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Via Overnight Courier

Steven C. Reed, Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission 200 Madison Street, Suite 100 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

### Re: Request Regarding the Conversion and Name Change of DeltaCom, Inc. d/b/a EarthLink Business to DeltaCom, LLC d/b/a EarthLink Business

Dear Mr. Reed:

DeltaCom, LLC d/b/a EarthLink Business (formerly known as DeltaCom, Inc. d/b/a EarthLink Business) (the "Company"), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.062, respectfully requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") change the name on the Company's certificate<sup>1</sup> from DeltaCom, Inc. d/b/a EarthLink Business to DeltaCom, LLC d/b/a EarthLink Business.

The conversion of the company to a limited liability company was merely a change in corporate form – the conversion was accomplished through a "check-the-box" filing in Alabama and did not entail any merger or other transactions that extinguish the existence of the Company and the name under which this entity conducts business, "EarthLink Business," has not changed. As a result, the customers of the Company 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. Therefore, notice to customers of the change in legal name is not necessary.

A copy of the Company's Statement of Conversion and amended authority to transact business from the Missouri Secretary of State reflecting the Company's new name is provided as <u>Exhibit A</u>. An adoption notice and revised tariff title sheet with the Company's new name is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>.

The Company will review contacts in EFIS for its prior names and make sure they are updated and also insert the contact information for its new name as necessary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Company is authorized to provide interexchange services pursuant to a certificate of authority issued by the Commission in Case No. TA-97-216 on January 28, 1997.



An original and eight (8) copies of this notice are included for filing. Please date-stamp the extra copy and return it in the envelope provided. Please do not hesitate to contact Brett Ferenchak at 202-373-6697 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

and

Paula Foley Regulatory Affairs Counsel EarthLink Business

Attachments

Cc: Office of Public Counsel General Counsel Brett P. Ferenchak

# <u>EXHIBIT A</u>

Statement of Conversion and Amended Authority to Transact Business

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· · · ·	PO Box 778 / 600 W. Main St., Rm. 322 Jefferson City, MO 65102	Secre	tary of State
	Registration of Fictitious Name (Submit with filing fee of \$7.00) (Must be typed or printed) This information is for the use of the public and gives no protection to the name being registered. The to keep another person or business entity from adopting and using the same name. The fictitious name the filing date. (Chapter 417, RSMo)	here is no provisio ne registration exp	n in this Chapter ires 5 years from
	Please check one box:		
	New Registration Renewal X Charter number Charter number	. Correction	X Charter number
• •• •••	The undersigned is doing business under the following name and at the following address: Business name to be registered: EarthLink Business		• 
	Business Address: 1375 Peachtree Street	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · ·
	(PO Box may only be used in addition to a physical street address)	•	•
•	City, State and Zip Code: Allanta, GA 30309		
•••	Owner Information:		
	If a business entity is an owner, indicate business name and percentage owned. If all parties are join age of ownership need not be listed. Please attach a separate page for more than three owners. The business, and the percentage they own are:	ntly and severally l parties having an i	iable, percent- nterest in the
. <del>.</del>	Name of Owners, Charter# Individual or Required If Business Entity Business Entity Street and Number City and State DeltaCom, LLC d/b/a 1375 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30309 DeltaCom Business Solutions, LLC	Zip Code	If Listed, Percentage of Ownership Must Equal 100%
•	All owners must affirm by signing below In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct: (The understands that false statements ninkle in this filing are subject to the penalties of a false declaration under By: EarthLink Carrier, LLC, its sole member By: ITC^DeltaCom, Inc., its sole member By: Signature of Authorized Signature of Eastings Entity Secretary	to	(0) 18-3/12-
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Robin Carnahan Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

WHEREAS,

DeltaCom, LLC FL1276016

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DeltaCom Business Solutions, LLC

and existing under the laws of the State of Alabama has filed with this state its Application for Registration and whereas this Application for Registration conforms to the Missouri Limited Company Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBIN CARNAHAN, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, by virtue of authority vested in me by law, do hereby certify and declare that on the 12th day of December, 2012, the above Foreign Limited Liability Company is duly authorized to transact business in the State of Missouri and is entitled to any rights granted Limited Liability Companies.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto et my hand and cause to be affixed the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri. Done at the City of Jefferson, this 2th day of December, 2012.

Secretary of State



SOS #30 (01-2005)

Beth Chapman Secretary of State P. O. Box 5616 Montgomery, AL 36103-5616

# STATE OF ALABAMA

# I, Beth Chapman, Secretary of State of Alabama, having custody of the Great and Principal Seal of said State, do hereby certify that

as appears on file and of record in this office, the pages hereto attached, contain a true, accurate, and literal copy of the Conversion filed on behalf of DeltaCom, LLC, as received and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on 08/29/2012.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my ha

Capitol, in the city of Montgomery, on this day.

