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Via DIS

Renee J. Jenkins, Secretary Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Attention: Docketing Division 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Re: <u>Case No 12-2796-TP-CIO</u>- In the Matter of the Application of EarthLink Business, LLC to Complete *Pro Forma* Intra-Company Changes

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

On behalf of EarthLink Business, LLC (f/k/a New Edge Network, Inc. d/b/a EarthLink Business), attached for filing is an electronic copy of the above-referenced Application in PDF Format.

Please acknowledge receipt and acceptance of this filing. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Matter of the Application of EarthLink Business, LLC) to Complete *Pro Forma* Intra-Company Changes) TRF Docket No. 90-___ Case No. **12- 2784-TP-CIO**

NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the "Case No" fields BLANK.

Name of Registrant(s) EarthLink Business, LLC (f/k/a New Edge Network, Inc. d/b/a EarthLink B	Susiness) ("New Edge")
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Motion for protective order included with filing? \Box Yes \boxtimes No	
Motion for waiver(s) filed affecting this case? 🗌 Yes 🛛 No [Note: Waivers may toll any automatic	timeframe.]

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Notes:

Section I and II are Pursuant to Chapter <u>4901:1-6</u> OAC.

Section III – Carrier to Carrier is Pursuant to 4901:1-7 OAC, and Wireless is Pursuant to 4901:1-6-24 OAC. Section IV – Attestation.

(1) Indicate the Carrier Type and the reason for submitting this form by checking the boxes below.

(2) For requirements for various applications, see the identified section of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4901 and/or the supplemental application form noted.

(3) Information regarding the number of copies required by the Commission may be obtained from the Commission's web site at <u>www.puco.ohio.gov</u> under the docketing information system section, by calling the docketing division at 614-466-4095, or by visiting the docketing division at the offices of the Commission.

(4) An Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) offering basic local exchange service (BLES) outside its traditional service area should choose CLEC designation when proposing to offer BLES outside its traditional service area or when proposing to make changes to that service.

All Filings that result in a change to one or more tariff pages require, at a minimum, the following exhibits.

Exhibit	Description:
Α	The tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s) as they exist before the change(s). Not Applicable.
	Applicant does not provide any services that require tariffing and, therefore, has no tariffs on file.
В	The Tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s), reflecting the change, with the change(s) marked in the
	right margin. Not Applicable. Applicant does not provide any services that require tariffing and,
	therefore, has no tariffs on file.
С	A short description of the nature of the change(s), the intent of the change(s), and the customers affected.
D	A copy of the notice provided to customers, along with an affidavit that the notice was provided according to
	the applicable rule(s). Not Applicable Applicant will continue to provide service without immediate
	change in rates, terms or conditions. Further, the brand name familiar to the customer will not
	change.

Section I – Part I - Common Filings

Carrier Type	For Profit ILEC	Not For Profit ILEC	
Other (explain below)			
Change terms & conditions of existing BLES	ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge, or fee to BLES			$\square \text{ ATA } \underline{1-6-14(H)}$ (Auto 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late Payment	ATA <u>1-6-14(1)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATA <u>1-6-14(1)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATA <u>1-6-14(1)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap.	$\Box ZTA 1-6-14(F)$ (0 day Notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	☐ ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)
Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES	ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	
Change BLES Rates	TRF <u>1-6-14(F)</u> (0 day Notice)	$\Box \text{ TRF } 1-6-14(F)(4) (0 day Notice)$	TRF <u>1-6-14(G)</u> (0 day Notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	BLS <u>1-6-14</u> (<u>C)(1)(c)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
Change in boundary	ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	
Expand service operation area			TRF <u>1-6-08(G)</u> (0 day)
BLES withdrawal			$\Box ZTA 1-6-25(B)$ (0 day Notice)
Other* (explain)			

Section I – Part II – Customer Notification Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-7 OAC

Type of Notice	Direct Mail	Bill Insert	Bill Notation	Electronic Mail
☐ 15-day Notice				
30-day Notice				
Date Notice Sent:				

Section I – Part III – IOS Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-22 OAC

IOS	Introduce New	Tariff Change	Price Change	Withdraw

Section II – Part I – Carrier Certification - Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-08, 09 & 10 OAC

Certification	ILEC (Out of Territory)	CLEC	Telecommunication s Service Provider Not Offering Local	CESTC	CETC
* See Supplemental form	ACE <u>1-6-08</u>	ACE <u>1-6-08</u>	ACE <u>1-6-</u> 08	ACE <u>1-6-</u> 10	UNC <u>1-6-</u> 09
	* (Auto 30- day)	*(Auto 30 day)	*(Auto 30 day)	(Auto 30 day)	*(Non-Auto)

*Supplemental Certification forms can be found on the Commission Web Page.

