

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

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

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**ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF NAME CHANGE**

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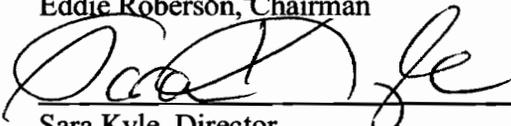
This matter came before Chairman Eddie Roberson, Director Sara Kyle, and Director Mary W. Freeman, the voting panel of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on September 26, 2011 to consider the Petition of Business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

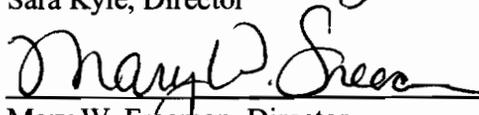
BTI was granted authority to provide operator services and/or resell interexchange telecommunications services in Tennessee by the Tennessee Public Service Commission on September 7, 1995 in Docket No. 95-02947. The Company's authority was expanded to include intrastate telecommunications services on 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.**

  
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Eddie Roberson, Chairman

  
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Sara Kyle, Director

  
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Mary W. Freeman, Director