

NPA 613

Commission Directives

On 10 September 2008, the Commission released Telecom Decision CRTC 2008-89, *Code relief for area code 613 – Eastern Ontario*. In the Decision, the Commission determined the following:

- a) Code relief for area code 613 is to be provided by an area code overlay;
- b) The CNA is to reserve area code 343 for use as the new area code to be overlaid on the area served by area code 613;
- c) The CNA is to set aside 10 CO Codes for initial code assignment, as well as 15 CO Codes for initial code assignments for new entrants only. These 15 CO Codes are to remain unassignable, other than to new entrants, in the event a jeopardy condition is declared. The CNA may return these CO Codes to the general assignment pool two years after the relief date;
- d) CO Codes 365, 367, 428, 431, 437, 460, 672, 753, 879, and 942, which correspond to future area codes, will only be made available for assignment in the event of a jeopardy condition;
- e) The remaining unassigned CO Codes 343, 468, 568, 579, 871, and 873, corresponding to future area codes, should remain unassignable in area code 613 and be made unassignable in the relief area code;
- f) A new overlay area code is to be distributed on the area served by area code 613, effective 17 May 2010. The Commission also determined that if future numbering resource utilization forecasts indicate a change in the exhaust date, the implementation date could be modified accordingly;
- g) TSPs in area code 613 are to implement a consumer awareness program, on a timely basis, that highlights the introduction of the new overlay area code 343 and that there will be no changes in local dialing patterns;
- h) The Relief Implementation Plan should be updated to include the recommendations and milestones that have been altered by the Commission's determinations in this Decision and the Relief Implementation Plan should be re-filed for Commission approval; and,
- i) Progress reports submitted by TSPs should include, where appropriate, an "Actual Completion Date" column.

On 27 March 2009 the Commission released Telecom Decision CRTC 2009-164, *Relief implementation plan for area code 613 – Eastern Ontario*. In the Decision the Commission noted that in the updated Relief Implementation Plan the Relief Planning Committee had submitted that in Telecom Decision 2008-89, the Commission considered that CO Codes 365, 367, 428, 431, 437, 460, 672, 753, 879, and 942 (the 10 CO codes) should only be made available for assignment if area code 613 enters a Jeopardy Condition. In the updated Relief Implementation Plan, the Relief Planning Committee instead recommended that the 10 CO Codes be made available for assignment in area code 613 following relief and that they should also be available in NPA 343. In the Decision, the Commission approved the updated Relief Implementation Plan, subject to the following amendments:

- a) that the 10 CO Codes only be made available for assignment if and when area code 613/343 enters a Jeopardy Condition; and

- b) that consumers and users be made aware that the prefix 1 will not be required for local calls between area codes 613/343 and 819.

Status Report

In accordance with the Canadian Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast (C-NRUF) Guideline (the Guideline), approved by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) in Telecom Decision CRTC 2004-45, all current and prospective Central Office (CO) Code Holders are required to provide forecasted CO Code requirements at the Exchange Area level of detail once an NPA has entered the timeframe for NPA Relief Planning. In November 2006, the Canadian Numbering Administrator announced that NPA 613 had entered the relief planning window of 72-months.

The Initial Planning Document (IPD) was sent out on October 22, 2007 for discussion at a meeting that will be held on November 13 and 14, 2007.

The NPA 613 Relief Planning Committee held a face-to-face meeting on November 13 and 14, 2007 to develop a Planning Document based on the IPD. During this meeting it was agreed that the Planning Document would not be submitted to the Commission until after the February 2008 R-NRUF results had been analyzed and made public.

Prior to the November 13-14, 2007 meeting a contribution was received that proposed a Relief Implementation Plan to accompany the Planning Document when it is filed with the Commission. Subsequently, the Relief Planning Committee agreed to use the contribution as a baseline document for development of the Relief Implementation Plan.

On November 30, December 4 and December 18, 2007 as well as January 9, January 22, February 12, February 26, March 18, April 1, April 15 and May 5, 2008 the Relief Planning Committee held conference calls to continue developing and modifying the NPA 613 Planning Document and Relief Implementation Plan.

