

**Number:** PL- 622  
**Date:** 15 September 2023  
**From:** Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA)  
**Subject:** NPA 879 to Overlay NPA 709 (Newfoundland & Labrador, Canada)  
**Related Previous Planning Letters:** PL-503, PL-514, PL-521, PL-557

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**This Planning Letter supersedes all previous Planning Letters related to NPA Relief Planning for NPA 709 (Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada).**

**In Telecom Decision CRTC 2023-319, dated 15 September 2023, Revised implementation date for area code 879 in relief of area code 709 in Newfoundland and Labrador, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) approved an NPA 709 Relief Planning Committee’s report which recommended a Relief Date of 17 February 2024. The Relief Method of using a Distributed Overlay using new area code 879 was previously directed in Telecom Decision CRTC 2017-35.**

**A Relief Date was also originally approved in Telecom Decision CRTC 2017-35 but that date was deferred indefinitely in Telecom Decision CRTC 2023-13 until area code 709 re-entered the relief planning window.**

The new area code 879 has been assigned by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) and will be implemented on the relief date of **17 February 2024** as a distributed overlay over the geographic area of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador currently served by the 709 Area Code. The Area Code 709 consists of 209 Exchange Areas serving the province of Newfoundland and Labrador which includes the major communities of Corner Brook, Gander, Grand Falls, Happy Valley – Goose Bay, Labrador City – Wabush, Marystown and St. John’s. A map showing the location of the area served by NPA 709, and a list of the 209 Exchange Areas are attached to this letter.

**Previous plans included a timeline to transition from 7- to 10-digit dialling. However, mandatory 10-digit dialling was implemented in area code 709 on 31 May 2023 to accommodate 9-8-8 abbreviated dialling.**

The dialling plan for the area served by NPA codes 709 and 879 will be as follows:

- All local calls, including Extended Area Service calls, originating within the 709/879 overlay area and neighbouring NPAs must be dialled with 10-digits; i.e., NPA-NXX-XXXX.
- Toll and alternatively billed calls originating within the 709/879 overlay area will continue to be dialled with 10-digits after the appropriate prefix digit(s).

All international and domestic Telecommunications Service Providers (TSPs) should ensure that the new 879 NPA is activated throughout their networks by **17 November 2023** which is the start date for network testing.

The following test numbers for the new NPA 879 will be made available effective **17 November 2023**. Routing of calls to area code 879 can be verified by dialling the 8378 (TEST) numbers which do not provide answer supervision. Billing of calls to area code 879 can be verified by dialling the 2455 (BILL) numbers which provide answer supervision.

Test Number	Exchange Area (Rate Center)	Carrier
879-610-8378 and -2455	St. John’s	Bell Canada

Test Number	Exchange Area (Rate Center)	Carrier
879-630-8378 and -2455	Corner Brook	Bell Canada
879-640-8378 and -2455	Happy-Valley – Goose Bay	Bell Canada

**\*Note: The list of test codes has changed from preceding Planning Letters.**

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

“You have successfully completed a call to the 879 area code test number at [CARRIER NAME] in Newfoundland (or Labrador), Canada.”

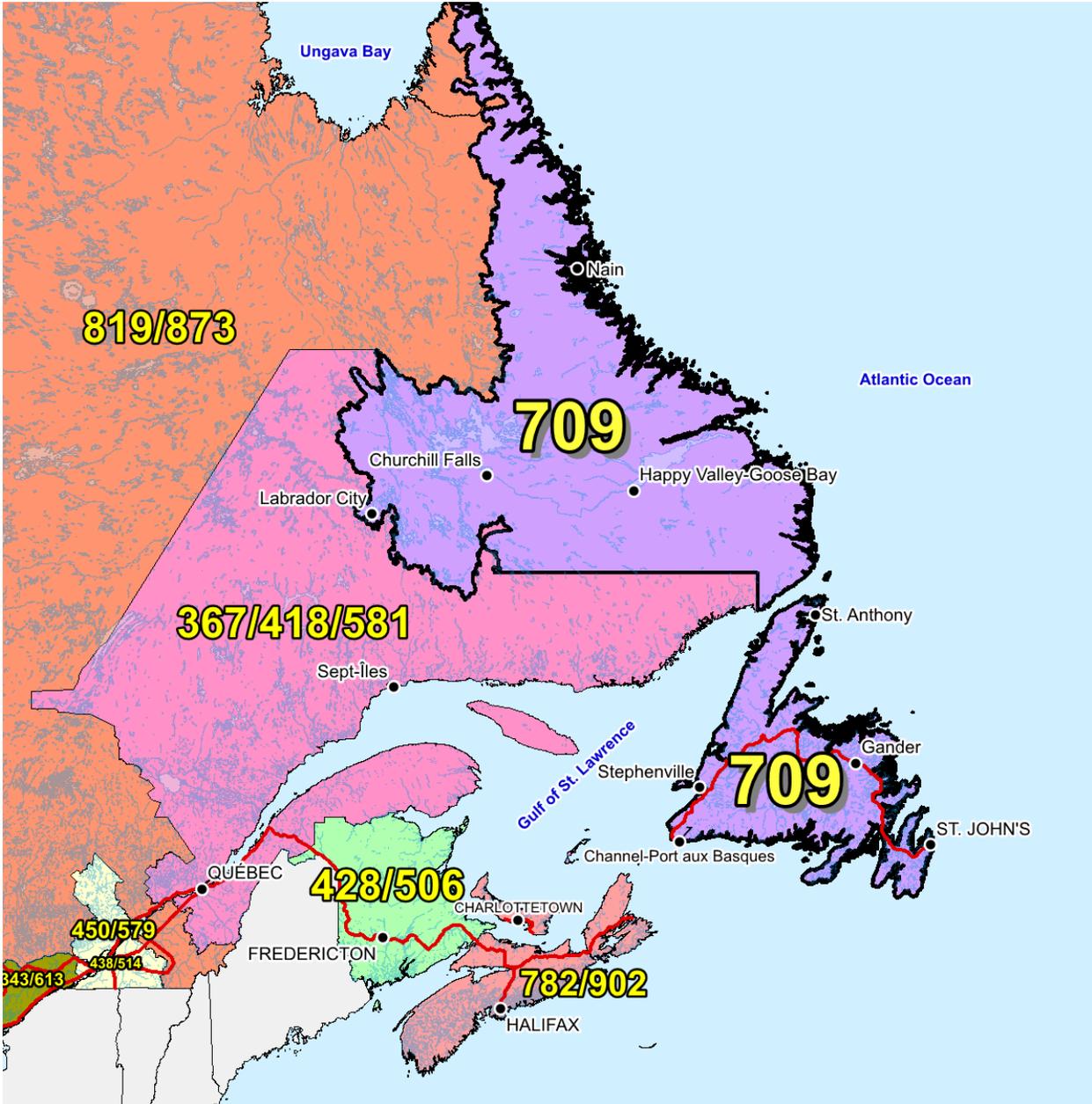
The disconnection dates for the test numbers will be between **17 March 2024 and 17 April 2024**.

