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FORM PTO-1594



U.S. Department of Commerce  
Patent and Trademark Office  
Attorney Docket No. 08169.0999

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents

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with the original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name(s) of conveying party(ies):  
Concentric Network Corporation

- Individual(s)
- Association
- Limited Partnership
- Corporation
- General Partnership
- Other:

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?  Yes  No

3. Nature of conveyance:

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- Assignment
- Merger
- Security Agreement
- Change of Name
- Other:

Execution Date: June 16, 2000

2. Name(s) and address(es) of receiving party(ies):

Name: NEXTLINK Communications, Inc.  
Address: 1505 Farm Credit Drive  
McLean, Virginia 22102

- Individual(s)
- Association
- General Partnership
- Limited Partnership
- Corporation
- Other:

If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative is attached:  Yes  No

(Designation must be a separate document from Assignment)

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached?  Yes  No

4. Application number(s) or registration number(s):

A. Trademark Application Number(s):

See attached Schedule A.

B. Trademark Registration Number(s):

See attached Schedule B

Additional numbers attached?

Yes

No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: Elizabeth McGoogan Magnuson, Esq.  
Address: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,  
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.  
1300 I Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005-3515

6. Total number of applications and registrations involved: 13

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$340.00

- Enclosed
- Authorized to be charged to deposit account)
- Authorized to be charged to deposit account only if fee is deficient

8. Deposit Account No.: 06-0916

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9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Elizabeth McGoogan Magnuson\*

Name of person signing

*Elizabeth McGoogan Magnuson*

Signature

2/12/01

Date

\* Admitted in the State of Illinois. Not admitted in the District of Columbia.

Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments and documents:

## SCHEDULE A

### UNITED STATES TRADEMARK APPLICATIONS

<u>Mark</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
CONCENTRICARES	75/757,831	08/25/00
CONCENTRICIMUX	75/844,054	11/09/99
CONCENTRICQOS	75/694,063	04/29/99
NOW THE INTERNET REVOLVES AROUND YOU	75/678,298	04/09/99
CONCENTRIC	75/668,273	03/26/99
PREMIERECONNECT	75/268,275	04/02/97
CONCENTRIC REMOTELINK	75/268,260	04/02/97
REMOTEHANDS	75/509,883	06/29/98

## SCHEDULE B

### United States Trademark Registrations

<u>Mark</u>	<u>Reg. No.</u>	<u>Reg. Date</u>
CRIS	1,950,089	01/23/96
CRIS and Globe Design	1,934,732	11/14/95
THE CONCENTRIC NETWORK	2,096,863	09/16/97
CONCENTRIC NETWORK CORPORATION	2,098,881	09/23/97
BBS DIRECT	1,950,088	01/23/96

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Office of the Secretary of State

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I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MERGER, WHICH MERGES:

"CONCENTRIC NETWORK CORPORATION", A DELAWARE CORPORATION, WITH AND INTO "NEXTLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC." UNDER THE NAME OF "NEXTLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.", A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, AS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 2000, AT 12:01 O'CLOCK P.M.

A FILED COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS.



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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edward J. Freel".

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Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

AUTHENTICATION: 0503508

DATE: 06-16-00

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CERTIFICATE OF MERGER  
OF  
CONCENTRIC NETWORK CORPORATION  
WITH AND INTO  
NEXTLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

The undersigned corporation, organized and existing under and by virtue of the General Corporation Law of Delaware, DOES HEREBY CERTIFY:

FIRST: That the name and state of incorporation of each of the constituent corporations of the merger is as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE OF INCORPORATION</u>
NEXTLINK Communications, Inc.	Delaware
Concentric Network Corporation	Delaware

(each a "Constituent Corporation" and collectively the "Constituent Corporations").

SECOND: That an Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger and Share Exchange, dated as of May 10, 2000, by and among Concentric Network Corporation, a Delaware corporation, NEXTLINK Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation, Eagle River Investments, L.L.C., Craig O. McCaw and NM Acquisition Corp. (now known as NEXTLINK Communications, Inc.) (the "Agreement of Merger") has been approved, adopted, certified, executed and acknowledged by each of the Constituent Corporations in accordance with the requirements of Section 251 of the General Corporation Law of Delaware.

THIRD: That NEXTLINK Communications, Inc. (formerly known as NM Acquisition Corp.) shall be the surviving corporation of the merger (the "Surviving Corporation").

FOURTH: The Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of NEXTLINK Communications, Inc. as it exists on the effective date of this merger shall remain and be the certificate of incorporation of the Surviving Corporation and shall be amended as set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

FIFTH: That the executed Agreement of Merger is on file at the principal place of business of the Surviving Corporation, the address of which is 1505 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102.

SIXTH: That a copy of the Agreement of Merger will be furnished by the Surviving Corporation, on request and without cost, to any stockholder of any Constituent Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Certificate of Merger  
to be duly executed as of this 16th day of June, 2000.

NEXTLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: s/Gary D. Begeman

Name: Gary D. Begeman

Title: Vice President

EXHIBIT A TO CERTIFICATE OF MERGER  
OF CONCENTRIC NETWORK CORPORATION  
WITH AND INTO NEXTLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

NEXTLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Corporation"), does hereby certify:

FIRST: The name of the Corporation is NEXTLINK Communications, Inc., and the original Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on December 30, 1999.

