



Telecom Decision CRTC 2011-762

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CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee – Relief Implementation Plan for area codes 250, 604, and 778

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The Commission approves a relief implementation plan regarding area code relief in British Columbia for area codes 250, 604, and 778. This plan details the required steps to implement the new overlay area code 236.

Relief Implementation Plan

1. In Telecom Notice of Consultation 2010-815, the Commission noted that area codes 250, 604, and 778 were projected to exhaust by August 2016, and it established a CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee (CISC) ad hoc relief planning committee (RPC) to develop recommendations for providing area code relief in British Columbia.
2. In Telecom Decision 2011-451, the Commission determined that area code relief for area codes 250, 604, and 778 would be provided by a new overlay area code (236), with an implementation date of 1 June 2013.¹ The Commission requested that the CISC RPC file a relief implementation plan (RIP) for Commission approval that reflected the Commission's determinations in that decision.
3. On 9 September 2011, CISC filed an RIP for Commission approval. The RIP provided for the operation of a Network Implementation Task Force (NITF) and a Consumer Awareness Task Force (CATF), and set out their roles and responsibilities. The RIP also included an area code relief implementation schedule, a network implementation plan prepared by the NITF, and a consumer awareness plan prepared by the CATF. The RIP noted that the two task forces had developed coordinated plans for their respective activities.
4. The Commission has reviewed and **approves** the above-noted RIP.

Secretary General

¹ In the decision it was noted that the forecasted area code exhaust date had advanced from August 2016 to November 2014.

Related documents

- *Area code relief for area codes 250, 604, and 778 in British Columbia*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2011-451, 28 July 2011
- *Establishment of a CISC ad hoc committee for relief planning for area codes 250, 604, and 778 in British Columbia*, Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2010-815, 3 November 2010