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8	Commissioner Susan W. Rabon
9	Commissioner Don M. Bailey
10	Commissioner Jerry C. Dockham
11	Commissioner James G. Patterson
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Good morning.
3	Let's come to order and go back on the record. I am
4	Commissioner ToNola D. Brown-Bland, and I am the
5	Presiding Commissioner for this hearing. With me this
6	morning are Commissioners Bryan E. Beatty, Susan W.
7	Rabon, Don M. Bailey, Jerry C. Dockham, and James G.
8	Patterson. We are continuing the hearing in Docket
9	Number P-100, Sub 137C, In the Matter of Area Code Relief
10	for North Carolina's 336 Numbering Plan Area, or NPA,
11	resumed from yesterday.
12	This is a hearing on the petition of Neustar,
13	Incorporated, as North American Numbering Plan
14	Administrator, and acting on behalf of the North Carolina
15	Telecommunications Industry. And in its petition, it is
16	seeking approval of a consensus industry recommendation
17	that all services distributed overlay be implemented as
18	the relief plan for the 336 NPA. In its petition and
19	through subsequently filed updates, Neustar alleges that
20	in the absence of relief, central office or NXX codes for
21	the 336 NPA will exhaust during the second quarter of
22	2016.
23	As always, pursuant to G.S. 138A-15E, I remind
24	members of Commission of our duty to avoid conflicts of

- 1 interest, and inquire at this time as to whether any
- 2 Commissioner has any known conflict of interest with
- 3 respect to this docket?
- 4 (No response.)
- 5 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Let the record
- 6 reflect that no such conflicts were identified.
- 7 For the record, I now call upon counsel for the
- 8 parties to announce their appearances, beginning with the
- 9 Petitioner.
- 10 MS. MILLER: Good morning. My name is Kimberly
- 11 Miller. I represent Neustar, Inc., the Petitioner, and
- 12 my business address is 1775 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW,
- 13 Washington, D.C.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Welcome, Ms. Miller.
- 15 MR. TYLER: Good morning, Madam Chairman. John
- 16 Tyler on behalf of BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC,
- 17 doing business as AT&T North Carolina.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Thank you.
- 19 MS. GRIGG: Good morning, Commissioner Brown-
- 20 Bland, members of the Commission. I am Mary Lynne Grigg
- 21 with McGuireWoods here on behalf of Sprint.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Good morning.
- 23 MS. EDMONDSON: Lucy Edmondson with the Public
- 24 Staff on behalf of the Using and Consuming Public.

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1 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Thank you. 2 morning we are resuming with the continuation of the 3 public hearing, and then we'll move into the evidentiary portion of the hearing and receive testimony from the 4 5 formal parties in the docket. Ms. Edmondson, have you identified any witnesses who wish to testify as public 6 witnesses in this matter? 7 8 MS. EDMONDSON: I have not. COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: For the record, is 9 there anyone in the courtroom who would like to testify 10 11 as a pubic witness in this matter? 12 (No response.) COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Let the record 13 14 reflect that no one came forward. So with that, we will move into the evidentiary hearing, and the case is with 15 the Petitioner, Ms. Miller and Neustar. 16 MS. MILLER: Good morning. The Petitioner 17 would like to call Tom Foley to the stand. 18 19 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: All right. 20 Foley, come on around. 21 THOMAS C. FOLEY; Being first duly sworn, 22 testified as follows: COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: All right. You may 23 be seated.

- 1 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. MILLER:
- Q Mr. Foley, would you state your name for the
- 3 record.
- 4 A My name is Thomas C. Foley.
- 5 Q And please provide us with your business
- 6 address.
- 7 A My business address is 21575 Ridge Top Circle,
- 8 Sterling, Virginia.
- 9 Q And you have a prepared statement you'd like to
- 10 read today?
- 11 A Yes, I do. Thank you, Presiding Commissioner
- 12 and Commissioners. I am employed with Neustar as Senior
- 13 Manager Data Analysis. I have been performing relief
- 14 planning activities since 1999 for Neustar. Before that,
- 15 I was employed in the telecommunications industry for
- 16 more than 27 years. I serve as the Numbering Plan Area,
- 17 NPA, Relief Planner for the southeastern United States,
- 18 Caribbean -- and the Caribbean. Excuse me. Neustar is
- 19 the North American Numbering Plan Administrator. As an
- 20 NPA Relief Planner, I am responsible for initiating NPA
- 21 relief in sufficient time -- I got lost, I'm sorry -- in
- 22 sufficient time to prevent NPA exhaust. The
- 23 responsibilities include the monitoring of CO code
- 24 utilization trends and collecting other information in

