

Number: PL- 425
Date: August 12, 2011
From: Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA)
Subject: NPA Code 873 to Overlay NPA Code 819 (Western Québec, Canada)
Related Previous Planning Letters: [405](#)

This Planning Letter supersedes [Planning Letter 405](#) dated June 25, 2010.

This revision makes changes to the Relief Date for Québec area code 819 as indicated in [Telecom Decision CRTC 2011-432](#), dated 20 July 2011. The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) approved a new relief implementation date which has been advanced to 15 September 2012. The Relief Method will remain a distributed overlay of new area code 873 over NPA 819.

New area code 873 has been assigned by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator and will be implemented on the Relief Date of **15 September 2012** as a distributed overlay over the geographic area of western Québec currently served by the 819 area code. The area served by NPA code 819 and the new 873 area code includes the major communities of Hull, Drummondville, Gatineau, Shawinigan, Sherbrooke, Trois Rivières, Val D'Or and Victoriaville. A map showing the location of the area served by area code 819, and a list of the 819 Exchange Areas in the area are attached to this letter.

When the new 873 area code is introduced, no changes will take place in the dialling plans in the area that is served by area code 819 and will be served by area code 873. The dialling plan in this area will be:

- all local calls will be dialled with 10 digits
- toll and alternatively billed calls will be dialled with 10 digits after the appropriate prefix digit(s)

All international and domestic Telecommunications Service Providers (TSPs) should activate the new 873 area code throughout their networks by the start date for network testing ([17 June 2012](#)).

The following test numbers for the new area code 873 will be made available effective **17 June 2012**. Routing of calls to area code 873 can be verified by dialing the 8378 (TEST) numbers which do not provide answer supervision. Billing of calls to area code 873 can be verified by dialling the 2455 (BILL) numbers which provide answer supervision.

| Test Number | Exchange Area (Rate Center) | Carrier |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 873-410-8378 and -2455 | Trois Rivières | TELUS Québec |
| 873-510-8378 and -2455 | Ottawa/Hull | Rogers Communications Inc. |
| 873-610-8378 and -2455 | Ottawa/Hull | Bell Canada |
| 873-710-8378 and -2455 | Val d'Or | Télébec |
| 873-810-8378 and -2455 | Ottawa/Hull | MTS Allstream |

Calls successfully completed to test numbers will receive the following announcement:

"La communication a été établie avec succès au numéro de vérification de l'indicatif régional 873, à [NOM DUTÉLÉCOMMUNICATEUR], Québec, Canada. You have successfully completed a call to the 873 area code test number at [CARRIER NAME] in Québec, Canada."

