

Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

Part I Reporting Issuer

1 Issuer's name EarthLink, Inc.		2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN) 58-2511877	
3 Name of contact for additional information Trey Huffman	4 Telephone No. of contact 404-748-7996	5 Email address of contact investorrelations@corp.earthlink.net	
6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact 1375 Peachtree Street, NE		7 City, town, or post office, state, and Zip code of contact Atlanta, GA 30248	
8 Date of action Payment Dates 3/5, 6/15, 8/31, 12/14/2012		9 Classification and description Distributions to holder's of the issuer's common stock.	
10 CUSIP number 270321102	11 Serial number(s)	12 Ticker symbol ELNK	13 Account number(s)

Part II Organizational Action Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

14 Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶ During 2012, EarthLink distributed cash in an aggregate amount of \$0.20 per share of common stock to its stockholders as follows:

- \$0.05 per share on March 5, 2012;
- \$0.05 per share on June 15, 2012;
- \$0.05 per share on August 31, 2012 and
- \$0.05 per share on December 14, 2012.

15 Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ EarthLink has determined that of such distributions described above, approximately 29% will be treated as a dividend and 71% will be treated as a return of capital under Section 301(c)(2).
Generally, the portion of the distribution of common stock that is treated as a return of capital should reduce the tax basis in the shares of common stock up to a holder's adjusted basis in the common stock, with any excess treated as capital gains pursuant to Section 301(c)(3).

16 Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ As described above, EarthLink has determined that of such distributions approximately 29% will be treated as a taxable dividend and 71% will be treated as a return of capital under Section 301(c).

Payment Date	Per Share Distribution	Taxable Dividend	Return of Capital
03/05/2012	\$0.05	\$0.0147	\$0.0353
06/15/2012	\$0.05	\$0.0147	\$0.0353
08/31/2012	\$0.05	\$0.0147	\$0.0353
12/14/2012	\$0.05	\$0.0147	\$0.0353

Part II Organizational Action (continued)

17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶
Sections 301(c) and 316(a)

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ N/A

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ N/A

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature ▶ Clay Robinson Date ▶ 3/6/2014

Print your name ▶ Clay Robinson Title ▶ Vice President, Tax

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