

**EXHIBIT 1**

**Authorization to Transact Business**



## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State

JANUARY 15, 2014

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NATIONAL REGISTERED AGENTS INC  
200 WEST ADAMS STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60606-0000

RE BUSINESS TELECOM, LLC

DEAR SIR OR MADAM:

IT HAS BEEN OUR PLEASURE TO APPROVE YOUR REQUEST TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND THE APPROVED APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

PLEASE NOTE! THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MUST FILE AN ANNUAL REPORT PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF THIS MONTH OF QUALIFICATION NEXT YEAR. FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE WILL RESULT IN A \$300 PENALTY AND/OR REVOCATION. A PRE-PRINTED ANNUAL REPORT WILL BE MAILED TO THE REGISTERED AGENT AT THE ADDRESS ON OUR RECORDS APPROXIMATELY 45 DAYS BEFORE THE DUE DATE.

MANY OF OUR SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE AT OUR CONTINUOUSLY UPDATED WEBSITE. VISIT [WWW.CYBERDRIVEILLINOIS.COM](http://WWW.CYBERDRIVEILLINOIS.COM) TO VIEW THE STATUS OF THIS COMPANY, PURCHASE A CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING, OR EVEN FILE THE ANNUAL REPORT REFERRED TO IN THE EARLIER PARAGRAPH.

SINCERELY YOURS,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse White".

JESSE WHITE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES  
LIMITED LIABILITY DIVISION  
(217) 524-8008

Form **LLC-45.5**  
May 2012

Secretary of State  
Department of Business Services  
Limited Liability Division  
501 S. Second St., Rm. 351  
Springfield, IL 62756  
217-524-8008  
www.cyberdriveillinois.com

Illinois  
Limited Liability Company Act  
**Application for Admission to  
Transact Business**

**SUBMIT IN DUPLICATE**

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Filing Fee: \$500

Penalty: \$ 5

Approved: [Signature]

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**JESSE WHITE  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

1. Limited Liability Company Name: Business Telecom, LLC

2. Assumed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(This item is only applicable if the company name in item 1 is not available for use in Illinois, in which case form LLC 1.20 must be completed and submitted with this application.)

3. Jurisdiction of Organization: North Carolina

4. Date of Organization: 11/14/1983

5. Period of Duration: Perpetual  
(Enter Perpetual unless there is a Date of Dissolution provided in the agreement, in which case enter that date.)

6. Address of the Principal Place of Business: (P.O. Box alone or o/o is unacceptable.)  
1375 Peachtree Street, NE  
Number Street Suite #  
Atlanta, GA 30309  
City State ZIP Code

7. Registered Agent: National Registered Agents, Inc.  
First Name Middle Name Last Name  
Registered Office: 200 West Adams Street  
Number Street Suite #  
(P.O. Box alone or o/o is unacceptable.) Chicago IL 60606  
City Zip Code

8. If applicable, Date on which Company first conducted business in Illinois: \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Purpose(s) for which the Company is Organized and Proposes to Conduct Business in Illinois: \_\_\_\_\_

Telecommunications products and services

10. The Limited Liability Company: (check one)

a.  Is managed by the manager(s) (List names and addresses.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b.  has management vested in the member(s) (List names and addresses.)

EarthLink Business, LLC 1375 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30309

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. The Illinois Secretary of State is hereby appointed the agent of the Limited Liability Company for service of process under circumstances set forth in subsection (b) of Section 1-50 of the Illinois Limited Liability Company Act.

12. This application is accompanied by a Certificate of Good Standing or Existence, duly authenticated within the last 60 days, by the officer of the state or country wherein the LLC is formed.

13. The undersigned affirms, under penalties of perjury, having authority to sign hereto, that this application for admission to transact business is to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete.

Dated: January 6, 2014  
Month, Day, Year

Samuel R. DeSimone, Jr.  
Signature

By: EarthLink Business, LLC, its Sole Member

~~By: EarthLink Business Holdings, LLC, its Sole Member~~

By: EarthLink, LLC, its Sole Member

By: EarthLink Holdings, Corp., its sole member

By: Samuel R. DeSimone, Jr., Executive VP, General Counsel and Secretary

If applicant is signing for a Company or other Entity, state Name of Company and indicate whether it is a member or manager of the LLC.