During the May 5, 2008 conference call the Relief Planning Committee finalized the Planning Document and Relief Implementation Plan and developed NPA 613 TIF Report 1. TIF Report 1 (Relief Planning Committee (RPC) Recommendation for the NPA 613 Planning Document and Relief Implementation Plan (RIP)) contained the following recommendations:

- relief for NPA 613 be implemented using the Distributed Overlay option;
- NPA 343 be selected as the Relief NPA;
- the Relief Date be 18 September 2010 which is within the required 12-18 months period prior to the current Projected Exhaust Date of December 2011 (*Note: This PED assumes that the CRTC will approve that 10 CO Codes corresponding to Future Canadian Geographic NPAs will be made available for assignment*);
- seven CO Codes from NPA 613 should be set aside in a "Pool for Initial Code Assignments" to be assigned during the two year period following the introduction of the overlay NPA;
- the CNA should monitor CO Code use and conduct an R-NRUF in January and July every year until four months prior to the Relief Date;

- the RPC should monitor the R-NRUF results (i.e., Projected Exhaust Date) and make whatever recommendations it believes appropriate over time to the CRTC to ensure relief is provided in a timely manner;
- the following ten CO Codes 365, 367, 428, 431, 437, 460, 672, 753, 879, and 942, which correspond to Future Canadian Geographic NPAs, should be made available for assignment in NPA 613 starting from the date of a CRTC decision on NPA 613, and in the relief NPA starting when CO Code assignments become available. The six following CO Codes 343, 468, 568, 579, 871, and 873, i.e. the remaining unassigned CO Codes corresponding to Future Canadian Geographic NPAs, should remain unassignable in NPA 613 and be made unassignable in the relief NPA; and
- the accompanying Relief Implementation Plan (RIP) be approved to guide the implementation of relief.

The TIF Report was sent to the CISC Secretary and other Commission staff on May 26, 2008 with a request that it be added to the agenda of the June 13, 2008 CISC meeting for review and approval. Copies of the Planning Document and the Relief Implementation Plan were included with the TIF Report.

The NPA 613 Relief Planning Committee held a conference call on 30 September 2008, the objective of which was to discuss the draft July 2008 R-NRUF results for NPA 613 and Telecom Decision CRTC 2008-89, *Code relief for area code 613 - Eastern Ontario*. The RPC also discussed the RPC's next steps, since Telecom Decision CRTC 2008-89 shortened the time frame for relief implementation and required the Relief Implementation Plan to be revised. Additional conference calls have been scheduled to continue discussing the revisions that need to be made to the Relief Implementation Plan.

The NPA 613 Relief Planning Committee held a conference call on 28 October and agreed to update the Relief Implementation Plan to include the recommendation that the 10 CO Codes mentioned in paragraph 11 of the Decision be made available for assignment in both NPAs (613 and 343) after relief.

The RPC also held conference calls on 12 November and 8 December 2008 to continue modifying the NPA 613 Relief Implementation Plan and developing NPA 613 TIF Report #2.

TIF Report #2 was sent to the CISC Secretary on December 8, 2008 with a request that it be included on the agenda for the CISC conference call to be held on December 19, 2008. During the December 19, 2008 CISC conference call, the CISC approved TIF Report #2 and the NPA 613 Relief Implementation Plan.

In the updated Relief Implementation Plan the RPC noted that in Telecom Decision 2008-89, the Commission considered that CO Codes 365, 367, 428, 431, 437, 460, 672, 753, 879, and 942 (the 10 CO codes) should only be made available for assignment if area code 613 enters a Jeopardy Condition. In the updated Relief Implementation Plan, the RPC instead recommended that the 10 CO Codes be made available for assignment in area code 613 following relief and that they should also be available in NPA 343. The RPC submitted that retaining the 10 CO Codes as unavailable for assignment would serve no useful purpose, since 6 other CO Codes corresponding to future area codes remain unavailable for assignment in area code 613

and will be unavailable for assignment in area code 343. In the RPC's view, making the 10 CO Codes unavailable for assignment after relief would unnecessarily reduce the life of area code 613/343.

A copy of the Planning Letter (PL 386) was posted by NANPA on 15 January 2009.

On December 18, 2009 the NPA 613 Relief Planning Committee Secretary forwarded Progress Report #1 from the NITF and from the CATF to CRTC staff, with a copy to the CISC Secretary so that the CISC is aware of the activities of the Ad Hoc NPA 613 Relief Planning Committee.

On January 7, 2010 the CISC included the Progress Reports on the agenda for the CISC walk-around process for information purposes.

NPA 343 was implemented starting on May 17, 2010.

A Relief Planning Committee conference call was held on July 5, 2010 to approve the final Progress Reports.

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
613	S – NRUF	7 April 2006	May 2014
613	S – NRUF	25 September 2006	May 2013
613	S – NRUF (WNP)	9 November 2006	June 2013
613	R – NRUF	23 March 2007	December 2013
613	R – NRUF	3 October 2007	September 2011
613	R – NRUF	25 March 2008	August 2011
613	R – NRUF	16 October 2008	October 2011
613	G – NRUF (Jan 2009)	23 March 2009	July 2011
613	G – NRUF (Updated Jan 2009 due to change in Carriers' forecasts)	15 May 2009	January 2011
613	R – NRUF (July 2009) (includes code rationing per CRTC TNC 2009-309)	30 September 2009	October 2011
613	R – NRUF (Feb 01, 2010) (includes code rationing per CRTC TNC 2009-309)	1 April 2010	January 2011