

# EARTHLINK HOLDINGS, LLC

## **FORM S-8 POS** (Post-Effective Amendment to an S-8 filing)

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 3  
TO  
FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**EARTHLINK HOLDINGS CORP.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

**46-4228084**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**4001 Rodney Parham Road  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72212**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

**EarthLink Holdings Corp. Stock Incentive Plan  
And  
Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors**  
(Full title of the plan)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

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(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT - DEREGISTRATION OF UNSOLD SECURITIES

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 3 relates to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-39456) filed by EarthLink Holdings Corp., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), on June 16, 2000 and amended on February 2, 2004 and January 10, 2014. The Registration Statement registered 20,350,000 shares of the Company’s common stock.

On November 5, 2016, the Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”) with Windstream Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Windstream”), Europa Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Windstream (“Merger Sub 1”), and Europa Merger Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Windstream (“Merger Sub 2”). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, on February 27, 2017, Merger Sub 1 merged with and into the Company (the “Merger”), with the Company surviving as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Windstream, and, immediately following the Merger, the Company merged with and into Merger Sub 2, with Merger Sub 2 continuing as the surviving company (the “Subsequent Merger” and, together with the Merger, the “Mergers”).

As a consequence of the Mergers, the Company has terminated all offerings of its securities under its existing registration statements on Form S-8, including this Registration Statement. Accordingly, and in accordance with the undertakings made by the Company in this Registration Statement, the Company is filing this Post-Effective Amendment No. 3 to this Registration Statement pursuant to Rule 478 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, solely to deregister any and all securities previously registered under the Registration Statement that remain unsold.

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