

NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING PLAN PLANNING LETTER

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Subject: Extraordinary NPA-Specific Conservation Procedures for 403 NPA in Alberta

We have been notified by Telus - Code Administration that the 403 Numbering Plan Area (NPA) has number demand that has increased beyond normal forecasts and is in jeopardy of exhausting prior to when relief can be provided. Further to PL-NANP-046, please be advised that the annual demand and forecasted requirements for NXX codes in Alberta's 403 NPA have continued to increase. As a result of this continuous growth, 403 NPA is in jeopardy of exhausting prior to when relief can be provided.

In accordance with current Industry guidelines [Canadian Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines, May 6, 1998], the purpose of this letter is to inform you that a consensus has been reached within the Industry on methods to address the current state of jeopardy within area code (NPA) 403.

The 1998 Central Office Code Utilization Survey (COCUS), conducted by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) for the Canadian Telecommunications Industry indicated exhaust of NPA 403 prior to relief on July 12, 1999. The CRTC, concerned that there may be a shortage of Central Office (NXX) codes, directed TELUS Communications Inc. (TCI) to reconvene the NPA 403 Relief Planning Committee for the purpose of developing extraordinary NPA – specific conservation procedures. Committee meetings were held June 5, 1998, and July 10, 1998.

Effective July 10th, 1998, the Industry reached consensus on the following alternatives:

1. CO (NXX) codes shall not be reserved until NPA relief is provided. No CO code reservation applications will be accepted.
2. Accelerated reassignment of numbers that have been disconnected or otherwise returned; the new re-assignment interval (churn rate) is six (6) months for business and three (3) months for residential.
3. Reducing/changing the time to request a CO code from the standard six (6) months to four (4) months in a Jeopardy NPA situation.
4. Advance the mandatory dialing date for the new NPA by shortening the permissive dialing period. The end of the permissive dialing period advanced to **May 18, 1999, at 00:01**.
5. Ration the availability of CO codes. Establish a threshold of seven hundred sixty-two (762) assigned NXX codes. Upon reaching the threshold, the remaining thirty (30) codes will be divided equally for each month left to the end of the permissive dialing period.

6. A maximum of one (1) NXX code per month shall be assigned to an entity/service provider, once all the available codes for the month have been assigned, the remaining CO code applications will be carried over to the following month.
7. The CRTC in the role of the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA) will review all CO Code applications during the jeopardy period. Before a code is assigned, the CRTC will provide written approval/denial to the *CO code applicant* and the *CO code administrator*.

If you have additional questions concerning the relief of 403 NPA, please contact C. (Bert) Alexis at 403-493-5831.

Questions concerning the contents of this letter may be referred to Rose Breidenbaugh, on 202 756-5779.

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