**3 October 2025**

**Joint CSCN & RPC Meeting**

**Review of July 2025 NRUF Results**

**Conference Call**

**Participants:** David Comrie - COMsolve Inc. (CNA)

Fiona Clegg - COMsolve Inc. (CNA)

Kelly T. Walsh - COMsolve Inc. (CNA)

Natalie Ann Lessard - COMsolve Inc. (CNA)

Joey-Lynn Abdulkader - Bell Canada

Marie-Christine Hudon - Bell Canada

Francois Dalton - City West

Bill Barsley - CNAC

Glenn Pilley - CNAC

Alexander Pittman - CRTC staff

Sage Wiese - CTA

Sarah Reilly - Distributel

Justin Benoit - Eastlink

Kim Brown - Eastlink

Michael Adesina - Freedom Mobile

Tara Farquhar - NANPA

Gabriel Picard Mandeville - Quebecor

Aditi Sharma - Sasktel

Damandeep Singh - Sasktel

Diane Dolan - Teksavvy

Grace Decaria - TELUS

Martin Laroche - TELUS

Olena Bilozerska - TELUS

**Welcome:**

Kelly Walsh, as CSCN Chair, welcomed the attendees and reviewed the list of participants.

**Action Item Review:**

1. None.

**Discussion:**

David Comrie presented the July 2025 S-NRUF results.



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Bill Barsley asked if the NPAs that say they have future NPAs already set aside, should be reviewed if their Projected Exhaust Dates are more than 10 years out. Kelly Walsh noted that the ones that have been set aside were at the request of the CSCN via a TIF report submitted to the CRTC and a Decision has been issued. However, with the status of Set Aside rather than Reserved, those NPAs are available for use in other NPAs should they be required sooner.

David Comrie noted that a Notice of Consultation has been requested for NPA 368/403/587/780/825.

Martin Laroche asked if non-geographic NPAs 677 and 688 exhausts are being calculated based on the extended digit format. David Comrie noted that they are not. They are currently calculated based on 1+10-digit numbering.

David Comrie noted that for NPA 367/418/581, the RPC has submitted a report to the CRTC for consideration and a Decision is pending but the current NRUF results show the Projected Exhaust Date delayed by 15 months. According to Appendix J of the *Canadian NPA Relief Planning Guideline*, a delay of greater than 12 months would trigger an automatic deferral. However, this forecast was conducted at the Block level which may have made a significant difference to the results. The NRUF also assumed companies would be able to request individual Thousands-Block blocks before 1 January 2026. Based on the CRTC letter, [Reference: 1011-NOC2023-0092, *Independent Telecommunications Providers Association Part 1 Request to update the Implementation of Thousand Block Pooling deadline*](https://crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2025/lt251002c.htm), issued 2 October 2025, the deadline for TBP implementation has been delayed until a new deadline is approved but carriers are required to continue working on implementing TBP.

Kelly Walsh asked if the RPC would like the CNA to submit a revised relief schedule.

Marie-Christine Hudon asked if there was sufficient data for the CNA to predict what the forecast would be if there wasn’t TBP. Kelly Walsh noted that the CNA can look, but is not sure it would be possible to calculate an accurate forecast with the data available.

Marie-Christine Hudon noted that Bell’s position would be to retain the current report being considered by the CRTC because we do not know how TBP is going to be implemented in the NPA 367/418/581. Olena Bilozerska agreed with this approach on behalf of TELUS.

Agreement was reached to keep the relief schedule for NPA 367/418/581 and not to defer the Relief Date.

David Comrie noted that for NPA 782/902, the RPC has approved a report to the CRTC but the RPC Secretary has not submitted the report yet based on the pending NRUF results. The new NRUF results show that the PED has delayed by 32 months which, according to Appendix J of the NPA Relief Planning Guideline, triggers an automatic deferral. However, this forecast was conducted at the Block level which may have made a significant difference. The NRUF also assumed companies would be able to request individual Thousands-Block blocks before 1 January 2026. Based on the CRTC letter, Reference: 1011-NOC2023-0092, *Independent Telecommunications Providers Association Part 1 Request to update the Implementation of Thousand Block Pooling deadline*, issued 2 October 2025, the deadline for TBP implementation has been delayed until a new deadline is approved but carriers are required to continue working on implementing TBP.

Marie-Christine Hudon noted that from Bell’s perspective, the RPC Secretary should not submit the TIF Report for NPA 782/902 due to the delay in the Projected Exhaust Date. Kim Brown from Eastlink and Olena Bilozerska from TELUS both agreed.

Agreement was reached to have the RPC Secretary pause submission of the NPA 782/902 TIF Report.

Action Item: The RPC Secretary will notify the NPA 782/902 RPC that the submission of the NPA 782/902 TIF Report has been paused and the NPA 782/902 RPC committee will reconvene after the next NRUF results are published. **(Completed)**

Agreement was reached that the July 2025 NRUF results appear reasonable given the situation we are in.

Kelly Walsh noted that the CNA has been working very hard to accommodate shortened timeframes for TBP testing purposes but this has caused an increase in the average processing timeframe for regular numbering assignments.

Sage Wiese asked if the deadlines for carriers to return blocks are delayed. Kelly Walsh noted that yes, carriers should still be using their test blocks as necessary and applying for new test blocks as required while we continue to wait for additional information from the CRTC.

The Chair thanked everyone for participating.

**Summary of Agreements Reached:**

1. Agreement was reached to keep the relief schedule for NPA 367/418/581 and not to defer the relief date.
2. Agreement was reached to have the RPC Secretary pause submission of the NPA 782/902 TIF Report.
3. Agreement was reached that the July 2025 NRUF results appear reasonable given the situation we are in.

**Summary of Action Items:**

1. The RPC Secretary will notify the NPA 782/902 RPC that the submission of the NPA 782/902 TIF Report has been paused and the NPA 782/902 RPC committee will reconvene after the next NRUF results are published. **(Completed)**

**Attachments:**

See text above for attachments.