Section II – Part II – Certificate Status & Procedural

Certificate Status	ILEC	CLEC	Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local
Abandon all Services		ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)	ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)
Change of Official Name *	$\square ACN 1-6-29(B)$ (Auto 30 days)	$\square ACN 1-6-29(B)$ (Auto 30 days)	$\bigotimes \text{CIO } \underline{1-6-29(C)}$ (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership *	ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	$\Box \text{ ACO } \underline{1-6-29(E)}$ (Auto 30 days)	$\bigotimes \text{CIO } \frac{1-6-29(C)}{(0 \text{ day Notice})}$
Merger *	AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate *	ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)

* Other exhibits may be required under the applicable rule(s). ACN, ACO, AMT, ATC, ATR and CIO applications see <u>the 4901:1-6-29 Filing Requirements on the Commission's Web Page</u> for a complete list of exhibits.

Section III – Carrier to Carrier (Pursuant to 4901:1-7), and Wireless (Pursuant to 4901:1-6-24)

Carrier to Carrier	ILEC	CLEC
Interconnection agreement, or amendment to	□ NAG <u>1-7-07</u>	□ NAG <u>1-7-07</u>
an approved agreement	(Auto 90 day)	(Auto 90 day)
Request for Arbitration	ARB <u>1-7-09</u>	ARB <u>1-7-09</u>
Request for Anomation	(Non-Auto)	(Non-Auto)
Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs,	☐ ATA <u>1-7-14</u>	☐ ATA <u>1-7-14</u>
Introduce of change e-t-e service tarms,	(Auto 30 day)	(Auto 30 day)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier	UNC <u>1-7-04</u> or 05	
suspension or modification	(Non-Auto)	
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to Pole	\Box UNC 1-7-23(B)	
Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights-	(Non-Auto)	
of-Way.		
	RCC	□ NAG
Wireless Providers See <u>4901:1-6-24</u>	[Registration &	[Interconnection
	Change in Operations]	Agreement or

Section IV. – Attestation

Registrant hereby attests to its compliance with pertinent entries and orders issued by the Commission.

AFFIDAVIT Compliance with Commission Rules

I am an officer/agent of the applicant corporation, _____

, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

(Name)

Please Check ALL that apply:

□ I attest that these tariffs comply with all applicable rules for the state of Ohio. I understand that tariff notification filings do not imply Commission approval and that the Commission's rules as modified and clarified from time to time, supersede any contradictory provisions in our tariff. We will fully comply with the rules of the state of Ohio and understand that noncompliance can result in various penalties, including the suspension of our certificate to operate within the state of Ohio.

I attest that customer notices accompanying this filing form were sent to affected customers, as specified in Section II, in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-7, Ohio Administrative Code.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on (Date)

at (Location)

*(Signature and Title) ____ (Date) ____

• This affidavit is required for every tariff-affecting filing. It may be signed by counsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of the applicant.

VERIFICATION

I. Brett P. Ferenchak verify that I have utilized the Telecommunications Filing Form for most proceedings provided by the Commission and that all of the information submitted here, and all additional information submitted in connection with this case, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

*(Signature and Title)/s/ Brett P. Ferenchak, Counsel to Applicant (Date) 10/22/12 *Verification is required for every filing. It may be signed by counsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of the applicant.

Send your completed Application Form, including all required attachments as well as the required number of copies, to:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Attention: Docketing Division 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215-3793 Or Make such filing electronically as directed in Case No 06-900-AU-WVR

LIST OF EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A	Existing Tariff Pages - NOT APPLICABLE
Exhibit B	Revised Tariff Pages - NOT APPLICABLE
Exhibit C	Description of Transaction
Exhibit C-1	Current Corporate Organization of EarthLink
Exhibit C-2	Proposed Corporate Organization of EarthLink
Exhibit C-3	Corporate Organization of the OH Certificated Entities Before and After the <i>Pro Forma</i> Intra-Company Changes
Exhibit C-4	New Edge Conversion and Name Change Documents and Authority to Transact Business in Ohio
Exhibit D	Customer Notice and Customer Notice Affidavit - NOT APPLICABLE
Attachment A	Certificate of Good Standing
Attachment B	List of Officers and Directors
Verification	

DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION

EarthLink Business, LLC (f/k/a New Edge Network, Inc. d/b/a EarthLink Business) ("New Edge" of "Applicant")¹ requests Commission approval for certain *pro forma* intracompany changes described in more detail below. Applicant is an indirect subsidiary of EarthLink, Inc. ("EarthLink"), and the *pro forma* intra-company changes described herein are being undertaken to consolidate the EarthLink corporate structure and realign EarthLink's operating units to eliminate unnecessary and cumbersome intermediate companies in the EarthLink corporate structure and to assure that customer service is maximized by aligning the services with the experienced account and operations teams focused on particular lines of business.²