- 1 order to project the NPA exhaust, notify the industry and
- 2 appropriate regulatory bodies and the telecommunications
- 3 industries. NANPA also prepares and forwards to the
- 4 industry recommended relief plans to approve -- to the
- 5 appropriate regulatory agency and provides notification
- 6 of agency approval of the relief plans to the industry in
- 7 accordance with the NPA Code Relief Planning and
- 8 Notification Guidelines.
- 9 NANPA is the neutral third-party administrator
- 10 of the North American Numbering Plan, pursuant to its
- 11 contract with the Federal Communications Commission.
- 12 NANPA began planning for relief in 1999, and in 2000,
- 13 NANPA facilitated an industry meeting in Greensboro on
- 14 July 27th for the purpose of presenting NPA relief
- 15 alternatives to the industry and ultimately allow the
- 16 industry members to come to consensus on a single relief
- 17 plan to present to the Commission. Prior to the meeting,
- 18 NANPA prepared and distributed an Initial Planning
- 19 Document which described four relief alternatives for the
- 20 336 NPA, three geographic splits and a distributed
- 21 overlay. The industry reviewed the pros and cons of the
- 22 four alternatives and reached consensus to recommend that
- 23 the Commission issue an order to approve the alternate --
- 24 the alternate for the distributive overlay.

- On September 7th, NANPA filed a petition with
- 2 the Commission on behalf of the industry notifying the
- 3 Commission of the industry's consensus to recommend the
- 4 overlay as its preferred method of relief for the 336
- 5 NPA. At that time, the 336 NPA was projected to exhaust
- 6 in 2002.
- 7 Subsequently, the exhaust date kept moving out
- 8 due to implementation of numbering conservation measures,
- 9 like thousands number block pooling, and some changes in
- 10 the economy. In fact, we filed two letters with the
- 11 Commission notifying it of changes to the exhaust
- 12 projections. At the time of this filing, the 336 NPA was
- 13 projected to exhaust during the second quarter of 2016.
- 14 This is within the three years, so normally NANPA, we are
- 15 -- as the NANPA we are required to initiate relief.
- 16 Because the original petition remains open, we filed with
- 17 the Commission notifying of the new exhaust projection
- 18 dates and updated projection lives of the four
- 19 alternatives.
- 20 By a consensus decision, the industry
- 21 recommended that all-services distributed overlay for the
- 22 336 NPA. This is alternate one. This means that the new
- 23 NPA code would be assigned to the same geographic area as
- 24 the existing 336 NPA. However, all existing customers

- 1 would retain their original number and not have to take a
- 2 number change. Alternative 1 had a projected life of 43
- 3 years. Consistent with the FCC regulations, customers
- 4 will have to dial 10 digits for all local calls within
- 5 the area. The new central office code assignments would
- 6 be made from the new overlay area code beginning one
- 7 month after mandatory 10-digit dialing begins. All toll
- 8 calls will be dialed 1 plus 10 digits.
- 9 We appreciate the Commission's time and the
- 10 opportunity to testify in this matter. This concludes my
- 11 testimony.
- MS. MILLER: Presiding Commissioner, at this
- 13 time we'd like to, and with your permission, enter into
- 14 evidence the original petition that we filed in 2000, as
- 15 well as the subsequent letters that we filed to update
- 16 the Commission on the projected exhaust of the 336 area
- 17 code.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: All right. That
- 19 motion will be allowed, and they will be received into
- 20 evidence.
- 21 MS. MILLER: Okay. The -- the petition was
- 22 filed on September 7th of 2000, and then subsequently we
- 23 filed a letter. It's dated June 17, 2003, and it
- 24 announced that the exhaust date had moved to the second

