## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE MATTER OF LOCAL RULES OF CIVIL PRACTICE	)	ORDER AMENDING LOCAL 7 RULE 30.1(3) OF CIVIL
IN THIS COURT	)	PRACTICE

For good cause appearing to the Court, and pursuant to the authority of 28 U.S.C. § 2071 and Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:

IT IS ORDERED that Local Rule 30.1(3) is amended as follows:

(3) Counsel and their witness-clients shall not engage in private, off-the-record conferences while the deposition is proceeding in session, except for the purpose of deciding whether to assert a privilege. Counsel may confer with their clients during mid-morning, lunch, mid-afternoon, or overnight breaks in the deposition. However, counsel for a deponent may not request such a break while a question is pending or while there continues a line of questioning that may be completed within a reasonable time preceding such scheduled breaks.

This the  $22^{n\lambda}$  of December, 2006.

James A. Beaty, Jr.

Chief, United States District Judge

N. Carlton Tilley, Jr.

United States District Judge

William L. Osteen

Senior United States District Judge