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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

North Dakota Public Service Commission  
Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary  
600 E. Boulevard  
Department 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Telecommunications Reseller's Bond for U.S. Link, Inc. d/b/a TDS Metrocom  
Bond No. 101154852

Attached is a copy of the Telecommunications Reseller's Bond for U.S. Link, Inc., d/b/a TDS Metrocom. The bond was recently updated to correct the name on the bond to match the legal name registered with the North Dakota Secretary of State. The original bond was issued on March 16, 1998. US Link's ND PSC registration has also been updated to reflect the correct legal name for U.S. Link, Inc. and that a surety bond is required.

Please contact me should you need anything further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jean M. Pauk'.

Jean M. Pauk  
Manager, State Government Affairs  
608-664-4152

Attachment

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**\$25,000 Telecommunications Reseller Bond - 2011 -  
Bond #101154852**

TDS Metrocom

Jean M. Pauk



**TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESELLER'S BOND**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
 SFN 50826 (5-96)

**BOND NO:** 101154852

\*This bond supercedes and replaces the same bond number dated 3/16/1998

**PRINCIPAL  
(Reseller)**

Name U.S. Link, Inc.			
Address 200 Second Street	City Pequot Lakes	State MN	Zip Code 56472

**SURETY  
(Bonding  
Company)**

Name Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America			
Address 215 Shuman Blvd.	City Naperville	State IL	Zip Code 60563

We, the above named PRINCIPAL and SURETY are bound to the State of North Dakota in the penal sum of Twenty Five Thousand and 00/100s--- (\$25,000.00)----- Dollars. The payment of the penal sum shall bind the PRINCIPAL and SURETY, our heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally under these obligations.

The PRINCIPAL is doing business in North Dakota as a reseller providing telecommunications services. This obligation covers all prepayments for service in this State including, but not limited to, front-end charges and prepaid monthly charges for services.

The condition of this obligation is as follows: if the PRINCIPAL faithfully performs all duties as a telecommunications reseller under the provisions of Certificate of Registration issued by the North Dakota Public Service Commission, complies with all laws of North Dakota pertaining to telecommunications companies and the rules of the Public Service Commission promulgated in connection therewith, and provides services in accordance with its legal obligations and agreements; then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in effect.

Liability for this undertaking commences on March 16, 2011, and shall be continuous unless the SURETY by certified mail notifies the PRINCIPAL and the Public Service Commission that the surety bond has been canceled. The cancellation notice shall state that the surety bond will be canceled thirty (30) days after receipt by the Public Service Commission of the cancellation notice, or on a later date specified by the SURETY. In no event shall the aggregate liability of the SURETY accumulate above the face amount of the bond, unless the face amount is increased by appropriate endorsement or rider.

The liability of the SURETY for any violation of the obligations by the PRINCIPAL during the period of time the bond remains in effect shall remain in force for such period of time as may be permitted under the laws of the State of North Dakota. Bonding requirements may be increased or decreased by the Commission upon thirty (30) days notice to each PRINCIPAL and SURETY.

This bond, and the terms used herein, are governed by the provisions of Chapter 49-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, and Chapter 69-09-05 of the North Dakota Administrative Code.

Countersigned by North Dakota Resident Agent:

Retailatory - Not Applicable

Name/Signature	Address	City, State(ND), Zip Code
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**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PRINCIPAL**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL**

State of Wisconsin )  
 ) ss.  
 County of Dane )

On this 24th day of January, 2011,

before me personally appeared Michael Gasser, V.P. known to me to be the person or said corporation described in and who executed the within instrument as PRINCIPAL and acknowledged to me that he/she or said corporation executed the same.

  
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 Signature of Principal

Irmgard F. Metz  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public

My Commission expires May 8th, 2011

(SEAL)

**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY SURETY**


**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY  
(Corporate Officer)**

State of Illinois )  
 ) ss.  
 County of Cook )

On this 20th day of January, 2011,

before me personally appeared Linh B. Bucholtz known to me to be Attorney-In-Fact of said corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument as SURETY, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Linh B. Bucholtz, Attorney-In-Fact  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name and Title of Person Signing for Surety

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

Katherine J. Foreit  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public

My Commission expires 8/10/2013

(SEAL)

**"OFFICIAL SEAL"**

**KATHERINE J. FOREIT**  
 NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS  
 My Commission Expires 08/10/2013



POWER OF ATTORNEY

Farmington Casualty Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc.
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company
St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company

St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company

Attorney-In Fact No. 223181

Certificate No. 004029624

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company and St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota, that Farmington Casualty Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, that United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Maryland, that Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Iowa, and that Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc., is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint

Theodore C. Sevier, Jr., C. R. Hernandez, Ralph E. Nosal, Katherine J. Foreit, Sandra Nowakowski, Linh B. Bucholtz, Beatriz Polito, Adrienne C. Stevenson, and John K. Johnson

of the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this 5th day of January, 2011.

Farmington Casualty Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc.
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company
St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company

St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company



State of Connecticut
City of Hartford ss.

By: [Signature]
George W. Thompson, Senior Vice President

On this the 5th day of January, 2011, before me personally appeared George W. Thompson, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of Farmington Casualty Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc., St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company, St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, and United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.
My Commission expires the 30th day of June, 2011.



[Signature]
Marie C. Tetreault, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of Farmington Casualty Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc., St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company, St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, and United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

**RESOLVED**, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, Kori M. Johanson, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, of Farmington Casualty Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc., St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company, St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, and United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 20 day of January, 2011.

  
Kori M. Johanson, Assistant Secretary



To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, call 1-800-421-3880 or contact us at [www.travelersbond.com](http://www.travelersbond.com). Please refer to the Attorney-In-Fact number, the above-named individuals and the details of the bond to which the power is attached.