Central Office (NXX) Codes within NPA 879 may be assigned to TSPs **starting from the publication date of this Planning Letter** but cannot be activated in the PSTN prior to the **Relief Date of 17 February 2024**.

General questions about this relief activity may be directed to the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA), at [https://cnac.ca/about/contact\\_us.htm](https://cnac.ca/about/contact_us.htm). Specific questions related to telecommunications services and network routing should be directed to the appropriate TSP.

Attachments

**Map of the NPA 709 area**  
(After relief the NPA 709 area will be the NPA 709/879 area)



## Exchange Areas in NPA 709

Existing Exchange Areas in NPA 709; these will be in NPA 709 and 879 after the overlay

Arnold's Cove
Badger
Baie Verte
Bay L'Argent
Bay Roberts
Beaumont
Bell Island
Belleoram
Bellevue
Benoit's Cove
Birchy Bay
Bishop's Falls
Black Duck Cove
Black Tickle
Bonavista
Botwood
Boyd's Cove
Branch
Brent's Cove
Brig Bay
Brigus
Brown's Arm
Buchans
Burgeon
Burin
Burlington
Campbellton
Cape Broyle
Carbonear
Carmanville
Cartwright
Catalina
Centreville
Chance Cove
Change Islands
Chapel Arm

Charlottetown (Bonavista Bay)
Charlottetown (Labrador)
Churchill Falls
Clareville
Clarke's Head
Codroy
Come By Chance
Comfort Cove - Newstead
Conche
Cook's Harbour
Coomb's Cove
Corner Brook
Cottrell's Cove
Cow Head
Daniel's Harbour
Deer Lake
Degras
Eastport
Englee
English Harbour East
English Harbour West
Fairhaven
Fermeuse
Fleur De Lys
Flower's Cove
Fogo
Forteau
Francois
Freshwater
Gambo
Gander
Garden Cove
Garnish
Gaultois
Glenwood
Glovertown

Grand Bank
Grand Falls
Grandois
Green Island Cove
Greenspond
Grey River
Griquet
Hampden
Happy Valley - Goose Bay
Harbour Breton
Harbour Main
Hare Bay
Harry's Harbour
Hawkes Bay
Heart's Content
Heart's Delight
Hermitage
Hickman's Harbour
Hillgrade
Hillview
Hopedale
Horwood
Island Harbour
Isle Aux Morts
Jackson's Arm
Jamestown
Jeffreys
Joe Batt's Arm
King's Cove
King's Point
L'Anse Au Loup
Labrador City - Wabush
Ladle Cove
Lamaline
LaPoile
Lark Harbour
LaScie

Leading Ticks
Lewisporte
Little Bay
Little Harbour
Little Heart's Ease
Long Harbour
Long Pond
Lourdes
Lower Island Cove
Lumsden
Main Brook
Makkovik
Mary's Harbour
Marystown
McCallum
McIvers
Millertown
Milltown
Ming's Bight
Monkstown
Monroe
Moreton's Harbour
Mount Carmel
Musgrave Harbour
Musgravetown
Nain
Natuashish
New Chelsea
New Harbour
Newman's Cove
Nipper's Harbour
Norman's Bay
Norris Arm
Northwest River
Old Perlican
Pacquet
Paradise River
Pasadena
Petit Forte
Pinsent's Arm
Plate Cove

Point Leamington
Pool's Cove
Port Albert
Port Au Port
Port Aux Basques
Port Blandford
Port Hope Simpson
Port Rexton
Port Saunders
Portugal Cove
Postville
Pouch Cove
Princeton
Raleigh
Ramea
Red Bay
Reef's Harbour
Rencontre East
Rigolet
River Of Ponds
Robert's Arm
Rocky Harbour
Roddickton
Rose Blanche
Rushoon
Seal Cove (Fortune Bay)
Seal Cove (White Bay)
Seldom
Sop's Arm
South Brook
Springdale
St. Alban's
St. Anthony
St. Brendan's
St. Bride's
St. George's
St. John's
St. Lawrence
St. Lewis
St. Mary's
Stephenville

Stephenville Crossing
Summerford
Summerside
Terra Nova
Terrenceville
Torbay
Trepassey
Triton
Trout River
Twillingate
Upper Island Cove
Wesleyville
Western Bay
Westport
Whitbourne
Wild Cove
Witless Bay
Woody Point