



## Telecom Public Notice CRTC 2007-8

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### **Establishment of a new CISC ad hoc committee for area code relief planning in Quebec area code 418 and related issues**

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*With this Public Notice, the Commission announces the establishment of a CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee ad hoc relief planning committee (RPC) to examine options for providing relief to area code 418 in Quebec. The Commission invites the public and telecommunications service providers in area codes 418 and 819 to participate in the activities of the ad hoc RPC. Due to the jeopardy situation in area code 418 and the forecast of imminent central office code exhaust, the Commission approves a Jeopardy Contingency Plan and abbreviates the relief planning process.*

#### **Introduction**

1. On 23 March 2007, the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA) published the results of the latest General Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast (G-NRUF) for various numbering plan areas (NPAs), or area codes, in Canada. The results of the latest G-NRUF indicated that the projected exhaust date for area code 418 had changed from December 2013 to October 2008, which placed area code 418 in a jeopardy condition. Area code 418 covers a broad area including the City of Québec and the Gaspé area.
2. The CNA declares a jeopardy condition when it projects an area code exhaust date to be within 36 months and the Commission has not yet established and approved a relief measure and implementation date. Given that the CNA projects the exhaust date in area code 418 to be less than 17 months away, the Commission considers that an area code relief planning process should begin immediately.

#### **Background**

3. In *CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee – Consensus items*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2003-55, 13 August 2003, the Commission established revised Canadian NPA Relief Planning Guidelines (the Guidelines), which provide the framework for addressing area code exhaust in Canada. The Guidelines establish a step-by-step process to be followed by the CNA and relief planning committees (RPCs).
4. In accordance with the Guidelines, the industry conducts area code relief planning in a public manner through an ad hoc RPC within the CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee (CISC). Part of the role of these RPCs is to encourage public awareness and participation. The CNA, in its role as NPA relief planning coordinator, acts as the chair of these RPCs.

## **Area code 418 RPC**

5. With this Public Notice, the Commission establishes the area code 418 RPC. This RPC will be responsible for developing a planning document that describes all options, including benefits and drawbacks, that might reasonably be pursued to implement relief for area code 418.

## **Jeopardy contingency plan**

6. The Commission notes that due to the need to respond quickly to the jeopardy condition in area code 418, industry stakeholders held a meeting on 19 April 2007 and developed a jeopardy contingency plan (JCP). On 2 May 2007 the stakeholders submitted the JCP to the Commission for its approval.
7. The Commission considers the proposed JCP measures appropriate and therefore approves the JCP. The Commission requests that the RPC include the JCP in its planning document and relief implementation plan, and directs all carriers to implement the measures contained in the JCP. The JCP can be found on the CNA's website at [www.cnac.ca](http://www.cnac.ca) or by calling the CNA at 613-563-7242.

## **Process**

8. Based on the Commission's past practice, the RPC would forward the planning document to the Commission so that it could be included in a public process, and the Commission would then seek comments on the appropriate method for implementing relief. However, due to the tight time frames in this case and the need to put a relief measure in place before exhaust occurs, the Commission considers it appropriate to modify the process to forgo this second public process.
9. As a result, the Commission requests the area code 418 RPC to develop both the planning document and a relief implementation plan at the same time and to file these documents with the Commission by **11 July 2007** for its approval. The Commission will then issue a decision on the relief measures to be taken for area code 418.

## **Scope**

10. The scope of relief planning activities is limited to considering solutions for introducing new numbering resources within a geographical area. Since area code relief planning does not affect local and long distance calling areas or rates, these issues are outside the scope of this proceeding.
11. The Commission notes that the RPC may consider some relief options that could affect area code 819. The Commission therefore encourages interested parties in area code 819 to participate in the RPC discussions.
12. The Commission also notes that the RPC may consider relief measures that could require some customers to change their numbers. The Commission therefore encourages members of the public to participate in RPC activities.

## **RPC procedure**

13. The CNA will announce the specific location and time of future RPC meetings and make available all related documentation, including the initial planning document, to all interested parties. In addition, information concerning area code 418 relief planning activities will be available on the CNA's website or by calling the CNA at the number noted above.
14. Parties interested in participating in the activities of the area code 418 RPC must notify the Commission of their intention to do so by filling out the online form or by writing to the Secretary General, CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N2, or by faxing to: 819-994-0218 by **11 June 2007** (the registration date). Parties are to provide their email address, where available. If parties do not have access to the Internet, they are to indicate in their notice whether they wish to receive a disk version of hard copy filings.
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