**4 June 2024**

**TIF 117 (TBP Implementation Monitoring)**

**CSCN Conference Call**

**Participants:** David Comrie - COMsolve Inc. (CNA)

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Bill Barsley - CNAC

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Ed Antecol - COMsolve Inc.

Sarah Reilly - Distributel

Michael Adesina - Freedom Mobile

Connie Hartman - iconectiv/TRA

Sarah Halko - iconectiv/TRA

Karen Robinson - KROB Numbering Solutions

Tara Farquhar - NANPA

Marcel Champagne - Neustar/Transunion

Darryl Evans - Quadro Communications

Michael Studniberg - Rogers

Tammy Wilson - SaskTel

Allyson Blevins - Sinch / INC Co-Chair

Diane Dolan - Teksavvy

John MacKenzie - TELUS

Marc Berruyer - Videotron

James Sewell - Westman Communications

**Welcome:**

Kelly Walsh, as CSCN Chair, welcomed the attendees.

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

**Action Item Review:**

1. TELUS will sponsor a TIF to look at the segregation of wireless and wireline numbers. **(Cancelled)**
2. David Comrie will send a meeting invite for TIF 117 to the CSCN for 18 June 2024 from 1:30 to 3:30 ET. **(Completed)**
3. James Sewell will send the current version of CNRE140A to David Comrie for posting. **(Completed)**
4. David Comrie will post CNRE140A for comment until close of business on 27 March 2024. If there are no substantive changes, the report will be considered final and sent to the CISC on 28 March 2024 for consideration. **(Completed)**

**Discussion:**

James Sewell presented a draft of the next TBP monitoring report.

Ed Antecol noted that for TIF 118, the group seems to be coming to consensus about some of the necessary changes that will be required to some of the Canadian numbering guidelines to support Thousands-Block Pooling.

Ed Antecol noted that he believes the group needs to come to a decision about whether or not the Pooling Administrator will be responsible for validating the contamination level of a donated block. If the PA is going to be expected to validate contamination levels, then the PA will need a tool to do the check.

Leo Santoro noted that he believes the ideal situation would be that the PA can do its own validation of contamination.

Fiona Clegg noted that the CNA has requested NPAC reports in the past when dealing with stranded CO Codes but was not sure who was paying for those reports.

Ed Antecol noted that the CNA met with the US NPAC provider to assess differences between the US and Canadian NPAC.

Fiona Clegg noted that referring to the definitions document that the CSCN has been working on is a good idea.

Fiona Clegg noted that in the US, the suggestion has been made to reduce the aging period for telephone numbers from 45 days to 30 days.

Karen Robinson noted that another internal process that SPs may take is to keep the ranges that they have internally identified for return but not to return them until the range becomes vacant of aging numbers.

Karen Robinson noted that she is looking for a reference to vacant number treatment. Ed Antecol noted that there is a whole chapter on vacant number treatment in the ATIS spec that he can provide to her.

Ed Antecol noted that the operator of the LSMS will have to arrange with Neustar to start receiving block records. The SCP is a different challenge. Eagle SCPs have user agents that have to be set up to query the information that is wanted and that will vary by vendor.

Ed Antecol noted that there has to be a time that all LSMS operators in Canada are prepared to receive block records. That’s the easy part. Not every call gets dipped in the LSMS. It’s your local SCP.

Ed Antecol noted that there is a contribution to provide simplified reporting that will require intermediate carriers to report their utilization to their service provider instead of to the PA.

Leo Santoro asked, what is the likelihood of asking resellers to secure an OCN and asking resellers to report directly back to the PA. Ed Antecol noted that in Canada, resellers are not allowed to get their own numbering resources directly from the CNA. Resellers have to get their numbers from service providers who are permitted to get numbers from the CNA. If a reseller would be starting to interact with the CNA, there would have to be agreements created between CNAC and the CNA. The CNA uses OCNs as the static identifier to assess where numbers are assigned. If resellers were going to be required to report to the CNA, then resellers would need to obtain an OCN to create a static element for the CNA to track.

John MacKenzie noted that whether or not the group is going to meet its report deadlines should be included in this report.

Karen Robinson asked about the rules for mandatory block returns. Ed Antecol noted that it’s not that anything with under 10% contamination needs to be returned but rather it considers forecasts as well. Ed Antecol noted that prior to TBP launch, carriers will be expected to look through their current inventory to see if there are any blocks they can return to provide an initial inventory for the pool.

Action Item: James Sewell will provide a draft of the report to be posted on the CSCN Drafts page. **(Completed)**

Ed Antecol asked if there should be any assignment rules or best practice so that carriers don’t overly contaminate a bunch of blocks assigned to them so that they can’t return the blocks. Tara Farquhar noted that there is a Telephone Number Administration Guideline that is used in the US to address this.

Ed Antecol asked for a contribution to be submitted on sequential numbering assignments with a reference to the Telephone Number Administration Guideline.

Action Item: Karen Robinson volunteered to submit a contribution addressing sequential telephone number assignment rules.

Action Item: Tara Farquhar will send Karen Robinson a copy of the US Telephone Number Administration Guideline. **(Completed)**

**Post meeting note:** The document Tara Farquhar referenced is ATIS-0300070 - Guidelines for the Administration of Telephone Numbers.

**Summary of Agreements Reached:**

None.

**Summary of Action Items:**

1. Ed Antecol will provide Karen Robinson with a copy of the ATIS spec.
2. Karen Robinson volunteered to submit a contribution addressing sequential telephone number assignment rules.
3. Tara Farquhar will send Karen Robinson a copy of the US Telephone Number Administration Guideline.

**Attachments:**



Draft of the next TBP monitoring report