Introduction

Over the past several years, EarthLink has acquired a number of existing telecommunications businesses that either themselves or through one or more operating subsidiaries, held federal and state authorizations and certificates to provide interstate and intrastate telecommunications services. A number of these acquired companies were themselves combinations of multiple existing communications businesses and therefore had more than one licensed operating entity. As a result of these acquisitions, the corporate structure of EarthLink is extremely complex, with over 50 separate entities, many of whose services and service areas overlap. All of the entities providing interstate or intrastate telecommunications services (with the exception of EarthLink Carrier, LLC (f/k/a Interstate FiberNet, Inc. d/b/a EarthLink Carrier)

¹ As will be described in more detail below New Edge has recently changed its corporate form to become a limited liability company ("LLC") and has changed its corporate name. Because the Commission's records currently reflect New Edge's former corporate name, for purposes of avoiding any confusion, Applicant is referred to by its former name, New Edge, throughout this Application.

² The *pro forma* intra-company changes that are the subject of this Application are part of a series of *pro forma* intra-company changes to simplify EarthLink's corporate structure and realign EarthLink's operating units. While the *pro forma* intra-company changes that are the subject of this Application are expected to be completed by the end of the fourth quarter of 2012, some of the other *pro forma* intracompany changes will take place in 2013 due to the complexity of the operational changes that will be necessitated with the intra-corporate changes. To the extent required, Applicant, and/or affiliates of Applicant, will file subsequent requests for approval for, or notice of, those future *pro forma* intracorporate changes.

("IFN"), a wholesale telecommunications services provider that does business as "EarthLink Carrier.") currently transact business, and hold themselves out to the public, under the legal or trade name "EarthLink Business." A chart depicting the current corporate organizational chart of EarthLink and its subsidiaries is provided as <u>Exhibit C-1</u>.

EarthLink intends to simplify its existing corporate structure in a way that streamlines the number of companies offering duplicative services and holding duplicative licenses through a combination of steps, including the conversion of certain of the entities to limited liability companies, the change of the legal name of certain of the entities, the merger of certain of the entities, and the realignment and transfer of certain assets to consolidate services within the appropriate business units. A chart depicting the corporate organizational structure of EarthLink upon completion of these various *pro forma* intra-corporate changes is provided as <u>Exhibit C-2</u>. This simplified corporate structure will reduce the reporting and accounting burdens of EarthLink and provide operational efficiencies, and will make it easier for EarthLink to market services through business units that focus on defined service and customer segments thus allowing each business unit to target its sales, operations, customer service and management teams on those service and customer segments. The instant intra-company changes will also realign certain operating and other assets to the business unit that they support.

Description of the Applicant

New Edge is an indirect subsidiary of EarthLink. EarthLink is a publicly traded Delaware corporation (NASDAQ: ELNK) with a principal business office at 1375 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30309. EarthLink is a provider of Internet Protocol (IP) and telecommunications infrastructure and services to other telecommunications carriers, businesses, enterprise organizations and individual customers across the United States. Over the past 6 years, EarthLink has completed the acquisition of a number of telecommunications companies including New Edge Networks (2006), ITC^DeltaCom (2010) (includes the Interstate FiberNet, DeltaCom and Business Telecom entities), and One Communications (2011) (includes the Connecticut Telephone and Communications Systems, CT Broadband, CTC Communications, Lightship Telecom, US Xchange, Choice One Communications, and Conversent Communications entities), which has resulted in a very complicated corporate structure. As noted above, all of the above acquired companies, and each of their subsidiary companies, operate

under the legal or trade name EarthLink Business. In Ohio, EarthLink has seven subsidiaries that are authorized to provide telecommunications services: Business Telecom, Inc. d/b/a EarthLink Business ("BTI"),³ CTC Communications Corp. d/b/a EarthLink Business ("CTC"),⁴ Choice One Communications of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a EarthLink Business ("Choice One"),⁵ Conversent Communications Resale L.L.C. d/b/a EarthLink Business ("Conversent"),⁶ DeltaCom, LLC d/b/a EarthLink Business (f/k/a DeltaCom, Inc. d/b/a EarthLink Business) ("DeltaCom"),⁷ New Edge,⁸ and Saturn Telecommunication Services, Inc. d/b/a EarthLink Business ("Saturn")⁹ (collectively, the "OH Certificated Entities"). BTI is a North Carolina corporation; CTC is a Massachusetts corporation; Choice One is a Delaware corporation;

³ BTI is authorized to provide competitive telecommunications services to Certificate No. 90-5193 granted in Case No. 03-1578-TP-CIO. BTI is not affected by the *pro forma* intra-company changes that are the subject of this Application, but is expected to participate in future *pro forma* intra-company changes, at which time BTI will make the necessary filing(s).

