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Establishment of a CISC ad hoc committee for relief planning for area codes 343 and 613 in Eastern Ontario

The Commission announces the establishment of a CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee ad hoc relief planning committee (RPC) to examine options and make recommendations for providing numbering relief to area codes 343 and 613 in Eastern Ontario. The Commission invites members of the public and telecommunications service providers to participate in the RPC's activities.

Introduction

1. On 1 March 2018, the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA) advised the Commission that, based on the results of the January 2018 numbering resource utilization forecast (NRUF), area codes 343 and 613 were projected to exhaust in February 2024.¹ These area codes cover Eastern Ontario. The [area code map](#) is available on the CNA website.
2. In Telecom Decision 2017-38, the Commission set aside area code 753 for future relief in this area.²
3. The Commission-approved Canadian NPA [Numbering Plan Area] Relief Planning Guideline (the [Guideline](#)) provides the framework for addressing area code exhaust in Canada. The Guideline establishes a step-by-step process to be followed by the CNA and relief planning committees (RPCs). The Guideline requires relief planning activities to begin if an area code is projected to exhaust within the next 72 months.³
4. As the time frame for exhaustion of area codes 343 and 613 was at the limit of the relief planning window specified in the Guideline, the CNA decided to include these area codes in the mid-year Relief Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast (R-NRUF). The results of the July 2018 R-NRUF indicate that area codes 343 and 613 will now exhaust in August 2022.

¹ The CNA began its yearly NRUF activities for Canadian area codes in December 2017 in accordance with the Commission-approved Canadian Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast (C-NRUF) Guideline.

² In Telecom Decision 2017-38, the Commission approved a consensus report by the CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee's Canadian Steering Committee on Numbering to set aside certain numbering plan area (NPA) codes for future relief of Canadian NPAs forecast to exhaust within 10 years.

³ The Guideline was last approved by the Commission in Telecom Decision 2014-603.

5. The telecommunications industry conducts area code relief planning in a public manner through an ad hoc RPC under the CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee (CISC). Part of the role of an RPC is to encourage public awareness and participation in the RPC's activities.

RPC for area codes 343 and 613

6. With this notice, the Commission establishes the ad hoc RPC for area codes 343 and 613 (the 343/613 RPC) under CISC and **directs** the CNA to chair this committee.
7. The scope of the 343/613 RPC's relief planning activities is limited to the consideration of solutions for introducing new numbering resources within the area currently served by area codes 343 and 613. Since area code relief planning does not affect local or long distance calling patterns or rates, these issues are outside the scope of the 343/613 RPC's activities.
8. In rendering its decision on the relief measures to be adopted, the Commission will consider all relief options identified and recommendations made by the 343/613 RPC.
9. The Commission notes that the 343/613 RPC may contemplate relief measures that would require some customers to change their telephone numbers. The Commission therefore encourages members of the public to participate in the 343/613 RPC's activities.

Procedure

10. The CNA is to announce the location and time of the 343/613 RPC's meetings and is to make all related documentation available on its [website](#). Members of the public who wish to participate in the 343/613 RPC's activities may also reach the CNA by telephone at 613-563-7242.

Important notice

11. All information that parties provide to the Commission as part of this public process, except information designated confidential, whether sent by postal mail, fax, email, or through the Commission's website at www.crtc.gc.ca, becomes part of a publicly accessible file and will be posted on the Commission's website. This includes all personal information, such as full names, email addresses, postal/street addresses, and telephone and fax numbers.
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Related documents

- *CISC Canadian Steering Committee on Numbering – Consensus report CNRE119A regarding setting aside numbering plan area (NPA) codes to be used for relief of existing Canadian NPAs forecast to exhaust in the next 10 years, Telecom Decision CRTC 2017-38, 3 February 2017*
- *CISC Canadian Steering Committee on Numbering – Consensus report CNRE106A, Telecom Decision CRTC 2014-603, 20 November 2014*