SECOND: The original Certificate of Incorporation was amended and restated pursuant to an Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation which was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on June 8, 2000.

THIRD: The Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation was amended pursuant to a Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation which was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on June 16, 2000 as Exhibit A to the Certificate of Merger of NEXTLINK Communications, Inc. With and Into NM Acquisition Corp.

FOURTH: Pursuant to Section 251(c) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, this Amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation is being filed with the Certificate of Merger of Concentric Network Corporation With and Into NEXTLINK Communications, Inc. and further amends, restates and integrates the provisions of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of this Corporation.

FIFTH: As a result of the merger of Concentric Network Corporation with and into the Corporation, Article THIRD of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended on June 16, 2000, is hereby further amended as follows:

A. Article THIRD shall be amended by adding the following paragraphs at the end of such Article:

"A series of Preferred Stock of the Corporation shall be designated as "13% Series E Senior Redeemable Exchangeable Preferred Stock due 2010" and shall have the special rights, qualifications, limitations and restrictions set forth in the Certificate of Designation attached to this Certificate of Incorporation as Exhibit E.

A series of Preferred Stock of the Corporation shall be designated as "7% Series F Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock due 2010" and shall have the special rights,

qualifications, limitations and restrictions set forth in the Certificate of Designation attached to this Certificate of Incorporation as Exhibit F.

B. The following Exhibits which are referenced in Article THIRD as amended hereby are attached to this Amendment:

Exhibit E: Certificate of Designation of the Powers, Preferences, and Relative, Participating, Optional and Other Special Rights of 13% Series E Senior Redeemable Exchangeable Preferred Stock due 2010 and Qualifications, Limitations and Restrictions Thereof.

Exhibit F: Certificate of Designation of the Powers, Preferences, and Relative, Participating, Optional and Other Special Rights of 7% Series F Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock due 2010 and Qualifications, Limitations and Restrictions Thereof.



Exhibit E to Certificate of Incorporation of NEXTLINK Communications, Inc.

[Certificate of Designation of the Powers, Preferences, and Relative, Participating, Optional and Other Special Rights of 13% Series E Senior Redeemable Exchangeable Preferred Stock due 2010 and Qualifications, Limitations and Restrictions Thereof.]

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF VOTING POWER,  
DESIGNATION PREFERENCES AND RELATIVE, PARTICIPATING,  
OPTIONAL AND OTHER SPECIAL RIGHTS AND QUALIFICATIONS,  
LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF 13½% SERIES E  
SENIOR REDEEMABLE EXCHANGEABLE PREFERRED  
STOCK DUE 2010 OF NEXTLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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Pursuant to Section 151 of the  
General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware

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NEXTLINK Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company") certifies that pursuant to the authority contained in Section 3 of its Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended from time to time (the "Certificate of Incorporation"), and in accordance with the provisions of Section 151 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL"), the Board of Directors of the Company has duly approved and adopted the following resolution on June 13, 2000 (the "Resolution"):

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Directors by Section 3 of the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation, and Section 151 of the DGCL, the Board of Directors does hereby designate, create, authorize and provide for the issue of one series of preferred stock having a par value of \$0.01 per share, which shall be designated as 13% Series E Senior Redeemable Exchangeable Preferred Stock due 2010 (the "Exchangeable Preferred Stock") consisting of 295,000 shares having the following voting powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional and other special rights, and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof that are set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation and in this Resolution and as follows:

1. CERTAIN DEFINITIONS.

Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms defined in this paragraph 1 shall have, for all purposes of this resolution, the meanings herein specified (with terms defined in the singular having comparable meanings when used in the plural).

"Acquired Debt" means, with respect to any specified Person, (i) Debt of any other Person existing at the time such Person merges with or into or consolidates with or becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of such specified Person and (ii) Debt secured by a Lien encumbering any asset acquired by such specified Person, which Debt was not Incurred in anticipation of, and was outstanding prior to, such merger, consolidation or acquisition.

"Affiliate" of any specified Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For the purposes of this definition, "control" when used with respect to any specified Person means the power to direct the management and policies of such Person, directly or

indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms "controlling" and "controlled" have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

"Applicable Redemption Price" means a price per share equal to the redemption prices specified below (expressed as percentages of the Liquidation Preference thereof), in each case together with accumulated and unpaid dividends (including an amount in cash equal to a prorated dividend for any partial dividend period) and Liquidated Damages, if any, to the date of redemption if redeemed during the 12-month period commencing on June 1 of each of the years set forth below:

2003	106.75%
2004	105.40%
2005	104.05%
2006	102.70%
2007	101.35%
2008 and thereafter	100.00%

"Asset Sale" means any sale, issuance, conveyance, transfer, lease or other disposition (including, without limitation, by way of merger, consolidation or sale and leaseback transaction) (collectively, a "transfer"), directly or indirectly, in one or a series of related transactions, of: (i) any Capital Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary; (ii) all or substantially all of the properties and assets of any division or line of business of the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries; or (iii) any other properties or assets of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary other than in the ordinary course of business.

