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**Minutes from TIF 112 Discussion**

**Conference Call**

**Hosted by CNA**

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**Welcome:**

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

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

**Outstanding Action Items**

1. None

**Discussion**

Kelly Walsh noted that Bell Canada submitted CNCO292A which proposed that the CSCN create a TIF to recommend a TBP Production Rollout plan.

Kelly Walsh noted that currently there is a CRTC Policy where there is a planned Canada-wide flashcut to implement Thousands-Block Pooling for all portable Exchange Areas on 6 October 2025 but the CRTC is currently considering a Part 1 which was submitted asking for a delay on the implementation date.

Ed Antecol noted that there was a contribution that was submitted to the CSCN a few months ago which basically detailed how to rollout out exchanges based on the ATIS spec. If this TIF goes forward, he suggested that the contribution be included in this TIF.

Joey-Lynn Abdulkader presented CNCO292A.



CNCO292A - Bell contribution - TIF 125 (Proposed) - TBP Trial Contribution (incl. in-meeting changes)

Ed Antecol noted that he liked the idea of starting the rollout in a single exchange but isn’t sure about getting carriers to donate blocks that have already been assigned. If you’re going to do a real launch in Markham, do it for real, so people only get numbers when they need them so the trial might need to run for 4-5 months.

Rick Cousineau asked Ed Antecol if he was saying it would be more prudent to have someone to volunteer to return blocks? Ed Antecol noted that he felt the initial block donation should be optional. So far, at least initially, the return of blocks should be optional as far as the CSCN has been concerned.

Rick Cousineau asked if the donated blocks would become part of the official pool. Ed Antecol noted that yes they would become part of the production pool for each Exchange Area. Then carriers needing blocks can either take a block from the pool or request a pool replenishment. Eventually, carriers might be required to take blocks from the pool based on their forecast.

Tara Farquhar noted that in the US, it is not optional to donate unused blocks. That is how you get the full benefit of pooling. Ed Antecol noted that he agrees with that process but if carriers haven’t fully tested the process of absorbing contaminated blocks, it could cause problems. If you want to fully take advantage of pooling, you should require block donations.

Justin Gerogiannis asked, for carriers that don’t operate within Markham, obviously when TBP is implemented in other Exchanges, those carriers in the new Exchange may still have training wheels on and lessons to learn. He assumes those meetings and lessons learned will be available from carriers that are operating in the first Exchange.

Kelly Walsh asked, what does this look like in view of the production test that is currently happening. Ed Antecol said he suspects we need to continue the production test environment and probably expand it to some of the smaller Exchanges but he is not sure how it will work for the CNA to maintain both a production testing environment and the full production operation.

Kelly Walsh noted that basically the CNA is operating the production test environment and it’s more us on our way to a production cut-over. These are leading us to our processes and practices and an actual implementation. It would be feasible to do both things at the same time: managed the phased implementation plus have a set of test codes. Test blocks will be identified in the CNA’s records.

Ed Antecol noted that the CNA is doing stuff in the test environment that is different from how the full production environment would operate such as handling aging. Kelly Walsh agreed that it is feasible to do both at the same time but will require some specific consideration.

Joey-Lynn Abdulkader noted that the current contribution does not discuss anything about maintaining the production environment.

Kelly Walsh asked the group if they would like this to become a TIF.

Agreement was reached to create TIF 125.

David Comrie presented CNCO293A.



CNCO293A - CNA contribution - TIF 125 (Proposed) - TIF form for Proposed TIF 125 (incl. in-meeting changes)

Agreement was reached to accept CNCO293A as CNTF125A.

Agreement was reached to skip the comment period on the TIF form for TIF 125.

Action Item: Kelly Walsh will reach out to the CISC Chair and request an extension in the current document approval process to include this TIF. **(Completed)**

Action Item: David Comrie will update the tables in the TIF form and send the TIF form to the CISC immediately. **(Completed)**

Sage Wiese asked if, in the proposal to just do Markham, the proposal to just have the block assignments happen naturally or do you want carriers to be requesting blocks for the purpose of testing their systems? Ed Antecol noted that his expectation that it would be natural as opposed to forcing carriers to take blocks.

Joey-Lynn noted that the reason the Bell proposal picked Markham is because there has historically been consistent activity and few ITPA members..

Karen Robinson noted that in the US, prior to opening up an NXX, they send a communication out to the block holders in the Rate Centre and request a volunteer to return ranges to negate the need to open a new NXX. Is that something that could be done in Canada? Ed Antecol noted that that might be more appropriate in the rollout TIF.

Rick Cousineau agreed that returning blocks would be the best way to create a test environment. This would make the trial easier to kick off. Ed Antecol agreed.

The group reviewed CNCO294A.



CNCO294A - CNA contribution - TIF 125 (Proposed) - TIF report coversheet for Proposed TIF 125 (incl. in-meeting changes)

Action Item: Joey-Lynn Abdulkader will submit a TIF report contribution to the CSCN. **(Ongoing)**

Kelly Walsh thanked everyone for participating.

**Summary of Agreements Reached**

1. Agreement was reached to create TIF 125.
2. David Comrie presented CNCO293A.
3. Agreement was reached to accept CNCO293A as CNTF125A.
4. Agreement was reached to skip the comment period on the TIF form for TIF 125.

**Summary of Action Items**

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**Attachments**

See text above for attachments.