 709;
- Stop enforcing the NPA 709 JCP located in the approved NPA 709 Relief Planning Document;
- Conduct a July NPA 709 S-NRUF at the NPA-level of detail; and
- Continue to freeze all CO Code assignments in NPA 709 based on the January 2023 G-NRUF submissions to ensure NPA 709 does not slip back into a Jeopardy Condition.

Commission staff notes that the April 2023 J-NRUF shows a PED of March 2025 for NPA 709/879 should forecast quantities not exceed the January 2023 G-NRUF quantities for 1 January 2024 (Form 1), and a PED of November 2024 should quantities not be limited to the January 2023 G-NRUF quantities forecasted for 1 January 2024 (Form 2). In both cases, the PED is above and beyond the 12 month threshold required for a Jeopardy Condition to be declared, per the Commission-approved modifications to the Canadian NPA Relief Planning Guidelines.

However, in order to ensure that NPA 709 does not slip back into a Jeopardy Condition, Commission staff agrees with the CNA that it would be appropriate to maintain the freeze. In light of this, staff agrees with the CNA's assessment and concurs with the measures listed above.

Yours sincerely,

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