**EXHIBIT 2**

**Adoption of Assumed Name**



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01/15/2014

NATIONAL REGISTERED AGENTS INC  
200 WEST ADAMS STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60606-0000

RE BUSINESS TELECOM, LLC  
ASE: EARTHLINK BUSINESS II

DEAR SIR OR MADAM:

APPLICATION TO ADOPT AN ASSUMED NAME HAS BEEN PLACED ON FILE AND THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY CREDITED WITH THE REQUIRED FEE.

SINCERELY YOURS,

*Jesse White*

JESSE WHITE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES  
LIMITED LIABILITY DIVISION  
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May 2012

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Payment may be made by check payable to Secretary of State. If check is returned for any reason this filing will be void.

Illinois  
Limited Liability Company Act  
**Application to Adopt, Change, Cancel or Renew an Assumed Name**

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Filing Fee (See Note): \$ 30

Approved: [Signature]

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**JESSE WHITE  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

1. Limited Liability Company Name: Business Telecom, LLC

2. State or Country under the laws of which the company is organized: (check one)

Illinois (domestic)     Foreign (specify): North Carolina

3. Date organized (if an Illinois Limited Liability Company) or date authorized to transact business in Illinois (if a foreign Limited Liability Company): \_\_\_\_\_

4. TO ADOPT: (a) The Limited Liability Company intends to adopt and transact business under the assumed name of: EarthLink Business II

(b) The right to use the assumed name shall be effective from the date this application is filed by the Secretary of State until \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, the first day of the company's anniversary month in the next year which is evenly divisible by five.

5. TO CHANGE: (a) The above-named Limited Liability Company intends to cease transacting business under the assumed name of: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) and to commence transacting business under the new assumed name of: \_\_\_\_\_

6. TO CANCEL: The above-named Limited Liability Company intends to cease transacting business under the assumed name of: \_\_\_\_\_

7. TO RENEW: (a) The above-named Limited Liability Company intends to renew the assumed name of: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) The right to use the assumed name shall be effective from the date this application is filed by the Secretary of State until \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, the first day of the company's anniversary month in the next year which is evenly divisible by five.

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3. The undersigned affirms, under penalties of perjury, having authority to sign hereto, that this Application to Adopt, Change, Cancel or Renew an Assumed Name is to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete.

Dated: January 6, 2014  
Business Telecom, LLC      Month/Day      Year

Samuel R. DeSimone, Jr.  
By: EarthLink Business, LLC, its Sole Member      Signature

By: EarthLink Business Holdings, LLC, its Sole Member

By: EarthLink, LLC, its Sole Member

By: EarthLink Holdings, Corp.      Name (type or print)

By: Samuel R. DeSimone, Jr., Executive VP, General Counsel and Secretary

If applicant is a company or other entity, state name of company and indicate whether it is a member or manager of the LLC.

- NOTE:
- a. An assumed name may be adopted in five-year increments. The right to use an assumed name shall be effective from the date of filing by the Secretary of State until the first day of the anniversary month of the Limited Liability Company that falls within the next calendar year evenly divisible by 5.
  - b. The filing fee to adopt an assumed name is \$150 for each year or part thereof ending in 0 or 5; \$120 for each year or part thereof ending in 1 or 6; \$90 for each year or part thereof ending in 2 or 7; \$60 for each year or part thereof ending in 3 or 8; or \$30 for each year or part thereof ending in 4 or 9.
  - c. The fee to change an assumed name is \$100.
  - d. The fee for cancelling an assumed name is \$100.
  - e. The fee to renew an assumed name is \$150. An assumed name may be renewed 60 days prior to the expiration of the right to use the assumed name, for a period of five years, by making an election to do so at the time of filing the Annual Report and by paying the renewal fees as prescribed by this Act.
  - f. A penalty of \$100 will apply to any assumed name renewed on or after the first day of the company's anniversary month. If the assumed name is not renewed within the 60 days commencing with the first day of the company's anniversary month, the right to use the assumed name shall cease.