⁴ CTC is authorized to provide competitive local exchange services and competitive telecommunications services pursuant to Certificate No. 90-9376 granted in Case No. 09-698-TP-ACE. CTC, Choice One and Conversent are jointly filing a separate application with the Commission, requesting approval for the *pro forma* intra-company changes affecting those entities as described below.

⁵ Choice One is authorized to provide competitive local exchange services pursuant to Revised Certificate No. 90-9082. CTC, Choice One and Conversent are jointly filing a separate application with the Commission, requesting approval for the *pro forma* intra-company changes affecting those entities as described below.

⁶ Conversent is authorized to provide competitive local exchange and competitive telecommunications services pursuant to Certificate No. 90-9372 granted in Case No. 09-699-TP-ACE. CTC, Choice One and Conversent are jointly filing a separate application with the Commission, requesting approval for the *pro forma* intra-company changes affecting those entities as described below.

⁷ DeltaCom authorized to provide competitive telecommunications services pursuant to Certificate No. 90-5725 granted in Case No. 96-1239-CT-ACT. DeltaCom (1) will file a separate application with the Commission requesting that its name in the Commission's records be changed to "DeltaCom, LLC d/b/a EarthLink Business" to reflect its conversion to a limited liability company and for another *pro forma* intra-company change affecting DeltaCom as described below and (2) will jointly file with Saturn a separate application for approval for the other *pro forma* intra-company change affecting DeltaCom and Saturn as described below.

⁸ New Edge is authorized to provide competitive telecommunications services pursuant to Certificate No. 90-5896 granted in Case No. 99-1188-CT-ACE. New Edge requests that its name in the Commission's records be changed to "EarthLink Business, LLC" to reflect its conversion to a limited liability company and name change. A copy of New Edge's conversion and name change documents and authority to transact business in Ohio are provided as <u>Exhibit C-4</u>.

⁹ Saturn is authorized to provide competitive telecommunications services pursuant to Certificate No. 90-6012 granted in Case No. 01-1517-CT-ACE. As stated above, Saturn will jointly file with DeltaCom a separate application for approval for the other *pro forma* intra-company change affecting DeltaCom and Saturn.

Conversent is a Delaware limited liability company; DeltaCom is an Alabama limited liability company as a result of its conversion from an Alabama corporation; New Edge is a Delaware limited liability company as a result of its conversion from a Delaware corporation; and Saturn is a Florida corporation. An organization chart depicting the corporate organizational structure of the OH Certificated Entities and their direct and indirect parent companies (but not affiliates) before and after the *pro forma* intra-company changes is appended hereto as <u>Exhibit C-3</u>.

Additional information regarding EarthLink, including its most recent SEC Forms 10-K and 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, is available at http://www.earthlink.net/about/investor/.

Contacts

Questions or any correspondence, orders, or other materials pertaining to this filing should be directed to the following:

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Description of Pro Forma Intra-Company Changes

EarthLink has determined that its business would be more efficient from a management, operations, regulatory, accounting, financial and customer perspective by reducing its over 50 subsidiaries as much as possible. The *pro forma* intra-company changes described below that are the subject of this Application are part of these streamlining efforts. As part of this process, EarthLink will also align its various services to business units that will be able to maximize the product mix and level of service to the needs of particular customer segments. As a result, certain assets and customers will be reallocated between the business units. Once the various *pro forma* intra-company changes are completed, EarthLink expects that its customer and service segments will be aligned with business units dedicated to Consumer Services, Business Services, IT Services and Carrier Services.

- <u>EarthLink Consumer Services</u> operates as an Internet service provider, providing nationwide Internet access and related value-added services to individual and small business customers. EarthLink's consumer service offerings are narrowband and broadband (high speed) Internet access, search, advertising and VoIP services. EarthLink provides its portfolio of services to approximately 1.5 million customers through a nationwide network of dial-up points of presence and a nationwide broadband footprint.
- <u>EarthLink Business</u> provides nationwide IP network solutions, integrated voice, mobile and data services and related value-added services to businesses of all sizes and across industries including finance, retail, healthcare and government.
- <u>EarthLink Carrier</u> provides wholesale services, including IP, capacity and voice services, to carrier and wholesale customers.
- <u>EarthLink IT Services</u> provides managed security, virtualization, managed desktop support, data center and cloud services.

To the extent necessary, this Application seeks approval of the various intra-company changes that resulted, or will result, in:

- (1) EarthLink Business Holdings, LLC (f/k/a EarthLink Business, LLC) becoming the new direct parent company of New Edge;¹⁰ and
- (2) New Edge converting from a Delaware corporation to a Delaware limited liability company and immediately changing its name to EarthLink Business, LLC.

