



## Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2009-310

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### **Establishment of a CISC ad hoc committee for area code relief planning for area codes 289 and 905 in southern Ontario**

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*With this 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 codes 289 and 905 in southern Ontario. The Commission invites the public and telecommunications service providers to participate in the activities of the RPC.*

### **Introduction**

1. On 28 April 2009, the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA) advised the Commission that based on the results of the latest numbering resource utilization forecasts,<sup>1</sup> area codes 289 and 905 are now projected to exhaust by February 2014, which is within the 72-month time frame<sup>2</sup> for the commencement of relief planning activities.
2. The Commission-approved Canadian NPA Relief Planning Guidelines (the Guidelines) 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). The Guidelines require relief planning activities to begin if code exhaust is projected to occur within the next 72 months.
3. The telecommunications 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 an RPC is to encourage public awareness and participation. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in the RPC's work activities. The CNA, in its role as area code relief planning coordinator, acts as the chair of the RPC.

### **Area codes 289/905 RPC**

4. Since area codes 289 and 905 are projected to exhaust in less than 57 months, the Commission considers that there is a need to begin the area code relief planning process. With this notice, the Commission therefore establishes the area codes 289/905 ad hoc RPC (the 289/905 RPC) under CISC and directs the CNA to chair this committee.

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<sup>1</sup> The numbering resource utilization forecast activities were commenced in January 2009 by the CNA in accordance with the Commission-approved Canadian Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast Guidelines.

<sup>2</sup> As set out in the Canadian NPA Relief Planning Guidelines.

5. The scope of the relief planning activities of the 289/905 RPC is limited to the consideration of solutions for introducing new numbering resources within the geographical area currently served by area codes 289 and 905. Since area code relief planning does not affect local and long distance calling patterns or rates, these issues are outside the scope of this proceeding.
6. All relief options contemplated by the 289/905 RPC, as well as its recommendations, will be considered by the Commission in rendering its decision on the relief measures to be adopted.
7. In developing its recommendations, the 289/905 RPC is directed to set aside, at a minimum, 7 central office codes for initial code assignments for carriers already providing service in area codes 289 and 905 and 15 central office codes for initial code assignments for new entrants only.
8. The Commission considers that the 289/905 RPC may consider relief measures that would require some customers to change their telephone numbers. The Commission therefore encourages members of the public to participate in the activities of the 289/905 RPC.

### **Procedure**

9. The CNA will announce the location and time of the 289/905 RPC's meetings and will make available all related documentation. In addition, information concerning area codes 289 and 905 relief planning activities will be available from the CNA through its website, [www.cnac.ca](http://www.cnac.ca), or by telephone, at 613-563-7242.
10. Parties interested in participating in the activities of the 289/905 RPC (including receiving copies of all submissions) 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 **26 June 2009** (the registration date). Parties are to provide their contact information, including 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 disk versions of hard-copy filings.
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