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**Task Title: Update CSCN-Administered Guidelines for Thousands-Block Pooling**

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**TASK INFORMATION FORM**

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**WORKING GROUP:** CSCN

**TASK #:**118 (Proposed) **File ID:** CNTF118A

**TASK TITLE**:  **Update CSCN-Administered Guidelines for Thousands-Block Pooling**

**TASK DESCRIPTION**:

Update the CSCN-administered guidelines to implement thousands-block pooling.

Sub-tasks:

1. Update the *Canadian Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast (C-NRUF) Guideline*
   1. How you create and modify a forecast
2. Update the *Canadian* *Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guideline* to incorporate pooling
   1. Block requests
      1. Initial and growth
      2. Modification/cancellation of a block request
   2. Pooled CO Code requests
      1. Initial and growth
      2. Modification/cancellation of a CO Code request
   3. Block return
   4. Pooled CO Code return
   5. Final recommendation on whether CNA acts as an intermediary for block activation in the NPAC (to ensure that service providers are not putting blocks in the NPAC that they have not been assigned and are not disconnecting blocks for which they are not assigned)
   6. Intra-service provider block port requests
   7. Confirmation of resources in-service
3. Recommendations on CNA-required functionality to support thousand block pooling
   1. Pool status reports
   2. Online services required to simplify ordering

**BACKGROUND:**

On 5 February 2024, the CRTC issued Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC 2024-26 - *Implementing thousand-block pooling*.

Paragraph 51 of the Policy directs the CISC to undertake the following by 6 May 2024:

* to justify a new request, what consumer demand and number use information, and other information such as details of use associated with previous assignments, should be required (including the level of detail);
* whether a carrier obtaining the numbers for another TSP or wholesale customer should be responsible for reporting on the use of those numbers and, if so, how;
* what would trigger escalation of a particular request for numbers to the Commission;
* what enforcement powers or tools may be appropriate for the CNA to use to scrutinize requests for numbering resources;
* the potential use, as recommended in the CSCN Report, of enhanced forecasting tools, such as (i) an incremental linear annual geographic number survey; and (ii) wholesale resale considerations, such as whether third-party number use should become an annual part of the Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast reporting; and
* any other relevant factor that might be consistent with an increased focus on number preservation. Accordingly, the CSCN, as a CISC working group, has taken on the task of providing the quarterly reports.

Paragraph 69 of the Policy notes that, at a minimum, the following decisions or guidelines that would need to be changed to support TBP:

* Telecom Decision 97-8 and subsequent decisions, including Telecom Decision 2007-23, which require LECs to obtain a CO code in every exchange in which they offer local exchange service;
* the Commission’s competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) obligations;
* the CO Code Assignment Guideline, including the Location Routing Number (LRN) Assignment Criteria; and
* the Canadian Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast (C-NRUF) Guideline.

Accordingly, the CSCN, as a CISC working group, has undertaken the task of updating the relevant CSCN-administered guidelines to implement thousands-block pooling.

**CRITICAL PATH:               Y/N**

**PRIORITY:             H                                       DUE DATE: 2024-05-06**

**CROSS IMPACTS:**

**WORK PLAN AND TIME-FRAMES:**

**CURRENT STATUS: (Initiation/Underway/Pending/Completed)**

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