1 quarter of 2009. And a letter filed -- or dated June 24, 2004, and it noted the projected exhaust for the second 2 quarter of 2010 at that time. And then there is the most 4 recent update that was filed on July 19, 2013, and as Mr. 5 Foley explained, the exhaust is second quarter of 2016. 6 I'd like these to be marked as Exhibits 2 through 5. 7 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: All right. They will be marked -- the Petition and the subsequent 9 updates, filings, will be marked as Petitioner's Exhibits 10 2 through 5, in the order that she listed them. MS. MILLER: Thank you. 11 (Whereupon, Petitioner's Exhibit 12 Numbers 2, 3, 4 and 5 were marked 1.3 for identification and admitted 14 15 into evidence.) MS. MILLER: And the witness is available for 16 cross examination. 17 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: All right. Is there 18 any cross examination for this witness? 19 20 (No response.) COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Are there any 21 questions from the Commission? Commissioner Beatty? 22 EXAMINATION BY COMMISSIONER BEATTY: 23 Mr. Foley, I just wanted to ask how confident 24

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are you of the current projection? 1 2 Commissioner, the current projection is based 3 upon information provided semiannually by the carriers and also based upon any information we have concerning 5 that area. Subsequent to filing the petition, we had another round of what we call the interim forecast, and 6 7 it moved it out one quarter, to the third quarter of 2016. That's not an appreciable difference. If anything, it will move out. I doubt seriously that it 9 will move in. But one of the reasons is, is that the 10 carrier forecast will sometimes roll out because of 11 12 changed plans and things like this. COMMISSIONER BEATTY: Thanks. 13 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: All right. Any 14 15 questions on the Commission's question? 16 (No response.) COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Seeing no further 17 questions for this witness, you may step down. 18 MR. FOLEY: Thank you, Presiding Commissioner. 19 (Witness excused.) 20 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: All right. Is there 21 any further evidence from the Petitioner? 22 MS. MILLER: No, ma'am. 23

COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: All right. Is there

- 1 any other party now who wishes to come forward?
- MR. TYLER: Yes. To clarify the record, I'm
- 3 representing AT&T North Carolina. We're sponsoring a
- 4 witness on behalf of the Joint Carriers in this docket,
- 5 and in that capacity we would call Rob Smith.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: All right. Thank
- 7 you, Mr. Tyler. Mr. Smith, you may come around.
- 8 ROBERT SMITH; Being first duly sworn,
- 9 testified as follows:
- 10 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: All right. You may
- 11 be seated.
- 12 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. TYLER:
- 13 Q Mr. Smith, would you state your name, your
- 14 address and your business affiliation and on whose behalf
- 15 you're testimony today, please?
- 16 A Yes. Robert Smith, Director of National
- 17 Regulatory. My address is Greater Point Drive,
- 18 Charlotte, North Carolina. I am here on behalf of the
- 19 Joint Telecommunications Carriers. I represent --
- 20 specifically, I work for AT&T.
- 21 Q And Mr. Smith, when this docket originally
- opened, did you serve as a witness in the same capacity?
- 23 A Yes.
- Q Did you provide testimony at that time?

- 1 A Yes, I did.
- 2 Q Do you have a summary of testimony that you
- 3 have prepared for the Commission today?
- 4 A I do.
- 5 Q Would you provide that, please?
- A The Joint Telecommunications Carriers support
- 7 the North American Numbering Plan Administrator's
- 8 previous filings in this docket and, more specifically,
- 9 we assert that NANPA's all services overlay
- 10 recommendation is by far the best approach to area code
- 11 relief for the 336 numbering plan area. An all services
- 12 overlay will minimize any inconvenience to consumers and
- 13 will align North Carolina with the continuing trend
- 14 throughout the United States to use the overlay method as
- 15 the preferred form of area code relief. As stated at
- 16 length in our written comments, the overlay has numerous
- 17 advantages over an area code split, the other alternative
- 18 for area code relief, including less customer impact and
- 19 fewer technical issues.
- In contrast to the industry's recommended
- 21 overlay solution, an area code split would treat
- 22 telephone customers who presently have a 336 telephone
- 23 number unfairly. An area code split would force some
- 24 customers to change the area code of their 10-digit phone

- 1 number, thus requiring these customers to contact all of
- their family, friends, and business associates in order
- 3 to provide them the new area code. Moreover, an area
- 4 code split could be financially burdensome to business
- 5 owners and operators. Because residential and business
- 6 customers alike have become associated with and
- 7 identified by their telephone numbers, an area code split
- 8 would be much more burdensome than it would have been a
- 9 decade or so ago. And the industry's experience is that
- 10 consumers can easily adapt to 10-digit dialing on calls
- 11 within the same area code as part of their everyday
- 12 calling patterns.
- 13 Another benefit of overlays over splits is that
- 14 the technical problems carriers experience with area code
- 15 splits, including local number portability issues, are
- 16 avoided. These issues are discussed in more detail in
- 17 our comments.
- 18 While we generally support NANPA's proposed
- 19 implementation schedule, we recommend some slight
- 20 modifications to that schedule. In its original
- 21 September 7, 2000 filing, NANPA outlined a 13-month
- 22 schedule for implementation of the recommended all
- 23 services overlay, with implementation beginning
- 24 immediately upon the issuance of a Commission order.

