

NPA 403/587/780:

Commission Directives

On 29 November 2012 the Commission released Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2012-656, *Establishment of a CISC ad hoc committee for relief planning for area codes 403, 587 and 780 in Alberta*, in which it established a CISC ad hoc Relief Planning Committee (RPC) to examine options for providing numbering relief to area codes 403, 587 and 780 in Alberta. The Commission invited members of the public and Telecommunications Service Providers to participate in the RPC's activities.

In developing its recommendations, the NPA 403/587/780 RPC was directed by the Commission to set aside seven CO Codes for initial assignments for carriers already providing service in the areas served by area codes 403, 587 and 403. The Commission also directed the NPA 403/587/780 RPC to set aside ten CO Codes for initial code assignments exclusively for new entrants.

On 30 October 2013, the Commission released Telecom Decision CRTC 2013-574, *Area code relief for area codes 403, 587, and 780 in Alberta*. In the Decision, the Commission determined that area code relief for NPA 403/587/780 is to be provided by implementing a distributed overlay of new area code 825, effective 9 April 2016. In addition, for planning purposes, the Commission directed that area code 368 be set aside for future relief.

The Commission noted that the July 2013 R-NRUF, issued by the CNA in early October 2013, indicated that the Projected Exhaust Date for NPA 403/587/780 had advanced to July 2016 but did not request the Relief Planning Committee to revise the Relief Implementation Plan.

Status Report

During the January 2012 G-NRUF, it was noted the Projected Exhaust Date (PED) for NPA 403/587/780 was June 2018, which was an advance of 2 years from the previous G-NRUF. Subsequently, in July 2012, the CNA conducted a mid-year R-NRUF that indicated the PED continued to be June 2018. The results were reviewed by the CSCN during the October 2012 face-to-face meeting where the CNA noted that the Projected Exhaust Date is within the relief planning window.

On 17 October 2012, the CNA sent a message to Commission staff requesting that the CRTC issue a Notice of Consultation to form a Relief Planning Committee for NPA 403/587/780 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 403/587/780.

The CNA released the Initial Planning Document for NPA 403/587/780 on 1 April 2013. The initial meeting of the NPA 403/587/780 Relief Planning Committee was held on 14-15 May 2013. Prior to the May meeting, 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 4 June 2013 the Relief Planning Committee developed and finalized both the NPA 403/587/780 Planning Document and Relief Implementation Plan.

NPA 403/587/780 TIF Report #1, Relief Planning Committee (RPC) Recommendation for NPA 403/587/780 Relief (Planning Document and Relief Implementation Plan), was sent to the CISC for approval on 6 June 2013.

The TIF Report recommended:

- 1) The Relief Method should be a distributed overlay of a new NPA on NPA 403/587/780 (option 6);
- 2) NPA 825 should be the relief NPA for NPA 403/587/780 in accordance with Telecom Decision CRTC 2007-42;
- 3) NPA 368 should be reserved for future subsequent relief in the 403/587/780 region as the 403/587/780 region has been forecast to exhaust again within 15 years; and,
- 4) The Relief Date should be 9 April 2016 in order 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.

In Telecom Decision CRTC 2013-574, the Commission approved the Relief Planning Committee's recommendations despite the advance in the Projected Exhaust Date to July 2016.

On 9 April 2016, NPA 825 was successfully implemented over NPA 403/587/780 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
403/587/780	January 2011 G-NRUF	5 April 2011	August 2020
403/587/780	January 2012 G-NRUF	10 April 2012	June 2018
403/587/780	July 2012 R-NRUF	5 October 2012	June 2017
403/587/780	January 2013 R-NRUF	28 March 2013	August 2017
403/587/780	July 2013 R-NRUF	4 October 2013	July 2016
403/587/780	January 2014 R-NRUF	24 March 2014	January 2017
403/587/780	July 2014 R-NRUF	3 October 2014	December 2016
403/587/780	January 2015 R-NRUF	7 April 2015	May 2017
403/587/780	July 2015 R-NRUF	4 September 2015	May 2017
403/587/780	January 2016 G-NRUF	21 March 2016	February 2023