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(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
BOWICK SUSAN D (Last) (First) (Middle)	**EARTHLINK INC [ELNK]**	__ **X** __ Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
C/O EARTHLINK, INC., 1375 PEACHTREE STREET (Street)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) **5/2/2012**	
ATLANTA, GA 30309 (City) (State) (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) _ **X** _ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock (1)	**5/4/2012**		**M**		**9950**	**A**	(1)	**40445**	**D**	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (*e.g.* , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Restricted Stock Units (2)	(2)	**5/2/2012**		**A**		**9547**		**5/2/2013**	**5/2/2022**	**Common Stock**	**9547**	(2)	**19497**	**D**	
Restricted Stock Units (1)	(1)	**5/4/2012**		**M**			**9950**	**5/4/2012**	**5/4/2021**	**Common Stock**	**9950**	(1)	**9547**	**D**	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Vested Restricted Stock Units were converted and distributed to the Reporting Person, without payment, in shares of Common Stock on a unit-for-share basis.

(2) The Restricted Stock Units were acquired under the Company's Equity Plan for Non-Employee Directors in consideration of the Reporting Person's service as a director. 100% of the Restricted Stock Units vest and become exercisable on the first anniversary date of the date of grant. Vested Restricted Stock Units will be converted and distributed to the Reporting Person, without payment, in shares of Common Stock on a unit-for-share basis.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOWICK SUSAN D **C/O EARTHLINK, INC.**				

1375 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30309	**X**			

Signatures

/s/ Susan D. Bowick **5/4/2012**

** Signature of Reporting Person — Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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