**15 February 2024**

**Minutes from Thousand-Block Pooling Discussion**

**Conference Call**

**Hosted by CNA**

**Conference Bridge:** David Comrie - COMsolve Inc. (CNA)

Fiona Clegg - COMsolve Inc. (CNA)

Kelly T. Walsh - COMsolve Inc. (CNA)

Natalie Ann Lessard - COMsolve Inc. (CNA)

Alain Bouvier - Videotron

Alexander Pittman - CRTC staff

Allyson Blevins - Sinch / INC Co-Chair

Anamika Bharti - Cogeco

Bill Barsley - CNAC

Bob Bruce - Syniverse

Chantale Neapole - CLNPC

Daegen Moore - Sasktel

Daniel Morrison - Bell Canada

Darryl Evans - Quadro Communications

David Plaunt - Bruce Telecom

Diane Dolan - Teksavvy

Domenic Germain - Sogetel

Ed Antecol - COMsolve Inc.

Gerry Thompson - Interested Party

Glenn Pilley - CNAC

Greg Kinloch - NorthWestel

James Sewell - Westman Communications

Jean-Francois Dumoulin - Iristel

Jean-Sebastien Tremblay - Videotron

Jennifer Mack - Rogers

Jesslyn Mullaney - CRTC staff

Joey-Lynn Abdulkader - Bell Canada

Justen Davis - Somos

Karen Robinson - Interested Party

Ken Shackleton - Shaw

Kim Brown - Eastlink

Leo Santoro - Bell Canada

Marc Berruyer - Videotron

Marcel Champagne - Neustar

Marie-Christine Hudon - Bell Canada

Michael Studniberg - Rogers

Olena Bilozerska - TELUS

Phil Gauvin - Bell

Robin Charman - NorthWestel

Rodger McNabb - CLNPC

Sarah Reilly - Distributel

Shekar Vasal - Neustar/Transunion

Sheldon Lyslo - NorthWestel

Suresh Khare - Interested Party

Tammy Wilson - SaskTel

**Welcome:**

Kelly Walsh, as Chair of the CSCN, welcomed the attendees.

David Comrie, as CSCN Secretary, reviewed the list of participants.

**Action Items**

1. Phil Gauvin will draft a proposal for 1.4.c
2. David Comrie will send the version of the Part 1 form that the committee was working on today to Phil Gauvin. **(Completed)**

**Discussion**

Kelly Walsh reviewed the events from yesterday’s CSCN meeting.

Kelly Walsh noted that he expects to think about the TIFs required for this task as well as a list of questions that Ed Antecol has put together that he believes need to be answered. The final item is some proposed modifications to the CO Code Part 1 form.

Kelly Walsh noted that if the CSCN does not have an agreed upon Part 1 form by March 6, then the CNA will be rejecting CO Code Part 1 forms starting March 6 that do not have the additional attestations required by the CRTC Policy.

Ed Antecol presented a list of questions that he has identified that will need to be addressed for the implementation of thousand-block pooling in Canada. Ed Antecol suggested a small group meet to try to answer some of the questions identified.

Kelly Walsh asked for volunteers to participate in the question team. The following people asked to be included:

* Ed Antecol
* Karen Robinson
* CNA
* Joey-Lynn Abdulkader
* Phil Gauvin
* Marie-Christine Hudon
* Leo Santoro
* Jennifer Mack
* Michael Studniberg
* Rodger McNabb
* Chantale Neapole
* Olena Bilozerska
* Marcel Champagne
* Diane Dolan
* Suresh Khare
* Allyson Blevins (offering assistance, as required)
* Gerry Thompson
* James Sewell

Gerry Thompson noted that this will require a lot of meetings and to accommodate people on the west coast, we should probably start no earlier than 11AM ET.

A meeting for the question team was scheduled for Tuesday, 20 February 2024 from 11:00-13:00 ET.