"Bank Credit Agreement" means any one or more credit agreements (which may include or consist of revolving credits) between the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company and one or more banks or other financial institutions providing financing for the business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries.

"Board of Directors" means either the board of directors of the Company or a Relevant Entity or any duly authorized committee of that Board. "Board Resolution" means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company or a Relevant Entity to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification.

"Capital Lease Obligation" of any Person means the obligation to pay rent or other payment amounts under a lease of (or other Debt arrangements conveying the right to use) real or personal property of such Person which is required to be classified and accounted for as a capital lease or a liability on the face of a balance sheet of such Person in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (a "Capital Lease"). The stated maturity of such obligation shall be the date of the last payment of rent or any other amount due under such lease prior to the first date upon which such lease may be terminated by the lessee without payment of a penalty. The principal amount of such obligation shall be the capitalized amount thereof that would appear on the face of a balance sheet of such Person in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

“Capital Stock” means (i) with respect to any Person that is a corporation, and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents (however designated and whether or not voting) of corporate stock, including each class of common stock and preferred stock of such Person and (ii) with respect to any Person that is not a corporation, any and all partnership, membership or other equity interests of such Person.

“Change of Control” means the occurrence of any of the following events: (i) any “person” or “group” (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) is or becomes the “beneficial owner” (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that a Person shall be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all shares that such Person has the right to acquire, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the total outstanding Voting Stock of the Company; (ii) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constituted the board of directors of the Company (together with any new directors whose election to such board or whose nomination for election by the stockholders of the Company was approved by a vote of a majority of the directors then still in office who were either directors at the beginning of such period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved), cease for any reason to constitute a majority of such board of directors then in office; (iii) the Company consolidates with or merges with or into any Person or conveys, transfers or leases all or substantially all of its assets to any Person, or any corporation consolidates with or merges into or with the Company, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company is changed into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than any such transaction where the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company is not changed or exchanged at all (except to the extent necessary to reflect a change in the jurisdiction of incorporation of the Company or where no “person” or “group” owns, immediately after such transaction, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the total outstanding Voting Stock of the surviving corporation); or (iv) the Company is liquidated or dissolved or adopts a plan of liquidation or dissolution other than in a transaction which complies with the provisions described under Section 9(d).

“Commission” means the Securities and Exchange Commission, as from time to time constituted, created under the Exchange Act, or if at any time after the Issue Date such Commission is not existing and performing the duties now assigned to it under the Trust Indenture Act then the body performing such duties at such time.

“Common Equity” of any Person means Capital Stock of such Person that is not Disqualified Stock, and a “sale of Common Equity” includes any sale of Common Equity effected by private sale or public offering.

“Company” means NM Acquisition Corp., as successor by merger to Concentric Network Corporation and NEXTLINK Communications, Inc. until a successor Person shall have become such and thereafter “Company” shall mean such successor Person.

“Consolidated” means, consolidated in accordance with GAAP.

“Consolidated Capital Ratio” of any Person as of any date means the ratio of (i) the aggregate consolidated principal amount of Debt (or in the case of Debt issued at a discount

the accreted amount thereof) of such Person then outstanding (which amount of Debt shall be reduced by any amount of cash or cash equivalent collateral securing on a perfected basis and dedicated for disbursement exclusively to the payment of principal of and interest on such Debt) to (ii) the aggregate consolidated Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) and paid in capital (other than in respect of Disqualified Stock) of such Person as of such date.

“Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges” for any period means the Consolidated Net Income of the Relevant Entity and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period increased by the sum of (i) Consolidated Interest Expense of the Relevant Entity and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, plus (ii) Consolidated Income Tax Expense of the Relevant Entity and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, plus (iii) the consolidated depreciation and amortization expense included in the income statement of the Relevant Entity and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, plus (iv) any noncash expense for such period (excluding any noncash charge to the extent that it requires an accrual of or a reserve for cash disbursements in any future period), plus (v) any charge related to any premium or penalty paid in connection with redeeming or retiring any Debt prior to its stated maturity; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that there shall be excluded therefrom the Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges (if positive) of any Restricted Subsidiary of the Relevant Entity (calculated separately for such Restricted Subsidiary in the same manner as provided above for the Relevant Entity) that is subject to a restriction which prevents the payment of dividends or the making of distributions to the Relevant Entity or another Restricted Subsidiary of the Relevant Entity to the extent of such restriction.

“Consolidated Income Tax Expense” for any period means the consolidated provision for income taxes of the Relevant Entity and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period calculated on a consolidated basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

“Consolidated Interest Expense” means for any period the consolidated interest expense included in a consolidated income statement (excluding interest income) of the Relevant Entity and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period calculated on a consolidated basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, including without limitation or duplication (or, to the extent not so included, with the addition of), (i) the amortization of Debt discounts; (ii) any payments or fees with respect to letters of credit, bankers' acceptances or similar facilities; (iii) fees with respect to interest rate swap or similar agreements or foreign currency hedge, exchange or similar agreements; (iv) Preferred Dividends of the Relevant Entity and its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than dividends paid in shares of Preferred Stock that is not Disqualified Stock) declared and paid or payable; (v) accrued Disqualified Stock dividends of the Relevant Entity and its Restricted Subsidiaries, whether or not declared or paid; (vi) interest on Debt guaranteed by the Relevant Entity and its Restricted Subsidiaries; and (vii) the portion of any Capital Lease Obligation paid or accrued during such period that is allocable to interest expense.

