

CISC NTWG

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Subject: Telecom Decision CRTC 2006-28: Roll-Out Schedule for Exchanges that Do
Not currently Support Portability

Dear Mr. Katz,

In Telecom Decision CRTC 2006-28 (May 18, 2006), *Regulatory issues related to the implementation of wireless number portability – Follow-up to Public Notice [2006-3](#)*, the Commission requested that the CISC NTWG prepare and file a roll-out schedule for exchanges that do not currently support portability. Paragraphs 30 and 31 in the Decision state:

30. *As regards the suggestion to implement an initial roll-out schedule for WNP, the Commission considers that ILEC capacity could potentially be overloaded if WSPs required WNP in all the exchanges covered by their wireless networks. The Commission is of the view that a roll-out schedule for those exchanges that do not support number portability would be helpful to the ILECs (and CLECs) to plan their work activities.*
31. *The Commission considers that the most efficient way to proceed to develop a roll-out schedule for non-portable exchanges is for the CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee (CISC) Network Working Group (NTWG) to address this issue. The Commission requests CISC to file its roll-out schedule with the Commission within 90 days from the date of this Decision.*

To address the request, the CISC NTWG chair Sam Yung of TELUS hosted a NTWG conference call on May 29, 2006 where the Sub-Working Group (SWG) was formed. Gerry Thompson of Rogers Wireless was confirmed as the chair of the SWG. Weekly conference calls were planned as well as four face-to-face meetings. All were attended by ILEC and WSP representatives as well as CRTC Staff.

Initially, the SWG sourced and shared existing documentation on ILEC exchanges, portable exchanges, LNP criteria, and other applicable LNP practices, such as RORE003B. The conference calls and meetings progressed through defining how to organize the roll-out schedule. It was convenient to have CRTC Staff attending the conference calls and meetings as numerous clarifications and guidance were sought

and obtained. Consensus-based methods were produced and the WSPs prepared prioritized lists of requested exchanges which the ILECs reviewed and replied with a modified schedule. The SWG continued to meet to review and comment on the schedules. Minutes will be preserved via the NTWG minute process.

The rollout schedules are contained in the attached Excel spreadsheets and are organized per ILEC and per NPA. Exchanges that have been requested by WSPs have "Network Ready" dates listed, which have been agreed to by SWG members. Exchanges scheduled will be made portable on or prior to the dates listed herein. In the event that any exchange dates need to be postponed, the SWG members have agreed to reconvene to discuss any proposed changes. Any SWG-agreed schedule changes will be submitted as a consensus report to the Commission for approval.

To address the issue of establishing a procedure for requesting exchanges to be made portable over and above those exchanges scheduled in this report, the SWG has recommended that the NTWG open a TIF which will be addressed during regular NTWG meetings. The NTWG will build on documents and established practices such as that in RORE003B.

I wish to thank the SWG members for their focussed hard work over the past eleven weeks amongst busy work and vacation times.

Please contact me at 416-935-5239 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Attached: SWG members, Rollout Schedules

LNP Rollout Schedule – NTWG SWG Members

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MTS Allstream: Henry Yabar, Stephen Lau, James Robinson

Rogers: Joel Thorp, Gerry Thompson (chair), Peter Lang

Sasktel: Kevin Florence, Lori Fluter, Andrew McKay, Stan Rowe; Ed Loziuk

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