January 2018 R-NRUF Report – NPA 236/250/604/778, NPA 289/365/905, NPA 403/587/780/825, NPA 418/581, NPA 450/579, NPA 506 and NPA 709 to the Canadian Steering Committee on Numbering (CSCN)

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1. Purpose of R-NRUF

In accordance with the *Canadian Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast (C-NRUF) Guideline* (the Guideline), approved by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) in Telecom Decision CRTC 2015-166 dated 29 April 2015:

When an NPA is entering the timeframe for NPA Relief Planning (e.g., within or about 72 months before the Projected Exhaust Date), an initial R-NRUF is conducted to obtain actual and forecast annual data at the Exchange Area level of detail. The purpose of the initial R-NRUF is to validate the Projected Exhaust Date for an exhausting NPA, and to provide the CNA with detailed information to be used to identify a potential Relief Date and to prepare the Initial Planning Document as outlined in the Canadian NPA Relief Planning Guideline. Typically, the initial R-NRUF will utilize Format 2 in Appendix A. In general, the CNA will conduct the initial R-NRUF when needed; however, the CNA should attempt to choose dates for the initial and subsequent R-NRUFs that will coincide with the annual G-NRUF and mid-year R/S-NRUF dates (e.g., as of January 1 and July 1 each year).

Subsequent R-NRUFs will be conducted semi-annually in order to monitor CO Code forecast changes prior to implementing relief. These R-NRUFs shall be conducted until three months of when relief is implemented, or until they are replaced by S-NRUFs or J-NRUFs.

Based on the January 2017 G-NRUF results, the CNA determined that in addition to NPA 236/250/604/778 and NPA 506, NPA 204/431, NPA 289/365/905, NPA 306/639, NPA 403/587/780/825, NPA 450/579 and NPA 819/873 were also within the 6-year window for NPA relief planning.

Section 7.19 of the Canadian NPA Relief Planning Guideline details the circumstances under which a Jeopardy Condition will be suspended or declared. It states in part:

If the PED advances to be within or is deferred beyond the timeframes specified in the Jeopardy Condition section of this Guideline, then the CNA shall, respectively, declare or suspend a Jeopardy Condition, and implement or end Jeopardy Contingency Plan procedures ...

The CNA published the July 2017 J-NRUF results for NPAs 418/581 and 709 on 5 September 2017. The results showed that the PEDs for these NPAs had been

deferred. Therefore, in accordance with Section 7.19 of the Guideline, the Jeopardy Conditions in NPA 418/581 and NPA 709 were suspended. The J-NRUFs for NPA 418/581 and NPA 709 have since been replaced with R-NRUFs.

During CSCN 109, while reviewing the January 2018 NRUF documents, the CSCN decided that the CNA would only conduct G-NRUFs for NPAs 204/431, 306/639 and 819/873. Therefore, on 15 December 2017 the CNA requested January 2018 R-NRUFs from current and prospective Canadian CO Code Holders in the NPA complexes for 236/250/604/778, 289/365/905, 403/587/780/825, 418/581, and 450/579, as well as NPA 506 and NPA 709.

2. High Level Summary

The results from the January 2018 R-NRUF are quite different from the July 2017 R-NRUF and J-NRUF results due to various Telecommunications Service Providers (TSPs) submitting updated data. The CNA has verified the input from various TSPs and the variance from previous inputs can be rationalized.

NPA	PED from July 2017 NRUF	PED from January 2018 R-NRUF	Change in PED
236/250/604/778	May 2020	July 2020	Delayed 2 months
289/365/905	May 2023	November 2022	Advanced 6 months
403/587/780/825	January 2023	September 2022	Advanced 4 months
418/581	January 2020	October 2019	Advanced 3 months
450/579	August 2023	June 2021	Advanced 26 months
506	November 2024	December 2021	Advanced 35 months
709	May 2023	April 2023	Advanced 1 month

Specific changes are listed below:

NPA 236/250/604/778

Actual	Forecast					
Total quantity of existing CO Codes assigned & reserved as of	Total quantity of existing and future CO Codes forecast to be assigned & reserve as of					
2018-01-01	2019-01-01	2020-01-01	2021-01-01	2022-01-01	2023-01-01	2024-01-01
2772	2991	3135	3267	3371	3476	3551

NRUF data, including the most recent results, is summarized in the following chart.