“Consolidated Net Income” for any period means the consolidated net income (or loss) of the Relevant Entity and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; PROVIDED that there shall be excluded therefrom (a) the net income (or loss) of any Person acquired by the Relevant Entity or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Relevant Entity in a pooling-of-interests

transaction for any period prior to the date of such transaction, (b) the net income (or loss) of any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary of the Relevant Entity except to the extent of the amount of dividends or other distributions actually paid to the Relevant Entity or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Relevant Entity by such Person during such period, (c) gains or losses on Asset Dispositions by the Relevant Entity or its Restricted Subsidiaries, (d) all extraordinary gains and extraordinary losses, (e) the cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles, (f) non-cash gains or losses resulting from fluctuations in currency exchange rates, (g) any non-cash gain or loss realized on the termination of any employee pension benefit plan and (h) the tax effect of any of the items described in clauses (a) through (g) above; PROVIDED, FURTHER, that for purposes of any determination pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 9(c) there shall further be excluded therefrom the net income (but not net loss) of any Restricted Subsidiary of the Relevant Entity that is subject to a restriction which prevents the payment of dividends or the making of distributions to the Relevant Entity or another Restricted Subsidiary of the Relevant Entity to the extent of such restriction.

"Consolidated Net Worth" of any Person means the consolidated stockholders' equity of such Person, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, less amounts attributable to Disqualified Stock of such Person; PROVIDED that, with respect to the Relevant Entity, adjustments following the Merger Effective Date to the accounting books and records of the Company in accordance with Accounting Principles Board Opinions Nos. 16 and 17 (or successor opinions thereto) or otherwise resulting from the acquisition of control of the Company by another Person shall not be given effect to.

"corporation" means a corporation, association, company, limited liability company, joint-stock company or business trust.

"Currency Hedging Arrangements" means one or more of the following agreements which shall be entered into by one or more financial institutions: foreign exchange contracts, currency swap agreements or other similar agreements or arrangements designed to protect against the fluctuations in currency values.

"Debentures" means the Exchange Debentures and the New Exchange Debentures.

"Debt" means (without duplication), with respect to any Person, whether recourse is to all or a portion of the assets of such Person and whether or not contingent, (i) every obligation of such Person for money borrowed, (ii) every obligation of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments, including any such obligations incurred in connection with the acquisition of property, assets or businesses, (iii) every reimbursement obligation of such Person with respect to letters of credit, bankers' acceptances or similar facilities issued for the account of such Person, (iv) every obligation of such Person issued or assumed as the deferred purchase price of property or services (including securities repurchase in the ordinary course of business which are not overdue or which are being contested in good faith), (v) every Capital Lease Obligation of such Person, (vi) all Receivables Sales of such Person, together with any obligation of such Person to pay any discount, interest, fees, indemnities, penalties, recourse, expenses or other amounts in connection therewith, (vii) all

obligations to redeem Disqualified Stock issued by such Person, (viii) every obligation under Interest Rate or Currency Protection Agreements of such Person and (ix) every obligation of the type referred to in clauses (i) through (viii) of another Person and all dividends of another Person the payment of which, in either case, such Person has Guaranteed. The "amount" or "principal amount" of Debt at any time of determination as used herein represented by (a) any Debt issued at a price that is less than the principal amount at maturity thereof, shall be the amount of the liability in respect thereof determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, (b) any Receivables Sale, shall be the amount of the unrecovered capital or principal investment of the purchaser (other than the Company or a Wholly-Owned Restricted Subsidiary of the Company) thereof, excluding amounts representative of yield or interest earned on such investment, (c) any Disqualified Stock, shall be the maximum fixed redemption or repurchase price in respect thereof, (d) any Capital Lease Obligation, shall be determined in accordance with the definition thereof, or (e) any Permitted Interest Rate or Currency Protection Agreement, shall be zero. In no event shall Debt include any liability for taxes."

"Disqualified Stock" of any Person means any Capital Stock of such Person (other than Capital Stock outstanding on the Merger Effective Date) which, by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable), or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or is redeemable at the option of the holder thereof, in whole or in part, on or prior to the Mandatory Redemption Date (or, if earlier, the date as of which the Exchangeable Preferred Stock is no longer outstanding); PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that any Preferred Stock which would not constitute Disqualified Stock but for provisions thereof giving holders thereof the right to require the Company to repurchase or redeem such Preferred Stock upon the occurrence of an asset sale or a Change of Control occurring prior to the Mandatory Redemption Date shall not constitute Disqualified Stock if the change of control provisions applicable to such Preferred Stock are no more favorable to the holders of such Preferred Stock than the provisions applicable to the Exchangeable Preferred Stock contained in Paragraph 8 and such Preferred Stock specifically provides that the Company will not repurchase or redeem any such stock pursuant to such provisions prior to the Company's repurchase of such Exchangeable Preferred Stock as are required to be repurchased pursuant to Paragraph 8.

