# NPA 709 RELIEF PLANNING COMMITTEE - TIF REPORT

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**WORKING GROUP:** NPA 709 Relief Planning Committee (Ad Hoc)

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**REPORT TITLE**: Relief Planning Committee (RPC) Recommendation for NPA 709 Relief (Planning Document and Relief Implementation Plan)

**OUTCOME:** Consensus

**RELATED TASK(s) #:** None

**BACKGROUND:**

The Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA) initiated Relief Planning based on the results of the January 2016 General Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast (G‑NRUF), which indicated NPA 709 would exhaust in May 2019.

On 9 March 2016, the CNA advised the Canadian Radio‑television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) that a Jeopardy Condition existed in NPA 709 according to the aggregate results from the January 2016 G-NRUF.

The CNA conducted a subsequent Jeopardy NRUF (J-NRUF) in April 2016, the results of which confirmed the Jeopardy Condition and indicated the Projected Exhaust Date for NPA 709 had advanced to March 2019.

On 31 May 2016, the CRTC issued Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2016‑205*, Establishment of a CISC ad hoc committee for relief planning for area code 709 in Newfoundland and Labrador*, by which it established the CISC ad hoc Relief Planning Committee (RPC) for NPA 709. Further, the Commission directed that, while the area code 709 jeopardy condition is in effect, the number of central office (CO) code assignments per carrier shall not exceed that submitted by each carrier to the CNA for the April 2016 J-NRUF for area code 709.

In this TIF Report, the NPA 709 Relief Planning Committee is submitting a Planning Document which includes the following recommendations:

1. The Relief Method should be a distributed overlay of a new NPA Code on Newfoundland and Labrador NPA 709;
2. NPA Code 879 should be the Relief NPA Code (In Telecom Decision CRTC 2010-784 *CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee consensus item – Reservation of area codes for future area code relief*, the CRTC directed the CNA to set aside NPA 879 for the relief of NPA 709.);
3. The Relief Date should be 24 November 2018 in order to provide Carriers and customers with advanced notification and sufficient lead-time to implement relief given the Jeopardy Condition in NPA 709;
4. The local dialling plan should be changed to 10 digits for all local calls originating in NPA 709;
5. A 7- to 10-digit local dialling transition period should be implemented commencing on 17 August 2018, with network announcements on calls dialed using 7 digits phased in over one week between 17 August 2018 and 24 August 2018;
6. Mandatory 10-digit local dialling should be implemented commencing on 10 November 2018, with network announcements on calls dialled using 7 digits phased in over one week between 10 November 2018 and 17 November 2018; and
7. Standard network announcements should be implemented commencing on 2 February 2019 and completed within one month by 2 March 2019.

In addition, the NPA 709 Relief Planning Committee is also submitting a Relief Implementation Plan.

The attached Relief Implementation Plan (RIP) was prepared in accordance with the above recommendations. The RIP establishes a public framework and timeframe for implementing relief for area code 709. The RIP also addresses the activities, deliverables, and issues impacting more than one individual TSP. It does not cover activities internal to each TSP. In addition, this RIP does not cover areas for which there is already an established process for coordination between TSPs to establish service (e.g., interconnection agreements between carriers).

The Relief Implementation Plan includes the following recommendations:

1. In accordance with the CRTC direction contained in Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC 2009-156, section 13, regarding dialling plan changes, the RPC notes that the Commission has retained the general obligation for all relevant Telecommunications Service Providers (TSPs) to inform all customers about dialling plan changes; however, TSPs may determine the appropriate methods to inform their customers.
2. All Carriers must have modified their network infrastructure to permit 10-digit local dialling by 24 May 2018.

The NPA 709 Relief Planning Committee hereby submits the attached NPA 709 Planning Document and the Relief Implementation Plan for CISC and Commission approval.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The NPA 709 Relief Planning Committee recommends that the Commission approve the attached Planning Document and Relief Implementation Plan for NPA 709.

In light of the Jeopardy Condition that exists in NPA 709 the RPC recommends that the Commission expedites rendering a Decision concerning the relief of NPA 709.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

NPA 709 Planning Document, dated 7 October 2016

NPA 709 Relief Implementation Plan, dated 7 October 2016