- 1 Since 2000, the Joint Telecommunications Carriers have
- 2 implemented numerous overlays nationwide. We have come
- 3 to realize that a certain amount of flexibility is very
- 4 helpful in establishing NANPA's general 13-month
- 5 implementation schedule. Accordingly, we propose that
- 6 NANPA's original schedule be modified so as to include an
- 7 initial 6-month period focused on customer education and
- 8 network preparation, followed by another -- another 6-
- 9 month period of permissive 7- or 10-digit dialing and
- 10 continued customer education. After the first 12 months,
- 11 mandatory 10-digit dialing would begin and the first code
- 12 activation from the new overlay area code would become
- 13 effective after one month of mandatory 10-digit dialing.
- 14 Based on the industry's collective experience with
- 15 overlay implementations across the country, our proposed
- 16 revised schedule should provide ample time for network
- 17 preparation and customer education, thus facilitating
- 18 smooth implementation of the overlay and avoiding the
- 19 denial or delay of service to customers because of the
- 20 unavailability of new central office codes.
- In addition, we renew our previous
- 22 recommendation that 7-digit dialing across area code
- 23 boundaries be eliminated, and that the Commission require
- 24 10-digit dialing for local EAS and ELCS calls placed

- 1 across area code boundaries.
- We very much appreciate the Commission's time
- 3 and attention to this important matter. This concludes
- 4 my testimony.
- 5 MR. TYLER: Madam, if it please the Commission,
- 6 the Joint Carriers would move that the summary testimony
- 7 of Rob Smith be entered into the record, subject to any
- 8 cross examination.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: All right. Is there
- 10 -- is there any cross examination of this witness?
- 11 MS. EDMONDSON: I have a couple questions.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: All right, Ms.
- 13 Edmondson.
- 14 CROSS EXAMINATION BY MS. EDMONDSON:
- 15 Q Mr. Smith, did you have an opportunity to
- 16 review the customer letters filed in the -- with the
- 17 Commission?
- 18 A I did review some of them. I did not -- I was
- 19 not able to review all of them.
- 20 Q Would you accept that there were 10 filed,
- 21 eight for the overlay and two who expressed -- who did
- 22 not want to dial 10 digits?
- 23 A I did.
- Q So 10 letters in total?

- 1 A Yes, I do accept that.
- 2 Q And of the two that did not support 10-digit
- 3 dialing, one of them from a George Rilling asked, also,
- 4 do we throw in a 1 each time or just those outside the
- 5 designated area, and then in another one from a Stephanie
- 6 Reed, she had a sentence saying it also generates a toll
- 7 charge for each call, the 10-digit dialing. She's under
- 8 that impression. Do you think these types of questions
- 9 or maybe false impressions would be helped by this
- 10 additional six-month education period?
- 11 A Yes, Yes, without a doubt. And I will add
- 12 that, you know, the perception that 10-digit dialing is a
- 13 problem, it's very difficult for the average consumer to
- 14 understand those other options that are on the table, but
- in reality, those options divide a number of counties.
- 16 They also divide community of interest. You're isolating
- 17 -- for instance, there's a donut option that Greensboro,
- 18 High Point, Winston-Salem, I believe, are in the middle
- 19 and everybody else is on the outside if you're going to
- 20 have cross-boundary calls, which are going to require 10-
- 21 digit dialing, based on the Commission's previous orders.
- 22 So the confusion of a split is a lot of people
- 23 won't understand when they're supposed to 10-digit dial
- 24 or 7-digit dial. And, quite frankly, after living

- 1 through all of those, I was regulatory for 20 years and I
- 2 saw a number of splits and a number of overlays, it
- 3 really creates a tremendous amount of confusion. And
- 4 those people that are 10-digit dialing do not incur a
- 5 toll charge, as you well know. I know AT&T and I believe
- 6 the other carriers -- most of the other carriers for
- 7 consumers have zero rate at that expanded local area, and
- 8 so one what was 7 digits will now be 10 digits. It
- 9 doesn't change any of the toll calling patterns that we
- 10 have.
- 11 Q And my other question, you were here last night
- 12 to hear Mr. Ayeres testify?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q And do you have any comment as to the
- 15 workability of the proposal he made, using the star and
- 16 the hashtag sign?
- 17 A Yeah. I would say that that would require
- 18 significant work at the switch level to implement
- 19 something that is not standard throughout the industry.
- 20 And, also, I think it's problematic from a consumer
- 21 standpoint. We have to keep in mind the consumers. Over
- 22 90 percent -- I think the Pew study recently said over 90
- 23 percent of consumers have a cell phone. You 10-digit
- 24 dial with cell phones. And so you're now introducing,

- 1 with his suggestion, a brand new calling pattern that
- 2 nobody knows about. They're only used to using those
- 3 stars and pounds, quite frankly, to activate, deactivate
- 4 features or to respond to some type of automated system
- 5 at the bank or whatever.
- And so introducing it as a specific calling
- 7 method is really complicated from the consumer
- 8 standpoint. I, quite frankly, am more concerned about it
- 9 from that standpoint than I am about all the work that
- 10 has to be done, not to underestimate that. I mean, this
- 11 -- this is all about what the -- how the consumers are
- 12 impacted, and that should be the central focus here. And
- 13 this is really a no-brainer when you start looking at
- 14 that and what is the simplest thing for people to
- 15 understand.
- 16 Q And when you said the switches have to be
- 17 reprogrammed, would that just be in the local area, or
- 18 how many switches would have to be reprogrammed?
- 19 A Well, if you're using a new calling pattern
- 20 like that, I would think that affects switches
- 21 nationwide. I'm not an expert. It's clearly -- you
- 22 know, when you do an area code change, you have to -- all
- 23 the carriers that are going to be receiving or placing
- 24 calls to those numbers, they all have to have that new

area code in their systems. And so if you had your --1 you had a new pattern with a star or a pound, it seems 2 clear to me that that would involve nationwide type 3 changes to recognize that pattern. Or even international? 5 Α Yes. MS. EDMONDSON: Thank you. 7 8 THE WITNESS: Sure. 9 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Any further cross examination? 10 (No response.) 11 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Any questions from 12 the Commissioners for this witness? Commissioner Beatty? 13 14 EXAMINATION BY COMMISSIONER BEATTY: Mr. Smith, you're familiar with the overlay in 15 Q the 919 area --16 17 Yes. -- a couple years ago? 18 19 Α Yes. Were there any big lessons learned from that 20 21 experience? 22 Yes. Don't assign any more area codes that start with a 9-1. You know, besides that issue, it's 23 gone -- it's gone as smoothly as the other overlays have 24

- 1 gone. That was a unique situation I don't think that
- 2 anybody thought would happen, that people that were
- 3 trying to dial 919, particularly for a business when you
- 4 dial 9 919, that program that says dial 911, that's
- 5 what was happening. And I know that AT&T and other
- 6 companies became involved in educating, especially
- 7 business customers. We worked with the 911 centers to
- 8 identify who are the frequent problem areas as far as
- 9 making those calls, and they have come down quite a bit.
- 10 Yes, they're still having issues, but I don't think we'll
- 11 be assigning any more 9-1 area codes, if we can help it.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BEATTY: Glad to hear that.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 14 EXAMINATION BY COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND:
- 15 Q Mr. Smith, the summary that you passed out to
- 16 the Commission this morning had a footnote that
- 17 identified the Joint Telecommunications Carriers. Have
- 18 those carriers changed throughout the course of this
- 19 proceeding or do they remain the same?
- 20 A Well, quite frankly, I do not know.
- Q Okay.
- 22 A I do not know of any changes.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Mr. Tyler, do you
- 24 have something to add to that?