"Eligible Institution" means a commercial banking institution that has combined capital and surplus of not less than \$500 million or its equivalent in foreign currency, whose debt is rated "A-3" or higher, "A" or higher or "A" or higher according to Moody's Investors Service, Inc., Standard & Poor's Ratings Group or Duff & Phelps Credit Rating Co. (or such similar equivalent rating by at least one "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" (as defined in Rule 436 under the Securities Act)) respectively, at the time as of which any investment or rollover therein is made.

"Eligible Receivables" means, at any time, Receivables of the Relevant Entity and its Restricted Subsidiaries, as evidenced on the most recent quarterly consolidated balance sheet of the Company as at a date at least 45 days prior to such time arising in the ordinary course of business of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any successor statute, and the rules and regulations thereunder.

"Exchange Debentures" means the Company's 13½% Series A Senior Subordinated Debentures due 2010, issuable in exchange for the Exchangeable Preferred Stock.

"Exchange Offer" means the exchange offer of the New Exchange Debentures for the Exchange Debentures, pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement.

"Existing Senior Notes" means the Company's 12¾% Senior Notes due 2007.

"Existing Senior Notes Indenture" means the Indenture governing the Company's 12¾% Senior Notes due 2007, as may be amended from time to time.

"Existing Senior Notes Maturity Date" means the earlier of: (i) the "Stated Maturity" of the principal of the Existing Senior Notes as such term is used for the purpose of determining whether "Capital Stock" constitutes "Indebtedness" (as such terms are defined in the Existing Senior Notes Indenture) under the Existing Senior Notes Indenture or (ii) December 15, 2007.

"Fair Market Value" means, with respect to any asset or property, the sale value that would be reasonably expected to be obtained in an arm's-length transaction between an informed and willing seller under no compulsion to sell and an informed and willing buyer under no compulsion to buy. Fair Market Value shall be determined by the board of directors of the Company acting in good faith and shall be evidenced by a resolution of the board of directors.

"Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" or "GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, consistently applied, which are in effect on the Issue Date.

"Government Securities" means direct obligations of, or obligations guaranteed by, the United States of America for the payment of which obligations or guarantee the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged and which have a remaining weighted average life to maturity of not more than 18 months from the date of Investment therein.

"Guarantee" by any Person means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of such Person guaranteeing, or having the economic effect of guaranteeing, any Debt of any other Person (the "primary obligor") in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, and including, without limitation, any obligation of such Person, (i) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Debt or to purchase (or to advance or supply funds for the purchase of) any security for the payment of such Debt, (ii) to purchase property, securities or services for the purpose of assuring the holder of such Debt of the payment of such Debt, or (iii) to maintain working capital, equity capital or other financial statement condition or liquidity of the primary obligor so as to enable the primary obligor to pay such Debt (and "Guaranteed", "Guaranteeing" and "Guarantor" shall have meanings correlative to the foregoing); PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the Guarantee by any Person shall not include endorsements by such Person for collection or deposit, in either case, in the ordinary course of business; and PROVIDED, FURTHER, that the incurrence by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company of a lien permitted under clause (iv) of the second paragraph of Paragraph 9(e) shall not be deemed to constitute a Guarantee by such Restricted Subsidiary of any Purchase Money Debt of the Company secured thereby.



"Incur" means, with respect to any Debt or other obligation of any Person, to create, issue, incur (by conversion, exchange or otherwise), assume, Guarantee or otherwise become liable in respect of such Debt or other obligation including by acquisition of Subsidiaries or the recording, as required pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles or otherwise, of any such Debt or other obligation on the balance sheet of such Person (and "Incurrence", "Incurred", "Incurable" and "Incurring" shall have meanings correlative to the foregoing); PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that a change in generally accepted accounting principles that results in an obligation of such Person that exists at such time becoming Debt shall not be deemed an Incurrence of such Debt and that neither the accrual of interest nor the accretion of original issue discount shall be deemed an Incurrence of Debt; PROVIDED, FURTHER, HOWEVER, that the Company may elect to treat all or any portion of revolving credit debt of the Company or a Subsidiary as being incurred from and after any date beginning the date the revolving credit commitment is extended to the Company or a Subsidiary and any borrowings or reborrowings by the Company or a Subsidiary under such commitment up to the amount of such commitment designated by the Company as Incurred shall not be deemed to be new Incurrences of Debt by the Company or such Subsidiary.

