**TASK INFORMATION FORM**

**Date Originated:              2025-06-11             Last Date Updated: 2025-06-11**

**WORKING GROUP:**

**TASK #:                124 (Proposed)                                                 File ID: CNTF124A**

**TASK TITLE**: Replacing the *Canadian Adjunct to the INC NPA Allocation Plan and Assignment Guidelines*

**TASK BACKGROUND**:

The Canadian telecom industry is nearing exhaust of the NPAs allocated for Canada in 2000.

The current *Canadian Adjunct to the INC NPA Allocation Plan and Assignment Guidelines* (Version 2, 28 January 2011) was based on a pool of NPAs designated for future NPA relief in Canada.

During CSCN 131, the CNA noted that under the current INC *NPA Allocation Plan and Assignment Guidelines*, Canada is eligible to receive NPA assignments as required based on the Canadian industry forecast.

The CSCN decided that rather than requesting a new pool of NPAs, Canada should use the INC process and create a Canadian guideline that establishes some base rules.

The CSCN sent a letter to the CRTC Secretary General on 14 November 2024 recommending Canada follow the ATIS guideline and CRTC staff responded on 3 February 2025 requesting the CSCN establish the conditions whereby Canada can request additional NPAs from NANPA, including:

1. engaging NANPA as required to ensure Canada’s needs can be accommodated through the ATIS guideline process, either as it currently exists or as the result of modifications agreed upon between the CNA and NANPA; and
2. filing for the Commission’s consideration by **4 August 2025** new or modified Canadian-specific numbering guidelines that effectively capture the procedures for initiating and completing requests for geographic or non-geographic NPAs for Canada’s use from NANPA.

CSCN will propose a new guideline for Canada (Canadian NPA Allocation and Assignment Guideline) to replace the existing adjunct (*Canadian Adjunct to the INC NPA Allocation and Assignment Guidelines*). The new guideline will be in alignment with the updated ATIS guideline while also being able to stand alone should the ATIS guideline deviate from the current direction with regard to Canada’s access to resources.

**CRITICAL PATH:                N**

**PRIORITY:**  High**DUE DATE:** 4 August 2025

**CROSS IMPACTS:** N/A

**WORK PLAN AND TIME-FRAMES:**

**CURRENT STATUS: Underway**

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