Other OH Certificated Entities are filings separate Application with respect to various *pro forma* intra-company changes that affect those entities.¹¹ Charts depicting the corporate organizational structure of EarthLink and its subsidiaries before and after these *pro forma* intra-company changes are appended hereto as Exhibits C-1 and C-2 (*see also* Exhibit C-3, depicting the

- (1) DeltaCom converting from an Alabama corporation to an Alabama limited liability company;
- (2) ITC^DeltaCom, Inc. becoming the new direct parent of DeltaCom;
- (3) New Edge becoming the new direct parent company of CTC, Choice One, and Conversent; and
- (4) Saturn merging with and into DeltaCom, whereupon the separate existence of Saturn will cease and DeltaCom will be the surviving entity.

Additional details regarding those intra-company changes will be provided in the respective Applications.

¹⁰ This will result from the merger of New Edge Holding, LLC (f/k/a New Edge Holding Company), New Edge's current direct parent, with and into EarthLink Business Holdings, LLC, whereupon the separate existence of New Edge Holding, LLC will cease and EarthLink Business Holdings, LLC will be the surviving entity.

¹¹ The other *pro forma* intra-company changes affecting the other OH Certificate entities include:

corporate organization of the OH Certificated Entities and their direct and indirect parent companies).

The *pro forma* intra-company changes have not, and will not, result in any change to the ultimate ownership of <u>any</u> of the OH Certificated Entities. The conversion of New Edge to a limited liability company was merely a change in corporate form – the conversion was accomplished through a "check-the-box" filing in Delaware and did not entail any merger or other transactions that extinguish the existence of New Edge and the name under which this entity conducts business has not changed.¹² As a result, the customers of New Edge continue to be served by the same entity from whom they previously obtained service and continue to receive invoices for services from EarthLink Business under the same rates, terms and conditions of service as provided by EarthLink Business before the changes. Accordingly, the conversion and name change of New Edge has been, and the other *pro forma* intra-company changes will be, transparent to the customers of EarthLink Business.

Public Interest Considerations

Applicant submits that the *pro forma* intra-company changes described herein are in the public interest. The *pro forma* changes will simplify EarthLink's existing corporate structure and thereby reduce its reporting and accounting burdens and provide other operational efficiencies. The *pro forma* changes will also allow EarthLink's business units to take advantage of their core focus and strengths to the benefit of their customers. As a result of the efficiencies and focus, EarthLink and its subsidiaries will become stronger competitors to the ultimate benefit of consumers.

Furthermore, the *pro forma* changes will be virtually transparent to customers and will not result in any change in their services. Since all affected customers are already familiar with, and are receiving services and invoices from the EarthLink Business brand, the *pro forma* intra-corporate changes will not result in customer confusion. Moreover, the rates, terms and conditions of their services will not change as a result of these purely intra-company changes.

Finally, all of EarthLink's subsidiaries, including Applicant, have the same corporate officers. Therefore, there will be no change in the managerial qualifications of the telecommunications provider serving the affected customers.

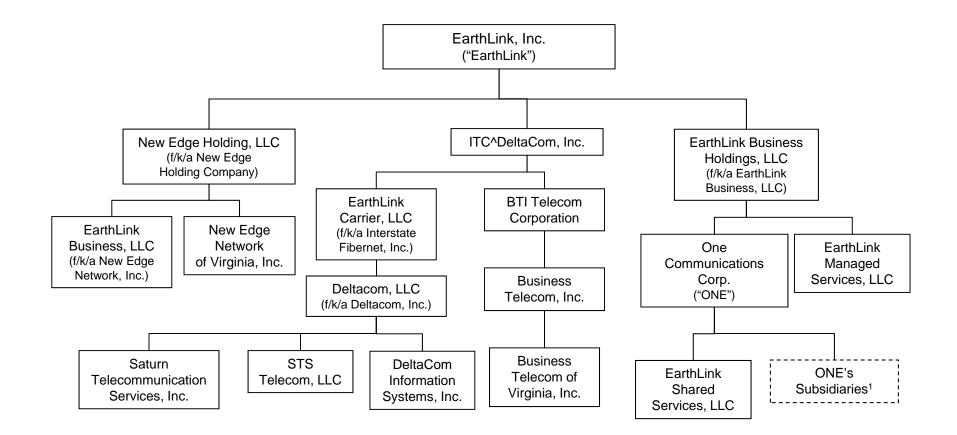
¹² As described above, New Edge no longer uses a d/b/a of EarthLink Business, since New Edge's legal name is now EarthLink Business, LLC as a result of its name change.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the public interest, convenience, and necessity would be furthered by grant of this Application, authorizing Applicant to complete the *pro forma* intra-company changes described herein.

