**18 June 2024**

**TIF 118 (Update CSCN-Administered Guidelines for Thousands-Block Pooling)**

**CSCN Conference Call**

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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:**

None.

**Discussion:**

Kelly Walsh noted that CNCO248C came out of CSCN 129. CNCO248D included changes made by TELUS and CNCO248E included changes proposed by Bell on top of the TELUS changes.

Agreement was reached to review CNCO248E despite not having 5 business days to review the contribution prior to the meeting.

The group worked on CNCO248E.

Some examples of how utilization forecasting would look:

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| NPA Complex | Exchange Area | Assigned TNs  (A) | Unassigned/Unreported Resold TNs  (B) | Aging  TNs | Reserved  TNs | Admin  TNs | Total TNs  (C) | Utilization  (A/(C-B)) |
|  |  | 1000 + 4000 | 5000 |  |  |  | 10000 | 5000/(10000-5000)= 100% |
|  |  | 1000 + 9000 | 0 |  |  |  | 10000 | 10000/(10000-0) = 100% |
|  |  | 1000+1000 | 1000+7000 |  |  |  | 10000 | 2000/(10000 – 8000) = 100% |
|  |  | 50 |  |  |  |  | 1000 | 50/1000 = 5% |
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Allyson Blevins noted that she believes that in the US, individual thousands block utilization might be desired by some of the state regulators. The people in her company that do the utilization reporting would like to do it at the Exchange Area level.

Allyson Blevins noted that in the US, sometimes you get a request to transfer a code to another provider for the purposes of an LRN. Some states have heavy involvement and will specifically ask about under-utilized blocks.

Action Item: David Comrie will cancel the TIF 119 meeting scheduled for 20 June 2024 and scheduled a TIF 118 call for 20 June from 10:00-13:00 ET. **(Completed)**

The group looked at examples of the current Appendix B if applied in large and small markets and how a 75% utilization threshold might be applied (attached).

Alex Pittman asked about the likelihood of the exceptional scenarios being depicted by the discussion. How typical is it for there to be a massive, unexpected spike?

Karen Robinson responded that right now, the industry works on a CO Code level. Exceptions could come up more frequently when working with thousands-blocks.

Alex Pittman asked if the Appendix B accounts for the unreported numbers. Ed Antecol noted that the utilization reported in the Appendix B is “how many numbers do I have available to give out?” Whereas the utilization survey being proposed looks at how efficiently you have used the numbers that have been assigned to you.

Alex Pittman noted that the Decision put out for thousands-block pooling is about emphasizing using numbers efficiently. If you minimize the level of intermediate/unreported numbers, that is a good thing. The committee will need to provide a strong argument for why the committee is choosing to forgo utilization on the Appendix B.

Marie-Christine Hudon asked, since we agreed to conduct the NRUF and Utilization reports twice per year, each time that carrier is asking for a new block, the PA will be looking at the numbers submitted semi-annually. Isn’t that enough? Ed Antecol noted that right now as it is being proposed, the PA does not have the ability to deny number assignments, regardless of what level of utilization is being reported.

Karen Robinson noted that the way the Appendix B currently works allows a carrier to be proactive and acquire additional resources without entering into an internal jeopardy situation with their own inventory.

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**Summary of Action Items:**

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**Attachments:**

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CNCO248E - Bell contribution - TIF 118 - Draft report for paragraph 51 from Telecom Regulatory Policy 2024-26 (incl. in-meeting changes)