

Canadian Steering Committee on Numbering

Date: 14 November 2024

BY EMAIL

To: Secretary General
Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0N2

ATTN: Marc Morin

Subject: **Recommendation to follow ATIS NPA Allocation Plan and Assignment Guidelines for New Canadian NPAs**

Dear Sir,

The purpose of this letter is to propose a new direction relative to the letter that was sent on 20 December 2023 concerning the request to have additional Numbering Plan Area (NPA) codes reserved for future Canadian Geographic and Non-Geographic use.

Since sending that letter, discussions have taken place among North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) staff, Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA) staff, CRTC staff and CSCN participants on the topic. Particularly, it was noted by NANPA staff that Canada could elect to follow the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) Industry Numbering Committee (INC) *NPA Allocation Plan & Assignment Guidelines*, whereby any member of the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) could reserve NPAs for future use before exhaust of a specific Geographic NPA Complex or Non-Geographic NPA.

During the most recent CSCN plenary meeting in October 2024, the CSCN agreed that Canada should opt to forego negotiating a set reservation pool as Canada had done previously and elect to use the procedures within the ATIS INC *NPA Allocation Plan & Assignment Guidelines*. The CSCN believes that the ATIS guideline already presents a process for Canada to request additional NPA codes subject to some possible clarifications.

The CSCN recommends that Canada follow the on-demand approach to acquire new NPAs as detailed in the referenced ATIS guideline. The CSCN intends to work with NANPA to update the *ATIS NPA Allocation Plan and Assignment Guideline* as appropriate to be in alignment with this approach. This may also require the CSCN to file an update to (or eliminate) the *Canadian Adjunct to the ATIS NPA Allocation Plan and Assignment Guideline* as appropriate.

Sincerely,

Sent via email by

Kelly T. Walsh
Chair
Canadian Steering Committee on Numbering

Canadian Steering Committee on Numbering

- Refs: 1. Letter from CSCN to CRTC for NANP NPA pool request (dated 2023-12-20)
(https://www.cnac.ca/cscn/drafts/2023-12-20-Letter_from_CSCN_to_CRTC_for_NANPA_NPA_pool_request.pdf)
2. ATIS 0300055(2022-07) NPA Allocation Plan & Assignment Guidelines
(https://access.atis.org/higherlogic/ws/public/document?document_id=78766)
3. Canadian Adjunct to the INC NPA Allocation Plan and Assignment Guidelines (Ver 2)
(<https://crtc.gc.ca/public/cisc/cn/CNODGL0011D.doc>)

c.c. Michel Murray, CRTC staff
Étienne Robelin, CRTC staff
Alexander Pittman, CRTC staff