"Indebtedness" means, with respect to any Person, without duplication, (i) all indebtedness of such Person for borrowed money or for the deferred purchase price of property or services, excluding any trade payables and other accrued current liabilities arising in the ordinary course of business, (ii) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures or other similar instruments, (iii) all indebtedness created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to property acquired by such Person (unless the rights and remedies of the seller or lender under such agreement in the event of default are limited to repossession or sale of such property), but excluding trade payables arising in the ordinary course of business, (iv) all obligations under Interest Rate Agreements, Currency Hedging Agreements or Commodity Price Protection Agreements of such Person, (v) all Capital Lease Obligations of such Person, (vi) all Indebtedness referred to in clauses (i) through (v) above of other Persons and all dividends of other Persons, the payment of which is secured by (or for which the holder of such Indebtedness has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien, upon or with respect to property (including, without limitation, accounts and contract rights) owned by such Person, even though such Person has not assumed or become liable for the payment of such Indebtedness, (vii) all Disqualified Stock issued by such Person valued at the greater of its voluntary or involuntary maximum fixed repurchase price plus accumulated and unpaid dividends, and (viii) any amendment, supplement, modification, deferral, renewal, extension, refunding or refinancing of any liability of the types referred to in clauses (i) through (vii) above. For purposes hereof, the "maximum fixed repurchase price" of any Disqualified Stock which does not have a fixed repurchase price shall be calculated in accordance with the terms of such Disqualified Stock as if such Disqualified Stock were purchased on any date on which Indebtedness shall be required to be determined pursuant to this Certificate of Designation, and if such price is based upon, or measured by, the Fair Market Value of such Disqualified Stock, such Fair Market Value to be determined in good faith by the board of directors of the issuer of such Disqualified Stock. In no event shall "Indebtedness" include any trade payable or other current liabilities arising in the ordinary course of business. The amount of any item of Indebtedness shall be the amount of such Indebtedness properly classified as a liability on a balance sheet prepared in accordance with GAAP.

"Interest Rate or Currency Protection Agreement" of any Person means any forward contract, futures contract, swap, option or other financial agreement or arrangement (including, without limitation, caps, floors, collars and similar agreements) relating to, or the value of which is dependent upon, interest rates or currency exchange rates or indices.

"Investment" by any Person means any direct or indirect loan, advance or other extension of credit or capital contribution (by means of transfers of cash or other property to others or payments for property or services for the account or use of others, or otherwise) to, or purchase or acquisition of Capital Stock, bonds, notes, debentures or other securities or evidence of Debt issued by, any other Person, including any payment on a Guarantee of any obligation of such other Person, but excluding any loan, advance or extension of credit to an employee of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business, accounts receivable and other commercially reasonable extensions of trade credit.

"Joint Venture" means a corporation, partnership or other entity engaged in one or more Telecommunications Businesses (which shall include for purposes of this definition of "Joint Venture" all business in which the Relevant Entity or any of its Subsidiaries was engaged on the Merger Effective Date (after giving effect to the Merger); provided that, as used in this definition of "Joint Venture," the determination of what constitutes a "Telecommunications Business" shall be made in good faith by the Board of directors, which determination shall be conclusive) as to which the Company (directly or through one or more Restricted Subsidiaries) exercises managerial control and in which the Company owns (i) a 50% or greater interest, or (ii) a 30% or greater interest, together with options or other contractual rights, exercisable not more than seven years after the Company's initial Investment in such Joint Venture, to increase its interest to not less than 50%.

"Lien" means, with respect to any property or assets, any mortgage or deed of trust, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, Receivables Sale, deposit arrangement, security interest, lien, charge, easement (other than any easement not materially impairing usefulness or marketability), encumbrance, preference, priority or other security agreement or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever on or with respect to such property or assets (including, without limitation, any conditional sale or other title retention agreement having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing).

"Marketable Securities" means: (i) Government Securities; (ii) any time deposit account, money market deposit and certificate of deposit maturing not more than 365 days after the date of acquisition issued by, or time deposit of, an Eligible Institution; (iii) commercial paper maturing not more than 365 days after the date of acquisition issued by a corporation (other than an Affiliate of the Company) with a rating, at the time as of which any investment therein is made, of "P-1" or higher according to Moody's Investors Service, Inc., "A-1" or higher according to Standard & Poor's Ratings Group or "A-1" or higher according to Duff & Phelps Credit Rating Co. (or such similar equivalent rating by at least one "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" (as defined in Rule 436 under the Securities Act)); (iv) any banker's acceptances or money market deposit accounts issued or offered by an Eligible Institution; (v) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than 7 days for Government Securities entered into with an Eligible Institution; (vi) auction-rate preferred stocks of any corporation maturing within 90 days after the date of acquisition by the Company thereof, having

a rating of at least AA by Standard & Poor's; and (vii) any fund investing exclusively in investments of the types described in clauses (i) through (vi) above.

"Merger" means the merger of Concentric Network Corporation and NEXTLINK with and into NM Acquisition Corp. pursuant to the Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May, 2000, by and among Concentric Network Corporation, NEXTLINK, Eagle River Investments, L.L.C., Craig O. McCaw and the Company, as such agreement may be amended.

"Merger Effective Date" means the date on which the Merger becomes effective.

"Net Cash Proceeds" means with respect to any issuance or sale of Capital Stock or options, warrants or rights to purchase Capital Stock, or debt securities or Capital Stock that have been converted into or exchanged for Capital Stock as referred to in Section 9(b) the proceeds of such issuance or sale in the form of cash or Cash Equivalents including payments in respect of deferred payment obligations when received in the form of, or stock or other assets when disposed of for, cash or Cash Equivalents (except to the extent that such obligations are financed or sold with recourse to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary), net of attorney's fees, accountant's fees and brokerage, consultation, underwriting and other fees and expenses actually incurred in connection with such issuance or sale (or conversion in the case of debt securities or Capital Stock that have been converted) and net of taxes paid or payable as a result thereof.