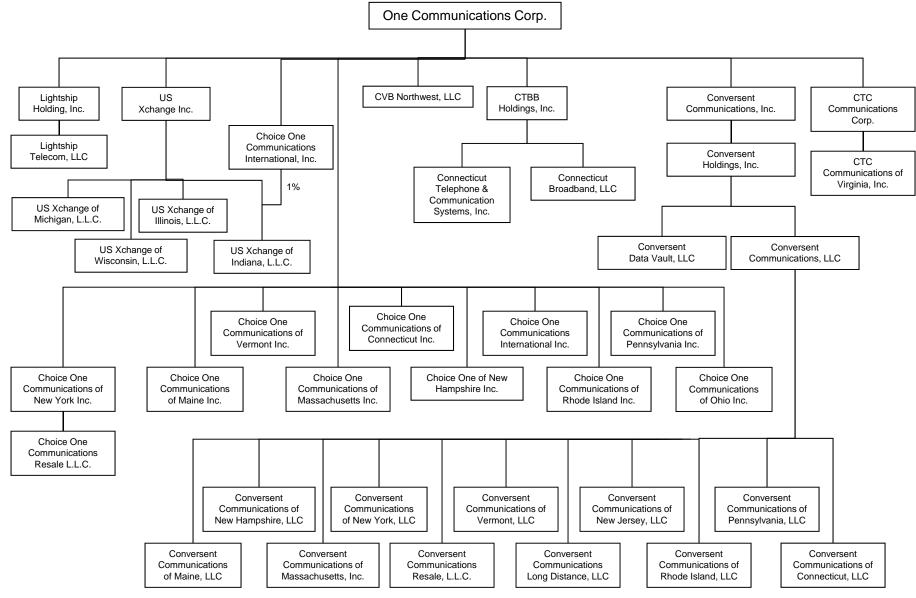
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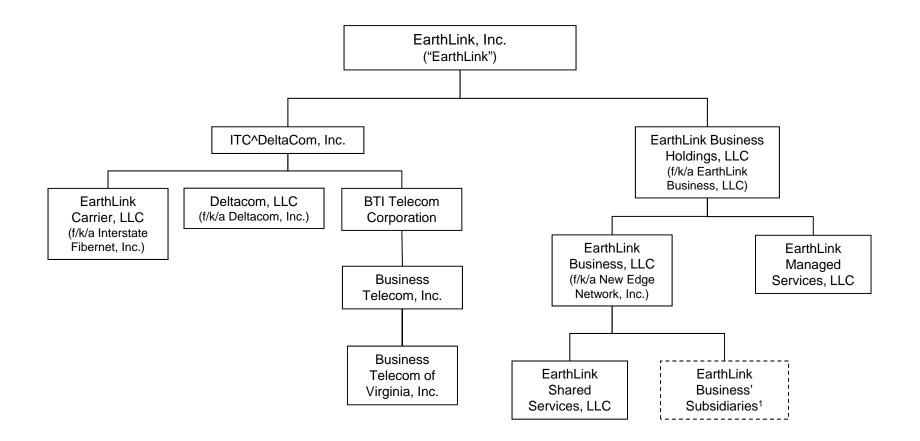
¹ See the chart labeled "Current Corporate Organization of ONE's Subsidiaries".

