

EXHIBIT 1

Authorization to Transact Business



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State

MARCH 11, 2015

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NATIONAL REGISTERED AGENTS
208 S LASALLE ST #814
CHICAGO, IL 60604-0000

RE DELTACOM, 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 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

Payment must be made by certified check, cashier's check, Illinois attorney's check, C.P.A.'s check or money order payable to Secretary of State.

Illinois
 Limited Liability Company Act
 Application for Admission to
 Transact Business

SUBMIT IN DUPLICATE

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Filing Fee: \$500

Penalty: \$

Approved: *[Signature]*

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JESSE WHITE
 SECRETARY OF STATE

1. Limited Liability Company Name: DeltaCom, 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: Alabama
4. Date of Organization: 04/07/1982
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 c/o is unacceptable.)
- | | | |
|---|--------|----------|
| <u>1170 Peachtree Street, Suite 900</u> | | |
| Number | Street | Suite # |
| <u>Atlanta, GA 30309</u> | | |
| City | State | ZIP Code |
7. Registered Agent: National Registered Agents, Inc.
- | | | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| | First Name | Middle Name | Last Name |
| Registered Office: | <u>208</u> | <u>South LaSalle Street,</u> | <u>Suite 814</u> |
| (P.O. Box alone or c/o is unacceptable.) | Number | Street | Suite # |
| | <u>Chicago</u> | <u>IL</u> | <u>60604</u> |
| | City | Zip Code | |
- Note: The registered agent must reside in Illinois. If the agent is a business entity, it must be authorized to act as agent in this state.
8. If applicable, Date on which Company first conducted business in Illinois: _____

(continued on back)

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, 1170 Peachtree Street, Suite 900, Atlanta, GA 30309

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: March 10, 2015
Month, Day, Year

Samuel R. DeSimone, Jr.
Signature

Samuel R. DeSimone, Jr.
Name and Title (type or print)

Exec. General Counsel & 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.

By: EarthLink Business, LLC, its Sole Member

By: EarthLink Business Holdings, LLC, its Sole Member

By: EarthLink Holdings, Corp.

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

John H. Merrill
Secretary of State

P.O. Box 5616
Montgomery, AL 36103-5616

STATE OF ALABAMA

I, John H. Merrill, Secretary of State of Alabama, having custody of the Great and Principal Seal of said State, do hereby certify that

the entity records on file in this office disclose that DeltaCom, LLC was formed in Marshall County, Alabama on April 7, 1982. The Alabama Entity Identification number for this entity is 086-697. I further certify that the records do not disclose that said entity has been dissolved, cancelled or terminated.



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In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Capitol, in the city of Montgomery, on this day.

3/10/2015

Date

Handwritten signature of John H. Merrill in cursive script.

John H. Merrill

Secretary of State

EXHIBIT 2

Adoption of Assumed Name



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JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State

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03/17/2015

NATIONAL REGISTERED AGENTS
208 S LASALLE ST #814
CHICAGO, IL 60604-0000

RE DELTACOM, LLC
ASE: EARTHLINK BUSINESS IV

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,

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-1.20**

May 2012

Secretary of State
Department of Business Services
Limited Liability Division
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Springfield, IL 62756
217-524-8008
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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

SUBMIT IN DUPLICATE

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Filing Fee (See Note): \$ 150.00

Approved: JB

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**JESSE WHITE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

1. Limited Liability Company Name: DeltaCom, LLC

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

Illinois (domestic) Foreign (specify): AL

3. Date organized (if an Illinois Limited Liability Company) or date authorized to transact business in Illinois (if a foreign Limited Liability Company): March 11, 2015

4. TO ADOPT: (a) The Limited Liability Company intends to adopt and transact business under the assumed name of: EarthLink Business ~~IT~~
 (b) The right to use the assumed name shall be effective from the date this application is filed by the Secretary of State until March 7, 20 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.

LLC-1.20

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: March 12, 2015
Month/Day Year

Samuel R. DeSimone, Jr.
Signature

Samuel R. DeSimone, Jr.
Name (type or print)

EVP, 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.

- By: EarthLink Business, LLC, its Sole Member
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By: EarthLink Holdings, Corp.
By: Samuel R. DeSimone, Jr., Executive VP, General Counsel and Secretary

- 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 canceling 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.