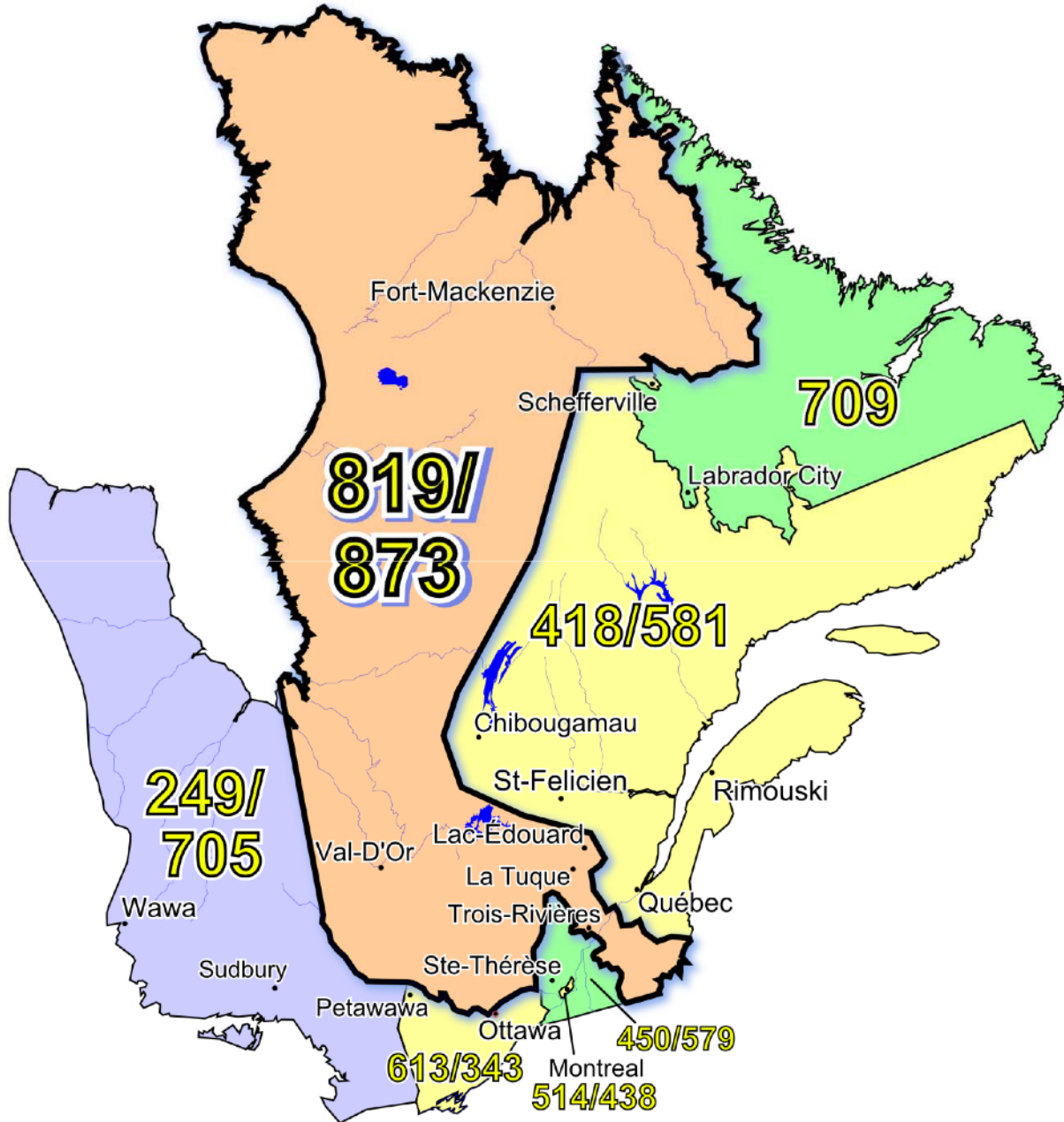
The disconnection dates for the Test numbers will be between **15 October 2012 and 14 November 2012**.

Central Office (NXX) Codes within area code 873 may be assigned to TSPs starting from **15 March 2012**, but cannot be activated in the PSTN prior to the Relief Date of **15 September 2012**.

General questions about this relief activity may be directed to Glenn Pilley or Suresh Khare, of the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA), at 613-563-7242. Specific questions related to telecommunications services and network routing should be directed to the appropriate TSP.

Attachments

Map of the NPA 819/873 Area
(After relief the NPA 819 area will be the NPA 819/873 area)



Exchange Areas in NPA Code 819/873

Existing Exchange Areas in NPA 819; these will be in NPA 819 and 873 after the overlay