Action Item: David Comrie will send a meeting invitation and Ed Antecol’s questions to the Question team. **(Completed)**

Suresh Khare asked about the feasibility of the deadlines in the Policy. Ed Antecol noted that the March deadline will not be an issue but the other deadlines will be tight or impossible but we cannot determine that until we determine the path forward.

Allyson Blevins noted that one of the questions on Ed’s list was about BIRRDS implementation and would it be possible to extend an invitation to Connie Hartman at iconectiv to discuss any BIRRDS-related questions. Kelly Walsh noted that he will reach out to Connie and see what involvement she would like to have.

Joey-Lynn Abdulkader asked when the list of questions will be sent out. Kelly Walsh noted that the meeting invitation and questions will be sent out by 16 February 2024.

***Post meeting note:*** *The notes were sent to the question team on 15 February 2024 by David Comrie.*

Kelly Walsh presented a list of items that he identified in the Policy conclusions that reiterate specific directions and that he has divided into individual TIFs.

Kelly Walsh noted that he is asking for task sponsors for each TIF.

* TBP Implementation Monitoring (quarterly reports)
  + James Sewell volunteered as sponsor
* Update Guidelines
  + Ed Antecol volunteered as sponsor
* Report of inclusion of unused numbers from previously assigned CO Codes in pool
  + Diane Dolan volunteered as sponsor
* Report on LIR expansion or Exchange Area consolidation opportunities
  + Phil Gauvin volunteered to have a person from Bell serve as cosponsor

Suresh Khare asked if the plan is to create a new guideline or is it to update the CO Code guideline to incorporate thousand-block pooling. Ed Antecol noted that in the US, they had separate guidelines and then spent 5 years combining the guidelines.

Suresh Khare noted that his concern with updating the guideline is that it will be very difficult with the timeline in the policy.

Ed Antecol noted that for the LIR Expansion TIF, it will mostly impact the ILECs so it might be most appropriate to have an ILEC sponsoring the TIF. Kim Brown declined to chair the TIF. Phil Gauvin suggested that this task be pushed off because so much of other work needs to happen for thousand-block pooling that is more important than LIR expansion. Kelly Walsh noted that the committee agrees the deadlines in the policy are very aggressive so the expectation is that the CSCN will either be submitting reports with large “TBD” sections or to request extensions.

Phil Gauvin asked about the 2030 date included in the CRTC Policy and what is actually happening at that date. Kelly Walsh noted that that is the date that the NPAs reserved for Canada will be exhausted. Kelly Walsh also noted that the CNA has submitted a request to the CRTC to request that NANPA reserve additional NPAs for future NPA relief in Canada.

The group reviewed some proposed changes to the CO Code Part 1 form.

Action Item: David Comrie will post the newly modified version of the CO Code Part 1 form as CNCO224B. **(Completed)**

Kelly Walsh noted that if the committee cannot reach an agreement about the new language in the Part 1 form, the CNA will begin using a Part 1 form with language taken directly from the Policy as of 6 March 2024 and reject any Part 1 forms that do not have the attestation section completed.

Phil Gauvin’s action item has been closed by work completed during the meeting.

Gerry Thompson asked about next steps and scheduling a meeting. Kelly Walsh noted that the group definitely needs to have another meeting to draft some TIFs and get them approved by the committee.

Action Item: CSCN Chair will contact iconectiv and make sure that they are connected to TBP activities happening in Canada.

**Summary of Agreements Reached**

None.

**Summary of Action Items**

1. Phil Gauvin will draft a proposal for 1.4.c **(Completed during the meeting)**
2. David Comrie will send a meeting invitation and Ed Antecol’s questions to the Question team. **(Completed)**
3. David Comrie will post the newly modified version of the CO Code Part 1 form as CNCO224B. **(Completed)**
4. CSCN Chair will contact iconectiv and make sure that they are connected to TBP activities happening in Canada.

**Attachments**



CNCO224A – CNA contribution – Proposed changes to CO Code Part 1 form (incl. in-meeting changes)



TBP Questions for Canadian Implementation – Ed Antecol



TBP Task Breakdown for CSCN – Kelly Walsh