STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. P-100, SUB 137C

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Area Code Relief for North Carolina's) ORDER PERMITTING ATTORNEY
336 Numbering Plan Area) KIMBERLY WHEELER MILLER TO
) APPEAR AT AND PARTICIAPTE IN
) HEARING WITHOUT NORTH
) CAROLINA LOCAL COUNSEL

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On January 21, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Requesting Comments and Scheduling Public Hearings (Order) to address area code relief for the geographic area covered by the 336 NPA. In the Order, the Commission scheduled hearings in High Point, North Carolina on March 10-11, 2014 to receive and consider evidence that had arisen since the March 2001 hearings in this docket. On March 11, 2014, the Commission issued an order rescheduling the High Point hearings on June 23-24, 2014.

On June 5, 2014, Attorney James West filed a motion requesting Commission permission for Attorney Kimberly Wheeler Miller to appear at the scheduled hearings without North Carolina local counsel. Attorney Miller is Associate General Counsel for the Petitioner, i.e., Neustar, the North American Numbering Plan Administrator. In support of the Motion, Attorney West explained that, in the March 2001 evidentiary hearing, Commissioner Sam J. Ervin, IV¹ granted his motion and permitted Attorney Miller (then Wheeler²) to appear on behalf of the Petitioner, that he will not be able to attend the June 2014 hearings due to prior travel commitments outside of the country, and that the Petitioner has consented to Attorney Miller's appearance at and participation in the High Point hearings without his presence.

¹ Commissioner Ervin left the Commission in 2008.

At the time, Attorney Wheeler was outside counsel for Petitioner.

After carefully considering the Motion and the record proper, the Presiding Commissioner finds that good cause exists to grant the Motion to permit Attorney Kimberly Wheeler Miller to appear at and participate in the High Point hearings without North Carolina local counsel.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the <u>11th</u> day of June, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk