

2. The parties expect to participate in a neutral evaluation and mediation with Judge Etheridge on September 11, 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia.

3. Judge Etheridge is associated with Etheridge Settlement Conferences, Inc., 942 Berkshire Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30324, (404) 875-2697. His rate of compensation is \$600 per hour, to be split equally by the parties. Judge Etheridge and the parties have agreed to that rate of compensation, and have agreed to participate in a neutral evaluation on September 11, 2008.

WHEREFORE, the parties jointly request that the Court permit the parties to participate in the foregoing neutral evaluation and mediation and relieve the parties of the requirement to participate in a mediated settlement conference before a North Carolina approved mediator.

This the 10th day of September, 2008.

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