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Beth Chapman

Secretary of State

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#### CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION AND STATEMENT OF CONVERSION OR

# DELTACOM, LLC

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For the purpose of converting an Alabama corporation to an Alabama limited liability company pursuant to the Alabama Business and Nonprofit Butity Code (the "Code") and, thereby, forming a limited liability company under the Alabama Limited Liability Company Law (the "Act"), the undersigned does hereby sign and adopt this Certificate of Formation.

#### **ARTICLE I**

#### NAME

The name of the limited liability company (the "Company") is: DeltaCom, LLC and the address of the Company is 1375 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30309.

#### ARTICLE II STATEMENT OF CONVERSION

The Company was converted from an Alabama corporation. The former name of the Company was DeltaCom, Inc. which was formed on April 7, 1982; and the address of DeltaCom, Inc. was 4092 S. Memorial Parkway, Huntsville, AL 35802. Articles of Incorporation of DeltaCom, Inc., as well as Articles of Dissolution filed in connection with the conversion of the Company, are both filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Marshall County, Alabama. The conversion of the Company from a corporation to a limited liability company was approved pursuant to Section 10-1-8.01 of the Code.

#### **ARTICLE III** EFFECTIVE DATE

The organization of the Company, and the conversion of the DeltaCom, Inc. into the Company is to be effective as of 4:00 p.m. on August 29, 2012.

#### **ARTICLE IV** PERIOD OF DURATION

The period of duration of the Company shall be perpetual.

#### **ARTICLE V** PURPOSE

The purposes, objects and powers of the Company are to engage in any lawful business for which limited liability companies may be organized in Alabama under the Act. Without limiting the scope and generality of the foregoing, the purposes, objects and powers of the Company shall include operating as a resule common carrier.

#### ARTICLE VI REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address and mailing address of the initial registered office of the Company is 150 S. Perry Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. The initial registered agent at such address is National Registered Agents Inc.

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#### ARTICLE VII INITIAL MEMBER

The name and mailing address of the initial member of the Company (the "Member") are as follows:

InterState FiberNet, Inc. 1375 Peachtree Street Atlanta, Georgia 30309

#### ARTICLE VIII ADMISSION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

From and after the date of the formation of the Company, any person or entity acceptable to the Member may become a Member in this Company either by the issuance by the Company of membership interests for such consideration as the member by its vote shall determine, or a transferee of the Member's membership interest or any portion thereof as approved by the member by its vote, subject to the terms and conditions of these Articles and the operating agreement of the Company.

#### ARTICLE IX CONTINUATION OF BUSINESS

In the event of the death, retirement, resignation, expulsion or dissolution of any Member the remaining Member or Members, if any, shall automatically continue the business of the Company, except as provided in the operating agreement of the Company.

#### ARTICLE X MANAGEMENT

The Company is managed by its Member.

#### ARTICLE XI INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The operating agreement of the Company shall be executed by each Member of the Company and the Company and shall set forth all provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Company and the conduct of its business to the extent that such provisions are not inconsistent with the laws of Alabama or these Articles. The operating agreement of the Company may include, without limitation, provisions regarding members, Company capital, allocations, distributions, management of the Company, transfers of interest, dissolution, accounting and records, the tax matters partner and indemnification.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Member has executed this certificate this 2) day of August, 2012.

INTERSTATE FIBERNET, INC.

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

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Tim Mitchell Judge of Probate

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For the purpose of converting an Alabama corporation to an Alabama limited liability company pursuant to the Alabama Business and Nonprofit Entity Code (the "Code") and, thereby, dissolving a corporation under the Alabama Business Corporation Law (the "Act"), the undersigned does hereby sign and adopt these Articles of Dissolution.

#### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation (the "Corporation") is: DeltaCom, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II STATEMENT OF CONVERSION

The Corporation was converted to an Alabama limited liability company. The name of the entity to which the Corporation is converted is DeltaCom, LLC. The Articles of Organization filed in connection with the conversion of the Corporation are being filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Marshall County, Alabama.

#### ARTICLE III EFFECTIVE DATE

The dissolution of the Corporation, and the conversion of the Corporation into DeltaCom, LLC is to be effective as of 4:00 p.m. on August 29, 2012.

#### ARTICLE IV AUTHORIZATION OF DISSOLUTION AND CONVERSION

The conversion of the Corporation into a limited liability company and, thereby, the dissolution of the Corporation was approved unanimously by the board of directors and the sole ahareholder of the Company by written consent in accordance with the Act and the Code, as applicable, on August 27, 2012.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this certificate this 27 day of August, 2012.

DELTACOM, INC.

By: Anul (Usfung) Name: Samuel R. DeSimone, Jr. Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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# EXHIBIT B

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