| | | |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Akulivik | Eastmain | Louvicourt |
| Amos | Eastmain 1 | Low |
| Angliers | Fabre | Luskville |
| Arthabaska | Ferme-Neuve | Lyster |
| Arundel | Fort-Coulonge | Macamic |
| Asbestos | Fortierville | Magog |
| Aston-Jonction | Fugèreville | Malartic |
| Aupaluk | Gatineau | Maniwaki |
| Ayer's Cliff | Gentilly | Manouane |
| Aylmer | Gracefield | Manseau |
| Barraute | Grand'Mère | Maskinongé |
| Béarn | Grand-Remous | Matagami |
| Beaucanton | Grenville | Mont-Laurier |
| Bécancour | Ham-Nord | Montebello |
| Belleterre | Inukjuak | Nantes |
| Bishopton | Ivujivik | Nédelec |
| Bouchette | Joutel | Némaska |
| Bromptonville | Kangihsualujuaq | Nicolet |
| Buckingham | Kangihsujuaq | Nomingue |
| Bury | Kangirsuk | Norbertville |
| Cadillac | Kazabazua | Normétal |
| Campbell's Bay | Kingsey Falls | North Hatley |
| Champlain | Kuujuaq | Notre-Dame-du Bon- Conseil |
| Chapeau | Kuujuaaraapik | Notre-Dame-de-la-Paix |
| Charette | L'Annonciation | Notre-Dame-de-la-Salette |
| Chartierville | L'Avenir | Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes |
| Chelsea | La Corne | Notre-Dame-du-Laus |
| Chénéville | La Minerve | Notre-Dame-du-Nord |
| Chesterville | La Patrie | Obedjiwan |
| Chisasibi | La Reine | Ottawa-Hull |
| Cléricy | La Sarre | Palmarolle |
| Clova | La Tuque | Papineauville |
| Coaticook | Labelle | Parc de la Vérendrye |
| Compton | Lac-des-Écorces | Parent |
| Cookshire | Lac-Drolet | Perkins |
| Danville | Lac-du-Cerf | Plessisville |
| Daveluyville | Lac-Édouard | Princeville |
| Deauville | Lac-Mégantic | Puvirnituk |
| Deschaillons | Laforge | Quaqtaq |
| Drummondville | Latulipe | Quyón |
| Dubuisson | Laurierville | Radisson |
| Duparquet | Laverlochère | Rémigny |
| Dupuy | Lebel-sur-Quévillon | Richmond |
| East Angus | Lorrainville | Rivière-Héva |
| East Hereford | Louiseville | |

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| Rochebaucourt | Ste-Monique-de-Nicolet |
| Rock Island | Ste-Sophie-de-Lévrard |
| Rouyn-Noranda | Stoke |
| Saint-Ludger | Taschereau |
| Salluit | Tasiujaq |
| Sanmaur | Temiscaming |
| Sawyerville | Thurso |
| Scotstown | Tingwick |
| Senneterre | Trois-Rivières |
| Shawinigan | Umiujaq |
| Shawville | Val David |
| Sherbrooke | Val-D'Or |
| South Durham | Val-des-Bois |
| St-Adolphe-d'Howard | Victoriaville |
| St-Adolphe-de-Dudswell | Ville-Marie |
| St-Albert | Villeroy |
| St-Alexis-de-Monts | Wakefield |
| St-Andre-Avellin | Warwick |
| St-Barnabe | Waskaganish |
| St-Boniface-de- | Waswanipi |
| Shawinigan | Waterville |
| St-Bruno-de-Guigues | Weedon |
| St-Célestin | Wemindji |
| St-Cyrille | Wickham |
| St-Donat-de-Montcalm | Windsor |
| St-Émile-de-Suffolk | Woburn |
| St-Eugène-de-Guigues | Wotton |
| St-Faustin | Yamachiche |
| St-Felix-de-Kingsey | |
| St-Germain-de-Grantham | |
| St-Grégoire | |
| St-Guillaume | |
| St-Jovite | |
| St-Léonard-d'Aston | |
| St-Malo | |
| St-Mathieu | |
| St-Nazaire | |
| St-Paulin | |
| St-Pierre-de-Wakefield | |
| St-Pierre-les-Becquets | |
| St-Roch-de-Mekinac | |
| St-Sébastien | |
| (Frontenac Co.) | |
| St-Sylvère | |
| St-Wenceslas | |
| Ste-Agathe | |
| Ste-Angèle | |
| Ste-Anne-du-Lac | |
| Ste-Eulalie | |
| Ste-Gertrude | |
| Ste-Marie-de-Blandford | |