# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

**GLOBETECTRUST LLC** 

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No.

EARTHLINK, INC.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Defendant.

# **COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiff GlobeTecTrust LLC, files this complaint for patent infringement against Defendant EarthLink, Inc. ("EarthLink"):

## THE PARTIES

1. Plaintiff GlobeTecTrust LLC ("GlobeTecTrust") is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business located at GlobeTecTrust LLC, c/o Wilmington Trust SP Services, Inc., 1105 North Market Street, Suite 1300, Wilmington, DE 19801.

2. On information and belief, Defendant EarthLink is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at 1375 Peachtree St., Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

### **JURISDICTION**

3. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

4. On information and belief, Earthlink is subject to this Court's jurisdiction because Earthlink has, upon information and belief, transacted business in the District and in the State of Delaware. Specifically, Earthlink either directly and/or through intermediaries, upon information and belief, ships, distributes, offers for sale, and/or sells (including via the provision of such services over the Internet) products and services in this District. Additionally, Earthlink is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware. Earthlink thus has, upon information and belief, minimum contacts with this District and State, has purposefully availed itself of the privileges of conducting business in this District and State, regularly conducts and solicits business within the State of Delaware, and has committed acts of patent infringement in this District and State.

5. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c), and 1400(b).

#### COUNT I

#### (Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,272,548)

6. GlobeTecTrust incorporates and realleges the allegations of paragraphs 1-5 as if fully set forth herein.

7. On August 7, 2001, the USPTO duly and legally issued U.S. Patent No. 6,272,548 (the "548 patent"), entitled "Dead Reckoning Routing of Packet Data Within a Network of Nodes Having Generally Regular Topology," to David Cotter and Martin C. Tatham, who assigned their rights and interests in the '548 patent to British Telecommunications Public Limited Company. A true and correct copy of the '548 patent is attached as Exhibit B.

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8. GlobeTecTrust is the exclusive licensee of the '548 patent and has the legal right to enforce rights under the '548 patent, sue for infringement, and seek all available relief and damages.

9. Upon information and belief, Earthlink is infringing (literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents) the '548 patent in this District and throughout the United States by, among other things, making, using, importing, offering for sale and/or selling a communications network that includes nodes as claimed in the '548 patent that route network traffic according to the method claimed in the '548 patent. Earthlink's infringing networks include, without limitation, networks utilizing a Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) architecture on which Earthlink provides its Internet services.

10. Earthlink committed these acts of infringement without license or authorization.

11. As a result of Earthlink's infringement of the '548 patent, GlobeTecTrust has suffered monetary damages in an amount not yet determined, and will continue to suffer damages in the future unless Defendant's infringing activities are enjoined by this Court.

12. GlobeTecTrust has also suffered and will continue to suffer severe and irreparable harm unless this Court issues a permanent injunction prohibiting Defendant, its agents, servants, employees, representatives, and all others acting in active concert therewith from infringing the '548 patent.

### DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff GlobeTecTrust, under Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, requests a trial by jury of any issues so triable by right.

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#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

For the above reasons, GlobeTecTrust respectfully requests that this Court grant the following relief in favor of GlobeTecTrust and against Earthlink:

(a) A judgment in favor of GlobeTecTrust that Earthlink has directly infringed (either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents) one or more claims of the '548 patent ("the Asserted Patent");

(b) A permanent injunction enjoining Earthlink and its officers, directors, agents, servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches, subsidiaries, parents, and all others acting in active concert or participation with Earthlink, from infringing the Asserted Patent;

(c) A judgment and order requiring Earthlink to pay GlobeTecTrust its damages, costs, expenses, and pre-judgment and post-judgment interest for Earthlink's infringement of the Asserted Patent;

(d) A judgment and order finding that this is an exceptional case within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285 and awarding GlobeTecTrust its reasonable attorneys' fees; and

(e) Any and all such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: October 1, 2012

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