- 1 MR. TYLER: There have been no changes.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: All right. Thank
- 3 you.
- 4 Q And, also, somewhat as a follow up to
- 5 Commissioner Beatty's question, but just in general,
- 6 other than the 911/919 issues that were experienced over
- 7 in the Raleigh calling area, are there other difficulties
- 8 or issues that might be expected when we move in this
- 9 direction with this overlay?
- 10 A This is by far the least disruptive to
- 11 consumers, to businesses and to the carriers, as we saw
- 12 over in the 704 area code. And, quite frankly, 919,
- 13 except for that -- that particular issue. The whole
- 14 education part is centered around making sure people
- 15 understand the 10-digit dialing sequence. We don't have
- 16 people getting their numbers changed, which creates, in
- 17 addition to confusion over, you know, Aunt Myrtle or
- 18 whoever had a different area code, today we've got all
- 19 the effects on smartphones and everything else, and also
- 20 businesses that you go to, and you give them your
- 21 telephone number to identify you. None of that changes,
- 22 which is wonderful. Consumers can still give their same
- 23 number. So we will focus the vast majority of education
- 24 on that 10-digit dialing issue.

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And I guess I'm more directly asking, in your 1 2 experience, is there any, you know, known, identified issues that we might expect just in an effort to be able 3 to have a heads up and be prepared for any specific 4 5 issues that might arise or are more generalized? А I -- not that I'm aware of. I will tell you 6 7 that, you know, when we first started implementing 8 overlays, we worked through some issues with some 9 industries, for instance, alarm companies and so forth. That was a long time ago. So -- and that issue centered 10 around the number that's programmed in a person's home, 11 12 whether it was 7 or 10 digits, to get to the alarm 13 company. As you can see, there's no alarm companies that 14 intervened in this docket, so I suspect that's not an 15 issue anymore. Back in those days we had everybody under 16 the sun intervene just to make sure that there was time 17 for implementation. The timeline that we've got laid out here provides ample time for all that. 18 19 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Are there questions 20 on the Commission's questions? 21 (No response.) COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: 22 There being no 23 questions, then you are excused, Mr. Smith.

Thank you.

MR. SMITH:

(Witness excused.) 1 MR. TYLER: Madam Hearing Officer, if I may, 2 just to clarify the question that you had earlier 3 regarding the Joint Telecommunications Carriers, were you 4 5 talking about from the original opening of the docket or since it's been reactivated? 6 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Since it's been 7 8 reactivated. MR. TYLER: Okay. Well, then, the carriers 9 that are in footnote one are the same carriers that are 10 11 before you today through Rob Smith's testimony. However, when the docket first was opened several years ago, the 12 13 Joint Carriers at that time were BellSouth, LEXCOM, North 14 State and Sprint. So you can see that either the organization of some of those entities have changed or 15 16 there has been an addition of certain entities. 17 just want to be very clear that since the docket was reactivated, the carriers in footnote one are still --18 19 remain in the docket, but that is slightly different from 20 those who were in the docket originally. 21 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: All right. Thank 22 you for that, Mr. Tyler. 23 MR. TYLER: You're welcome. 24 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Okay. Are there any

other witnesses to come before us? 1 2 (No response.) COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Okay. Out of an 3 abundance of caution, we will receive either through 4 5 judicial notice and/or into evidence the prior testimony in this docket, and comments from the formal parties will 6 be received into evidence going back to 2001 through the 7 present. And all of this prior testimony and comments 8 9 will be part of the record and considered, even though none of the present serving Commissioners were members of 10 the Commission in 2001. Are there any objections to 11 that? 12 13 (No response.) COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: There being no 14 objections, the objections will be considered waived. 15 And after that, I believe we need to address 16 proposed orders. The proposed orders can be in -- or 17 18 they can be filed jointly, if the parties agree. If 19 those can be in within 30 days, and make sure that they address the implementation schedule that's being proposed 20 21 for the overlay. 22 Are there any other questions or other matters 23 that you can think of that need to be addressed at this 24 time for purposes of a clear record?

1	(No response.)
2	COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: That's all the
3	Commission can think of at this time. So with that,
4	nothing further to come before the Commission on this
5	matter, we are adjourned. Thank you.
6	(The hearing was adjourned.)
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE

CERTIFICATE

I, Linda S. Garrett, Notary Public/Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing hearing before the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Docket No.

P-100, Sub 137 C, was taken and transcribed under my supervision; and that the foregoing pages constitute a true and accurate transcript of said Hearing.

I do further certify that I am not of counsel for, or in the employment of either of the parties to this action, nor am I interested in the results of this action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 3rd day of July, 2014.

Linda S. Garrett

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