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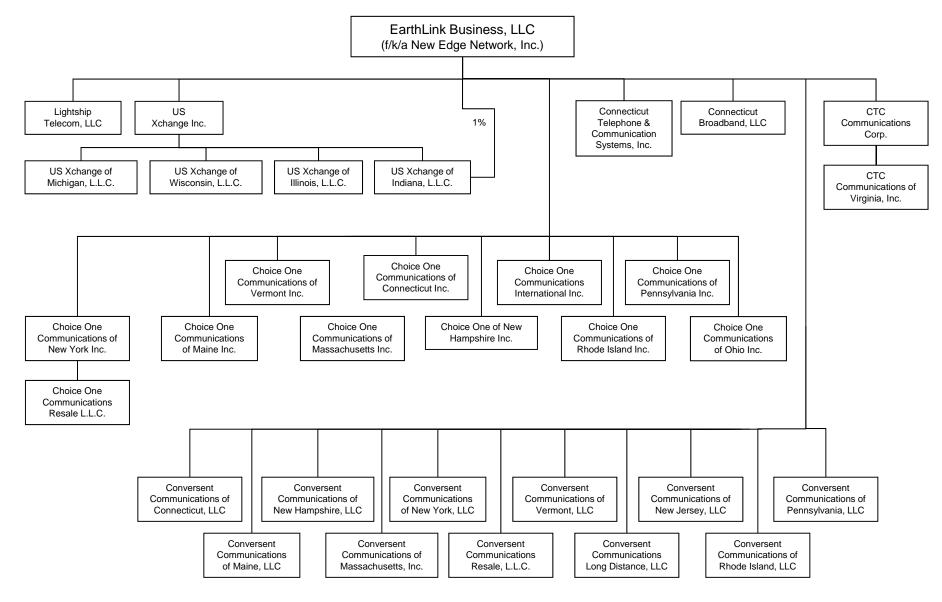
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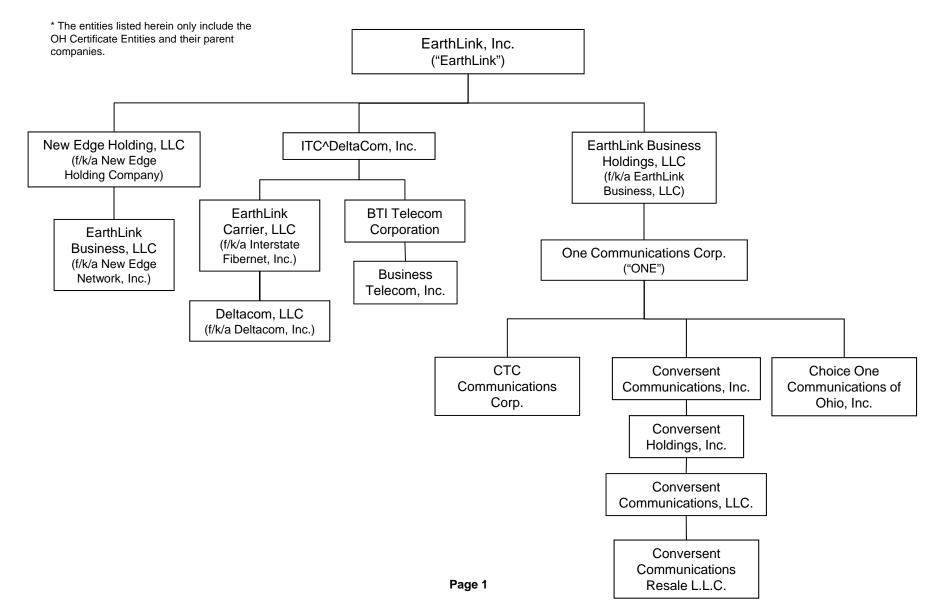
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Proposed Corporate Organization of EarthLink Business' Subsidiaries



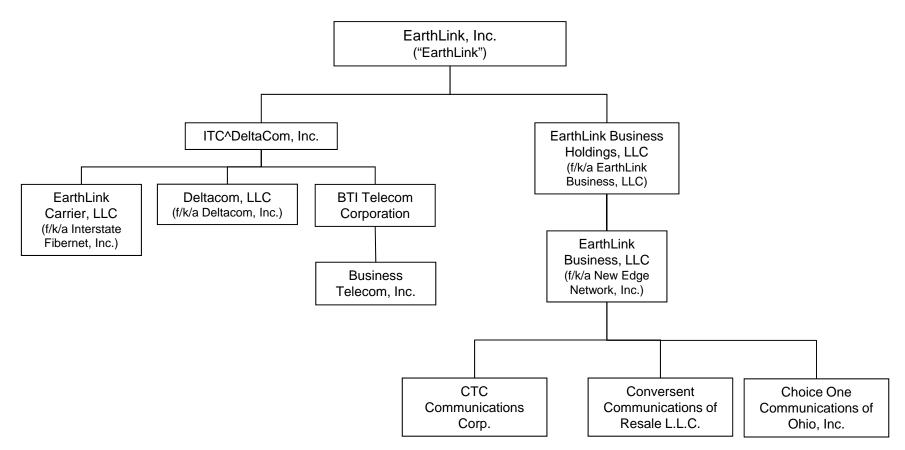
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Proposed Corporate Organization of the OH Certificated Entities

* The entities listed herein only include the OH Certificate Entities and their parent companies.



New Edge Conversion and Name Change Documents and Authority to Transact Business in Ohio

Delaware

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I, JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF CONVERSION OF A DELAWARE CORPORATION UNDER THE NAME OF "NEW EDGE NETWORK, INC." TO A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CHANGING ITS NAME FROM "NEW EDGE NETWORK, INC." TO "EARTHLINK BUSINESS, LLC", FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D. 2012, AT 6:32 O'CLOCK P.M.



Jeffrey W. Bullock, Secretary of State AUTHENTICATION: 9808367

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CERTIFICATE OF CONVERSION OF NEW EDGE NETWORK, INC.

This Certificate of Conversion of NEW EDGE NETWORK, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Corporation"), dated this 27th day of August, 2012 is being duly executed and filed on behalf of the Corporation by an authorized person, to convert the Corporation to a limited liability company under the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act (*Del. Code Ann. tit.* 6 §18-214) and the Delaware General Corporation Law.