NPA 23	NPA 236/250/604/778 Summary of Projected Exhaust Dates NPA Type of C-NRUF Date of Projected						
NPA	NPA Type of C-NRUF		Projected Exhaust Date				
		Publication					
236/250/604/778	January 2015 G-NRUF	27 March 2015	February 2024				
236/250/604/778	January 2016 G-NRUF	21 March 2016	April 2021				
236/250/604/778	July 2016 R-NRUF	12 October 2016	February 2021				
236/250/604/778	January 2017 R-NRUF	29 March 2017	May 2020				
236/250/604/778	July 2017 R-NRUF	25 September 2017	May 2020				
236/250/604/778	January 2018 R-NRUF	20 March 2018*	July 2020				

NPA 289/365/905

Actual	Forecast					
Total quantity of existing CO Codes assigned & reserved as of	Total quantity of existing and future CO Codes f as of				t to be assigned & reserved	
2018-01-01	2019-01-01	2020-01-01	2021-01-01	2022-01-01	2023-01-01	2024-01-01
1833	1945	2143	2235	2328	2442	2495

NRUF data, including the most recent results, is summarized in the following chart.

NPA 289/365/905 Summary of Projected Exhaust Dates					
NPA	Type of C-NRUF	Date of Publication	Projected Exhaust Date		
289/365/905	January 2017 G-NRUF	29 March 2017	September 2023		
289/365/905	July 2017 R-NRUF	25 September 2017	May 2023		
289/365/905	January 2018 R-NRUF	20 March 2018*	November 2022		

NPA 403/587/780/825

Actual	Forecast Total quantity of existing and future CO Codes forecast to be assigned & reserved as of					
Total quantity of existing CO Codes assigned & reserved as of						
2018-01-01	2019-01-01	2020-01-01	2021-01-01	2022-01-01	2023-01-01	2024-01-01
2541	2846	2934	3024	3120	3267	3345

NRUF data, including the most recent results, is summarized in the following chart.

NPA 403/587/780/825 Summary of Projected Exhaust Dates					
NPA Type of C-NRUF Date of Publication Projected Exha					
	-		Date		
403/587/780/825	January 2017 G-NRUF	29 March 2017	March 2022		
403/587/780/825	July 2017 R-NRUF	25 September 2017	January 2023		
403/587/780/825	January 2018 R-NRUF	20 March 2018*	September 2022		

NPA 418/581

Actual	Forecast					
Total quantity of existing CO Codes assigned & reserved as of	Total quantity of existing and future CO Codes forecast to be assigned & rese as of				d & reserved	
2018-01-01	2019-01-01	2020-01-01	2021-01-01	2022-01-01	2023-01-01	2024-01-01
1312	1547	1646	1694	1738	1763	1786

NRUF data, including the most recent results, is summarized in the following chart.

	NPA 418/581 Summary of Projected Exhaust Dates					
NPA	Type of C-NRUF	Date of Publication	Projected Exhaust Date			
418/581	January 2015 G-NRUF	27 March 2015	November 2023			
418/581	January 2016 G-NRUF	21 March 2016	April 2019			
418/581	April 2016 S-NRUF	15 May 2016	March 2019			
418/581	July 2016 J-NRUF	2 September 2016	March 2019			
418/581	October 2016 J-NRUF	5 December 2016	March 2019			
418/581	January 2017 J-NRUF	29 March 2017	September 2020			
418/581	April 2017 J-NRUF	2 June 2017	September 2020			
418/581	July 2017 J-NRUF	5 September 2017	January 2020			
418/581	January 2018 R-NRUF	20 March 2018*	October 2019			

NPA 450/579

Actual	Forecast					
Total quantity of existing CO Codes assigned & reserved as of	Total quantity of existing and future CO Codes fore			to be assigne	d & reserved	
2018-01-01	2019-01-01	2020-01-01	2021-01-01	2022-01-01	2023-01-01	2024-01-01
1153	1315	1496	1563	1680	1734	1764

NRUF data, including the most recent results, is summarized in the following chart.

NPA 450/579 Summary of Projected Exhaust Dates					
NPA	Type of C-NRUF	Date of Publication	Projected Exhaust		
			Date		
450/579	January 2017 G-NRUF	29 March 2017	June 2022		
450/579	July 2017 R-NRUF	25 September 2017	August 2023		
450-579	January 2018 R-NRUF	20 March 2018*	June 2021		

<u>NPA 506</u>

Actual	Forecast					
Total quantity of existing CO Codes assigned & reserved as of	Total quantit	ty of existing a		Codes forecast of	to be assigne	ed & reserved
2018-01-01	2019-01-01	2020-01-01	2021-01-01	2022-01-01	2023-01-01	2024-01-01
575	694	737	765	826	853	868

NRUF data, including the most recent results, is summarized in the following chart.

