EARTHLINK INC

FORM 4
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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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)
BECK LINDA W (Last) (First) (Middle)	**EARTHLINK INC [ELNK]**	_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
EARTHLINK, INC., 1375 PEACHTREE STREET (Street)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) **7/21/2004**	__ **X** __ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) **Executive VP - Operations**
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			

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 (1)	(1)	**7/21/2004**		**A**		**15000**		**7/21/2006**	**7/21/2014**	**Common Stock**	**15000**	(1)	**449000** (2)	**D**	
Stock Options (3)	**$9.01**	**7/21/2004**		**A**		**30000**		**7/21/2005**	**7/21/2014**	**Common Stock**	**30000**	**$9.01**	**479000** (4)	**D**	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The Restricted Stock Units were acquired under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan. The Restricted Stock Units vest and become exercisable 50% on the second anniversary date of the date of grant - July 21, 2006, and 25% on the next two anniversary dates of the date of grant - July 21, 2007 and July 21, 2008. 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; and the Reporting Person may elect annually to defer the receipt of common shares pursuant to vested Restricted Stock Units under the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and Certain Key Employees.

(2) Includes options to purchase 434,000 shares of common stock and 15,000 Restricted Stock Units.

(3) These options vest and become exercisable as follows: (i) 25% of the options become exercisable one year after the date of the option grant, and (ii) an additional 6.25% of the options become exercisable each quarter thereafter until fully vested.

(4) Includes options to purchase 464,000 shares of common stock and 15,000 Restricted Stock Units.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BECK LINDA W EARTHLINK, INC. 1375 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30309			**Executive VP - Operations**	

Signatures

/s/ Linda W. Beck — **7/23/2004**

** 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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