STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. P-100, SUB 137C

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	١	
Area Code Relief for North Carolina's 336 Numbering Plan Area)))	ERRATA ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION: On January 21, 2014, the Commission issued its Order Requesting Comments and Scheduling Public Hearings in the above-captioned docket. It has come to the Commission's attention that in the Notice of Public Hearing issued with the January 21, 2014 Order, under the "Public Hearing to be Held in High Point" discussion, it was stated that "the evening hearing on March 11, 2014 shall be conducted for the sole purpose of receiving testimony and comments from members of the public". The notice should have stated that the evening hearing on **March 10, 2014** shall be conducted for the sole purpose of receiving testimony and comments from members of the public. A revised copy of the Notice of Public Hearing is attached.

The Commission, therefore, finds good cause to issue this Errata Order.

IT IS THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the <u>28th</u> day of January, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Hail L. Mount

Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk

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In the Matter of)	
Area Code Relief for North Carolina's 336)	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Numbering Plan Area)	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 22, 2013, Neustar, Inc., in its role as the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), notified the Commission that the projected exhaust date for the 336 numbering plan area (NPA) code had been revised to second quarter 2016. In an earlier filed petition, in this docket, Neustar requested that the Commission approve the Industry's recommended all-services distributed overlay relief plan for the 336 area code.

TWO AREA CODES AND TEN-DIGIT DIALING

Industry representatives have recommended a "distributed overlay" as the relief plan for the 336 area code. Under the recommended plan, a new area code would be assigned to cover or "overlay" the entire geographic area using the existing 336 area code boundary lines. This would result in two area codes for the same geographic area. The chief advantage of using an overlay relief plan is that existing telephone subscribers would not have to change area codes or telephone numbers. When telephone numbers in the 336 area code run out, new residential and business telephone numbers for the area would be assigned from the new area code. The chief disadvantage of using an overlay relief plan is that all local calls dialed using seven digits today would have to be dialed using ten digits (336 + seven-digit telephone number or new area code + seven-digit telephone number). A Federal Communication Commission (FCC) regulation would require ten-digit dialing both between and within the 336 code and the new overlay area code.

OTHER SOLUTIONS WERE CONSIDERED

In Neustar's recent filing, three variations of a "geographic split" relief plan were also updated for consideration. Under these plans, the geographic area covered by the 336 area code would be split into two parts. Roughly half of the affected telephone subscribers would continue to be served through the 336 area code, and half would change to the new area code. Although ten-digit dialing would not be required within the area codes, most seven-digit dialed calling routes that exist today in the 336 area code would become ten-digit dialed calling routes in both directions if they are split by the new area code boundary. The industry rejected all geographic split relief plans because

of the necessity of changing the telephone numbers of a large number of subscribers, the difficulty of predicting growth for the two areas, and potential customer confusion as the area is divided into smaller pieces.

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD IN HIGH POINT

After carefully considering the updated information filed by Neustar, the Commission has determined that all affected subscribers should have an opportunity to express their views on the recommendation. Accordingly, the Commission will conduct a public-hearing to be convened in High Point, North Carolina, on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., High Point Courthouse – The Washington Courtroom, 505 East Green Drive, High Point, North Carolina 27261 and shall resume on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m, at the same location, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the matter of area code relief for the 336 area code. The evening hearing on March 10, 2014 shall be conducted for the sole purpose of receiving testimony and comments from members of the public. Members of the public who are unable to attend the evening public hearing on March 10, 2014, will be allowed to testify on the morning of March 11, 2014. The Commission will receive testimony from all formal parties, including the industry participants, the Public Staff, Attorney General, and any other intervenors on March 11. The formal parties shall present a summary of their written comments and be prepared to respond to questions from the Commission.

Persons desiring to send written statements to the Commission should submit their statement supporting the industry recommendation, or any alternative proposal, on or before March 14, 2014, and should include any information that those persons wish to be considered by the Commission in this matter. Interventions or statements addressed to the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325. Statements may also be faxed to (919) 733-7300.

The Public Staff of the Utilities Commission, through the Executive Director, is required by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Executive Director should be addressed to:

Christopher J. Ayers Executive Director - Public Staff 4326 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4326 Fax: (919) 733-9565 The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to:

The Honorable Roy A. Cooper, III Attorney General – State of North Carolina Post Office Box 629 Raleigh, North Carolina 27602 – 0629 Fax: (919) 716-6757

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSSION.

This the <u>28th</u> day of January, 2014.

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