NPA 506 Summary of Projected Exhaust Dates			
NPA	Type of C-NRUF	Date of Publication	Projected Exhaust Date
506	January 2015 G-NRUF	27 March 2015	April 2025
506	January 2016 G-NRUF	21 March2016	February 2021
506	July 2016 R-NRUF	12 October 2016	May 2020
506	January 2017 R-NRUF	29 March 2017	December 2021
506	July 2017 R-NRUF	8 September 2017	November 2024
506	January 2018 R-NRUF	20 March 2018*	December 2021

<u>NPA 709</u>

Actual	Forecast					
Total quantity of existing CO Codes assigned & reserved as of	Total quantity of existing and future CO Codes forecast to be assigned & reserved as of					
2018-01-01	2019-01-01	2020-01-01	2021-01-01	2022-01-01	2023-01-01	2024-01-01
573	674	728	769	786	797	835

NRUF data, including the most recent results, is summarized in the following chart.

NPA 709 Summary of Projected Exhaust Dates			
NPA	Type of C-NRUF	Date of Publication	Projected Exhaust Date
709	January 2015 G-NRUF	27 March 2015	August 2024
709	January 2016 G-NRUF	21 March 2016	May 2019
709	April 2016 J-NRUF	15 May 2016	March 2019
709	July 2016 J-NRUF	2 September 2016	March 2019
709	October 2016 J-NRUF	5 December 2016	March 2019
709	January 2017 J-NRUF	29 March 2017	August 2019
709	April 2017 J-NRUF	2 June 2017	August 2019
709	July 2017 J-NRUF	5 September 2017	May 2023
709	January 2018 R-NRUF	20 March 2018*	April 2023

Due Date	NRUF Type	NRUF Format	NPAs
			236/250/604/778
	R-NRUF		289/365/905
			306/639
			343/613
August 7, 2018		Format 2	403/587/780/825
-			418/581
			450/579
			506
			709

3. Schedule of Future R- NRUF Activities in this Calendar Year

4. R–NRUF Assumptions

The assumptions used for the January 2018 R-NRUF for NPAs 236/250/604/778, 289/365/905, 403/587/780/825, 418/581, 450/579, 506 and 709 are the assumptions that were provided on 1 November 2017 to the CNA by the Canadian Steering Committee on Numbering (CSCN) for conducting the January 2018 NRUF.

Item 4 of the 1 November 2017 letter states, in part:

Where the CNA believes, based on its analysis of past growth and NRUF forecast data for an NPA, that the six-year forecast average annual growth may not be the best methodology for that NPA for projecting growth beyond the six-year forecast period, the CNA shall seek guidance from CRTC staff and will advise the CSCN of the alternative method used.

In this instance, the CNA compared the average forecast growth for the next five years, the median forecast growth for the next five years and the median and average historical growth for the past five years. The lowest number resulting from these calculations was the one used to identify the PED for NPAs 236/250/604/778, 289/365/905, 403/587/780/825, 418/581, 450/579, 506 and 709 as per following chart.

NPA	Future PED Method
236/250/604/778	Use Five Year Median of Growth
289/365/905	Use Historical Average
403/587/780/825	Use Five Year Median of Growth
418/581	Use Five Year Average of Growth
450/579	Use Historical Average

NPA	Future PED Method
506	Use Historical Average
709	Use Historical Average

5. Summary of Challenges Encountered During the R-NRUF Process

The CNA sent an e-mail reminder on 11 January 2018 and started contacting individual companies during the last full week of January to remind them of the 1 February 2018 due date. Nevertheless, some R-NRUF submissions were a few days late. Two companies were repeatedly reminded up to 8 February 2018.

6. Conclusion

In accordance with Section 4 of the Canadian Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast (C–NRUF) Guideline, the CNA has conducted an assessment, at a total aggregate level, to determine whether the January 2018 R-NRUF results are reasonable.

Numbering resource requirements for some Carriers in both the wireless and LEC services have been volatile over the last few years resulting in only moderately accurate short term and long term NRUF submissions. The CNA has endeavoured to mitigate this volatility by distinguishing companies that are establishing a footprint in an NPA from those that already have one.

The CNA believes that emerging technology growth has been responsible for a good part of the demand. It is assumed that the introduction of the *Canadian Non-Geographic Code Assignment Guideline*, will alleviate some of the issues associated with Machine-to-Machine demand but it is difficult to quantify. Some TSPs are applying for non-geographic codes.

At this time, based on the data and supporting justifications provided by the various TSPs, the January 2018 R-NRUF results for NPA complexes 236/250/604/778, 289/365/905, 403/587/780/825, 418/581, 450/579, and NPAs 506 and 709 are as realistic as they can be.