"New Exchange Debentures" means the 13½% Series B Senior Subordinated Debentures due 2010 of the Company issued pursuant to the Exchange Offer.

"NEXTLINK" means NEXTLINK Communications, Inc. a Delaware corporation, prior to the Merger.

"Permitted Interest Rate or Currency Protection Agreement" of any Person means any Interest Rate or Currency Protection Agreement entered into with one or more financial institutions in the ordinary course of business that is designed to protect such Person against fluctuations in interest rates or currency exchange rates with respect to Debt Incurred and which shall have a notional amount no greater than the payments due with respect to the Debt being hedged thereby and not for purposes of speculation.

"Permitted Investment" means (i) any Investment in a Joint Venture (including the purchase or acquisition of any Capital Stock of a Joint Venture), provided the aggregate amount of all outstanding Investments pursuant to this clause (i) in Joint Ventures in which the Company owns, directly or indirectly, a less than 50% interest shall not exceed \$25 million, (ii) any Investment in any Person as a result of which such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary, or, subject to the proviso to clause (i) of this definition, becomes a Joint Venture of the Company, (iii) any Investment in Marketable Securities, (iv) Investments in Permitted Interest Rate or Currency Protection Agreements, (v) Investments made as a result of the receipt of noncash consideration from a sale of assets and (vi) other Investments in an aggregate amount not to exceed the aggregate net proceeds received by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary after the Merger Effective Date from the sale or liquidation of any Unrestricted Subsidiary or any

interest therein (except to the extent that any such amount is included in the calculation of Consolidated Net Income).

“Permitted Liens” means (a) Liens for taxes, assessments, governmental charges or claims which are not yet delinquent or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, if a reserve or other appropriate provision, if any, as shall be required in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles shall have been made therefor; (b) other Liens incidental to the conduct of the Company's and its Restricted Subsidiaries' business or the ownership of its property and assets not securing any Debt, and which do not in the aggregate materially detract from the value of the Company's and its Restricted Subsidiaries' property or assets when taken as a whole, or materially impair the use thereof in the operation of its business; (c) Liens with respect to assets of a Restricted Subsidiary granted by such Restricted Subsidiary to the Company to secure Debt owing to the Company; (d) pledges and deposits made in the ordinary course of business in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other types of statutory obligations (including to secure government contracts); (e) deposits made to secure the performance of tenders, bids, leases, and other obligations of like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business (exclusive of obligations for the payment of borrowed money); (f) zoning restrictions, servitudes, easements, rights-of-way, restrictions and other similar charges or encumbrances incurred in the ordinary course of business which, in the aggregate, do not materially detract from the value of the property subject thereto or interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries; (g) Liens arising out of judgments or awards against the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary with respect to which the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary is prosecuting an appeal or proceeding for review and the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary is maintaining adequate reserves in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; (h) any interest or title of a lessor in the property subject to any lease other than a Capital Lease; and (i) any statutory warehousemen's, materialmen's or other similar Liens for sums not then due and payable (or which, if due and payable, are being contested in good faith and with respect to which adequate reserves are being maintained to the extent required by generally accepted accounting principles).

“Person” means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.

“Preferred Dividends” for any Person means for any period the quotient determined by dividing the amount of dividends and distributions paid or accrued (whether or not declared) on Preferred Stock of such Person during such period calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, by 1 minus the maximum statutory income tax rate then applicable to the Company (expressed as a decimal).

“preferred stock” means, with respect to any Person, any Capital Stock of any class or classes (however designated) which is preferred as to the payment of dividends or distributions, or as to the distribution of assets upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation or dissolution of such Person, over the Capital Stock of any other class in such Person.

"Public Equity Offering" means an underwritten offering of common stock of the Company with gross proceeds to the Company of at least \$25.0 million pursuant to a registration statement that has been declared effective by the Commission pursuant to the Securities Act (other than a registration statement on Form S-8 or otherwise relating to equity securities issuable under any employee benefit plan of the Company).

"Purchase Money Debt" means (i) Acquired Debt Incurred in connection with the acquisition of Telecommunications Assets and (ii) Debt of the Company or of any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company (including, without limitation, Debt represented by Bank Credit Agreements, Capital Lease Obligations, Vendor Financing Facilities, mortgage financings and purchase money obligations) Incurred for the purpose of financing all or any part of the cost of construction, acquisition or improvement by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or any Joint Venture of any Telecommunications Assets of the Company, any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or any Joint Venture, and including any related notes, Guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, as the same may be amended, supplemented, modified or restated from time to time.

"Receivables" means receivables, chattel paper, instruments, documents or intangibles evidencing or relating to the right to payment of money in respect of the sale of goods or services.

