

NPA 226/519/548:

Commission Directives

On 29 November 2012 the Commission released Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2012-655, *Establishment of a CISC ad hoc committee for relief planning for area codes 226 and 519 in southern Ontario*, in which it established a CISC ad hoc Relief Planning Committee (RPC) to examine options for providing numbering relief to area codes 226 and 519 in southern Ontario. The Commission invited members of the public and Telecommunications Service Providers to participate in the RPC's activities.

In developing its recommendations, the NPA 226/519 RPC was directed by the Commission to set aside four CO Codes for initial assignments for carriers already providing service in area code 226/519. The Commission also directed the NPA 226/519 RPC to set aside seven CO Codes for initial code assignments exclusively for new entrants.

On 30 October 2013 the Commission released Telecom Decision CRTC 2013-575, *Area code relief for area codes 226 and 519 in southwestern Ontario*. In the Decision, the Commission determined that area code relief for NPA 226/519 is to be provided by implementing a distributed overlay of new area code 548, effective 4 June 2015. In addition, for planning purposes, the Commission directed that area code 382 be set aside for future relief.

The Commission noted in the Decision that the July 2013 R-NRUF that the Projected Exhaust date had advanced to September 2015, which is before the Relief Date recommended in the Planning Document and therefore advanced the Relief Date. As the Commission moved the Relief Date for NPA 226/519 forward until June 2015, the Relief Planning Committee was requested to file a revised Relief Implementation Plan within 60 days of the date of the Decision.

On 20 June 2014 the Commission released Telecom Decision 2014-338 which pushed back the Relief Date from 4 June 2015 to 4 June 2016. This was due to the January 2014 R-NRUF moving the Projected Exhaust Date from September 2015 to May 2018. This Decision was based on a modified Relief Implementation Plan submitted by the NPA 226/519 Relief Planning Committee on 21 April 2014.

Status Report

During the January 2012 G-NRUF, it was noted the Projected Exhaust Date (PED) for NPA 226/519 was November 2017, which was an advance of 5 years from the previous G-NRUF. Subsequently, in July 2012 the CNA conducted a mid-year R-NRUF that indicated the Projected Exhaust Date is now January 2017, advancing the PED by almost one year. The results were reviewed by the CSCN during the October 2012 face-to-face meeting where the CNA noted that the PED was well within the relief planning window.

On 17 October 2012, the CNA sent a message to Commission staff requesting that a Notice of Consultation be issued for NPA 226/519 to form a Relief Planning Committee for NPA 226/519 and solicit interested parties to be members of the Committee for the

purpose of developing a Relief Plan and a Relief Implementation Plan for the area covered by NPA 226/519.

The CNA released the Initial Planning Document for NPA 226/519 on 28 February 2013. The initial meeting of the NPA 226/519 Relief Planning Committee was held on 16-17 April 2013. Prior to the April meeting, Bell Aliant/Bell Canada submitted a contribution which suggested modifications to the Initial Planning Document and another contribution to be used as a straw model document for a Relief Implementation Plan.

During the meeting and on a conference call held on 9 May 2013 the Relief Planning Committee developed and finalized both the NPA 226/519 Planning Document and Relief Implementation Plan.

NPA 226/519 TIF Report #1, Relief Planning Committee (RPC) Recommendation for NPA 226/519 Relief (Planning Document and Relief Implementation Plan), were sent to the CISC for approval on 17 May 2013. The Report was approved by the CISC on 7 June 2013, and will be forwarded on to the Commission for a Decision.

The TIF Report recommended:

- 1) The Relief Method should be a distributed overlay of a new NPA on NPA 226/519 (Option 5);
- 2) NPA 548 should be the relief NPA for NPA 226/519 in accordance with Telecom Decision CRTC 2010-784, *CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee consensus item- Reservation of Area Codes for future Area Code Relief*;
- 3) NPA 382 should be reserved for future subsequent relief in the 226/519 region as the 226/519 region has been forecast to exhaust again within 15 years; and,
- 4) The Relief Date should be 4 June 2016 to provide Carriers and customers with advanced notification and sufficient lead-time to implement relief, which would be 16 months in advance of the current Projected Exhaust Date.

As a result of Telecom Decision CRTC 2013-575, the Relief Planning Committee held a conference call on 26 November 2013 to produce a revised Relief Implementation Plan that accommodated the 4 June 2015 Relief Date. On 29 November 2013 the revised Relief Implementation Plan was submitted to the Commission.

On 2 April 2014, Bell Canada submitted a contribution to modify the Relief Implementation Plan requesting that the Relief Date for NPA 226/519 be changed from 4 June 2015 to 4 June 2016 since the PED had changed from September 2015 to May 2018. Agreement was reached to accept the modifications to the NPA 226/519 Relief Implementation Plan. The revised plan was submitted to the CISC and CRTC for review and approval on 21 April 2014. The modified Relief Implementation Plan was approved by the CRTC on 20 June 2014 in Telecom Decision CRTC 2014-338.

On 5 June 2016, NPA 548 was successfully implemented over NPA 226/519 with no known issues.

Historical NRUF data, including the most recent results, is summarized in the following chart.

Summary of Projected Exhaust Dates

NPA	Type of C-NRUF	Date of Publication	Projected Exhaust Date
226/519	January 2011 G-NRUF	5 April 2011	September 2022
226/519	January 2012 G-NRUF	10 April 2012	November 2017
226/519	July 2012 R-NRUF	5 October 2012	January 2017
226/519	January 2013 R-NRUF	28 March 2013	October 2017
226/519	July 2013 R-NRUF	4 October 2013	September 2015
226/519	January 2014 R-NRUF	24 March 2014	May 2018
226/519	July 2014 R-NRUF	3 October 2014	September 2017
226/519	January 2015 R-NRUF	7 April 2015	December 2017
226/519	July 2015 R-NRUF	4 September 2015	May 2017
226/519	January 2016 G- NRUF	21 March 2016	February 2027