

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:	October 11, 2011)	DOCKET NO.
)	11-00151
BUSINESS TELECOM, INC. D/B/A BTI)	
NAME CHANGE TO BUSINESS TELECOM, INC.)	Company ID:
D/B/A EARTHLINK BUSINESS III)	113859


ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF NAME CHANGE

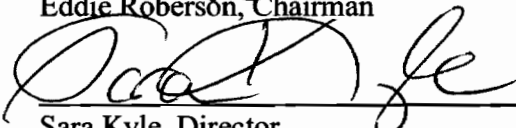
This matter came before Chairman Eddie Roberson, Director Sara Kyle, and Director Mary W. Freeman, the voting panel of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on September 26, 2011 to consider the Petition of Business Telecom, Inc. d/b/a BTI ("BTI" or "Company") for approval of a name change.

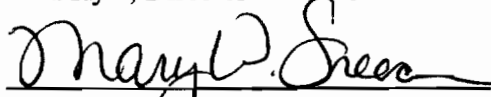
BTI was granted authority to provide operator services and/or resell interexchange telecommunications services in Tennessee by the Tennessee Public Service Commission on September 7, 1995 in Docket No. 95-02947. The Company's authority was expanded to include intrastate telecommunications services on March 10, 1998 in Docket No. 98-00126. A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide facilities-based local exchange service as a competing local provider was granted to BTI on July 7, 1998 in Docket No. 98-00334. On September 1, 2011, BTI filed a Petition for approval to change the name under which it provides telecommunications services in Tennessee to Business Telecom, Inc. d/b/a EarthLink Business III.

Based upon careful consideration of the record in this matter and upon a finding that the Company has satisfied the requirements of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-4-1-.08, the panel voted unanimously to grant the Petition.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Eddie Roberson, Chairman


Sara Kyle, Director


Mary W. Freeman, Director