1. The name of the Corporation is New Edge Network, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

2. The original Certificate of Incorporation was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on June 1, 1999.

3. The name of the limited liability company into which the Corporation shall be converted is "EarthLink Business, LLC" as set forth in its Certificate of Formation.

4. The conversion of the Corporation shall be effective upon the filing of this Certificate of Conversion.

[Signatures Page to Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this certificate as of the date first above written.

NEW EDGE NETWORK, INC.

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Name: Samuel R. DeSimone, Jr. Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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I, JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION OF "EARTHLINK BUSINESS, LLC" FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D. 2012, AT 6:32 O'CLOCK P.M.



Jeffrey W. Bullock, Secretary of State AUTHENTICATION: 9808367

DATE: 08-28-12

120975544 You may verify this certificate online at corp.delaware.gov/authver.shtml

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CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION OF EARTHLINK BUSINESS, LLC

- 1. The name of the limited liability company is EarthLink Business, LLC.
- 2. The address of its registered office in the State of Delaware is 160 Greentree Drive, Suite 101, in the City of Dover, County of Kent, Delaware 19904. The name of its registered agent at such address is National Registered Agents, Inc.
- 3. This Certificate of Formation shall be effective upon its filing.

[Signature Page to Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Formation of EarthLink Business, LLC, this <u>27</u> day of August, 2012.

Ann R. DeSimone, an Authorized Person

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Receipt

This is not a bill. Please do not remit payment.

UNISEARCH, INC. 4694 CEMETERY RD PMB 217 HILLIARD, OH 43026

STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATE **Ohio Secretary of State, Jon Husted**

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It is hereby certified that the Secretary of State of Ohio has custody of the business records for

EARTHLINK BUSINESS, LLC

and, that said business records show the filing and recording of:

Document(s):

Conversion Within SOS Records CHANGE BUSINESS TYPE FOR. PROFIT LIM. LIAB. CO. Document No(s): 201227000083



United States of America State of Ohio Office of the Secretary of State

Witness my hand and the seal of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio this 25th day of September, A.D. 2012.

for Husted

Ohio Secretary of State

ATTACHMENT A

Certificate of Good Standing

United States of America State of Ohio Office of the Secretary of State

I, Jon Husted, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign business entities; that said records show EARTHLINK BUSINESS, LLC, a Delaware For Profit Limited Liability Company, Registration Number 1108353, filed on August 05, 1999, is currently in FULL FORCE AND EFFECT upon the records of this office.



Witness my hand and the seal of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio this 19th day of October, A.D. 2012

Ohio Secretary of State

Validation Number: V201229202798A

ATTACHMENT B

List of Officers and Directors

Officers

Rolla P. Huff	Chief Executive Officer
Joseph M. Wetzel	President and Chief Operating Officer
Bradley A. Ferguson	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
James P. O'Brien	Executive Vice President, Network Services and Customer
	Operations
Kevin F. Brand	Executive Vice President, Consumer Products and Support
Samuel R. DeSimone, Jr.	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
Stacie S. Hagan	Executive Vice President, Chief People Officer
Mae Squier	President, Business Sales and Solutions
Brian P. Fink	Chief Technology Officer
Robert L. Scott	Chief Information Officer
Christopher Murray	Senior Vice President, Public Policy
Mark Droege	Senior Vice President, Treasurer
Richard Michael Thurston	Controller
Mike Harry	Senior Vice President
Don Hellwege	Vice President, Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary
Geraldine Williams	Vice President and Assistant Treasurer
Clay Robinson	Vice President, Tax and Assistant Treasurer
Alva (Trey) Huffman	Vice President, Finance
Tom Thomas	Vice President and Assistant Secretary
Elizabeth Cunningham	Assistant Treasurer
Adam Michael	Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary
Tiffani Abbott	Senior Counsel and Assistant Secretary
Mark Butterfield	Assistant Secretary
Justin Martorana	Assistant Secretary

Sole Member

As a limited liability company Applicant does not have directors, but has a member, New Edge Holding, LLC.

VERIFICATION

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS \$ \$ \$ \$ COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

I, Paula Foley, state that I am Regulatory Affairs Counsel of EarthLink, Inc. and its subsidiaries in the foregoing filing (collectively, the "Company"); that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of the Company; that the foregoing filing was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that matters set forth in the filing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Paula Foley Regulatory Affairs Counsel EarthLink, Inc.

My commission expires:

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Summary: Application Application of EarthLink Business, LLC (f/k/a New Edge Network, Inc.) to Complete Pro Forma Intra-Company Changes electronically filed by Mr. Brett P Ferenchak on behalf of EarthLink Business, LLC