**CRTC INTERCONNECTION STEERING COMMITTEE**

**TIF REPORT**

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**WORKING GROUP: NPA 450/579 RPC**

**REPORT #:     NPA 450-579 TIF Report #3                                    File ID: 450\_579RE03A**

**REPORT TITLE**: Relief Planning Committee (RPC) Recommendation for NPA 450/579 Relief Implementation Plan (RIP)

**OUTCOME: CONSENSUS**

**RELATED TASK(s) #: 450\_579RE01A & 450\_579RE02A**

**BACKGROUND:**

In Telecom Decision CRTC 2019-13 dated 2 February 2019, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) directed that relief for area codes 450/579 for the area surrounding Montréal, Québec, Canada be provided through a Distributed Overlay of new area code 354 starting on 24 October 2020.

The Relief Planning Committee in its consensus report 450\_579RE01A, dated 31 October 2018, recommended this Relief Date. The Relief Date was based on the July 2018 R-NRUF result, which indicated that NPA 450/579 was projected to exhaust in March 2021.

On 26 March 2019, the CNA released the results of the January 2019 R-NRUF, which indicated that the Projected Exhaust Date (PED) for NPA 450/579 had been delayed by 39 months to June 2024.

On 9 May 2019, the RPC submitted TIF Report 450\_579RE02A to the CISC recommending the indefinite deferral of the CRTC-approved Relief Date.

On 8 October 2019, the CRTC issued Telecom Decision CRTC 2019-347: *CISC ad hoc relief planning committee – Consensus report 450\_579RE02A regarding Numbering Plan Area 450/579* approving the indefinite deferral of the Relief Date in NPA 450/579.

On 23 February 2021, the CNA published January 2021 R-NRUF results that indicated the NPA 450/579 Projected Exhaust Date (PED) had advanced to September 2023.

In Telecom Decision CRTC-2019-347, relief planning in NPA 450/579 was suspended until the Projected Exhaust Date (PED) had advanced 12 or more months or to June 2023. The RPC notes that though this Decision was rendered 1.5 years ago, and the PED has not advanced 12 months, relief planning must be reinstated to avoid a Jeopardy Condition.

**Historical NRUF Results**

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| **NRUF** | **Projected Exhaust Date** |
| January 2017 G-NRUF | June 2022 |
| July 2017 R-NRUF | August 2023 |
| January 2018 R-NRUF | June 2021 |
| July 2018 R-NRUF | March 2021 |
| January 2019 R-NRUF | June 2024 |
| July 2019 R-NRUF | June 2024 |
| January 2020 G-NRUF | October 2024 |
| July 2020 R-NRUF | July 2024 |
| January 2021 R-NRUF | September 2023 |

**FACTORS:**

On 23 February 2021, the CNA published January 2021 R-NRUF results that indicated the NPA 450/579 Projected Exhaust Date (PED) has advanced to September 2023.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

**N/A**

**CONCLUSIONS:**

**The RPC has prepared a revised Relief Implementation Plan based on the January 2021 R-NRUF results.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The RPC recommends that:**

The Commission approve the revised Relief Implementation Plan for NPA 450/579 and that the Relief Date of NPA 450/579 should be 22 October 2022 to provide Carriers and customers with advanced notification and sufficient lead-time to implement relief in NPA 450/579.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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NPA 450/579 Relief Implementation Plan