"Receivables Sale" of any Person means any sale of Receivables of such Person (pursuant to a purchase facility or otherwise), other than in connection with a disposition of the business operations of such Person relating thereto or a disposition of defaulted Receivables for purpose of collection and not as a financing arrangement.

"Registration Rights Agreement" means the Registration Rights Agreement between the Company and the Initial Purchasers.

"Related Person" of any Person means any other Person directly or indirectly owning (a) 10% or more of the issued and outstanding Common Equity of such Person (or, in the case of a Person that is not a corporation, 10% or more of the equity interest in such Person) or (b) 10% or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of such Person.

"Relevant Entity" means NEXTLINK prior to the consummation of the Merger and the Company after the consummation of the Merger.

"Restricted Subsidiary" of the Company or the Relevant Entity, as applicable, means any Subsidiary, whether existing on or after the Merger Effective Date with respect to the Company, or prior to the Merger Effective Date with respect to the Relevant Entity, unless such Subsidiary is an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any successor statute.

"Strategic Investor" means any Person which is (or a controlled Affiliate of any Person which is or a controlled Affiliate of which is) engaged principally in the

Telecommunications Business and which has a Total Market Capitalization of at least \$1.0 billion.

"Subsidiary" of any Person means (i) a corporation more than 50% of the combined voting power of the outstanding Voting Stock of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by such Person or by one or more other Subsidiaries of such Person or by such Person and one or more Subsidiaries thereof or (ii) any other Person (other than a corporation) in which such Person, or one or more other Subsidiaries of such Person or such Person and one or more other Subsidiaries thereof, directly or indirectly, has at least a majority ownership and power to direct the policies, management and affairs thereof.

"Telecommunications Assets" means all assets, rights (contractual or otherwise) and properties, whether tangible or intangible, used or intended for use in connection with a Telecommunications Business.

"Telecommunications Business" means the business of (i) transmitting, or providing services relating to the transmission of, voice, video or data through owned or leased transmission facilities, (ii) creating, developing or marketing communications related network equipment, software and other devices for use in a Telecommunication Business or (iii) evaluating, participating or pursuing any other activity or opportunity that is primarily related to those identified in (i) or (ii) above and shall, in any event, include all businesses in which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries are engaged on the Issue Date; PROVIDED that the determination of what constitutes a Telecommunications Business shall be made in good faith by the Board of Directors, which determination shall be conclusive.

"Total Market Capitalization" of any Person means, as of any day of determination, the sum of (a) the consolidated Indebtedness of such Person and any Subsidiaries on such day, plus (b) the product of (i) the aggregate number of outstanding shares of common stock of such Person on such day (which shall not include any options or warrants on, or securities convertible or exchangeable into, shares of Common Stock of such Person) and (ii) the average closing price of such common stock over the 10 consecutive Trading Days ending not earlier than 10 Trading Days immediately prior to such date of determination, plus (c) the liquidation value of any outstanding shares of preferred stock of such Person on such day. If no such closing price exists with respect to shares of any such class, the value of such shares for purposes of clause (b) of the preceding sentence shall be determined by the Board in good faith and evidenced by a resolution of the Board to be made available to the holders of Exchangeable Preferred Stock through the Transfer Agent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless the Person's Common Stock is listed on any national securities exchange or on the Nasdaq National Market, the "Total Market Capitalization" of the Person shall mean, as of any day of determination, the enterprise value (without duplication) of the Person and any subsidiaries (including the fair market value of their debt and equity), as determined by an independent banking firm of national standing with experience in such valuations and evidenced by a written opinion in customary form to be made available to the holders of Exchangeable Preferred Stock through the Transfer Agent; provided that for purposes of any such determination, the enterprise value of the Person shall be calculated as if the Person were a publicly held corporation without a controlling stockholder. For purposes of any such determination, such banking firm's written opinion may

state that such fair market value is no less than a specified amount and such opinion may be as of a date no earlier than 90 days prior to the date of such determination.

"Trading Day" with respect to a securities exchange or automated quotation system means a day on which such exchange or system is open for a full day of trading.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, or any successor statute.

"Unrestricted Subsidiary" means (1) any Subsidiary of the Company designated as such by the Board of Directors as set forth below where (a) neither the Company nor any of its other Subsidiaries (other than another Unrestricted Subsidiary) (i) provides credit support for, or Guarantee of, any Debt of such Subsidiary or any Subsidiary of such Subsidiary (including any undertaking, agreement or instrument evidencing such Debt) or (ii) is directly or indirectly liable for any Debt of such Subsidiary or any Subsidiary of such Subsidiary, and (b) no default with respect to any Debt of such Subsidiary or any Subsidiary of such Subsidiary (including any right which the holders thereof may have to take enforcement action against such Subsidiary) would permit (upon notice, lapse of time or both) any holder of any other Debt of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries to declare a default on such other Debt or cause the payment thereof to be accelerated or payable prior to its final scheduled maturity and (2) any Subsidiary of an Unrestricted Subsidiary. The Board of Directors may designate any Subsidiary to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary unless such Subsidiary owns any Capital Stock of, or owns or holds any Lien on any property of, any other Subsidiary of the Company which is not a Subsidiary of the Subsidiary to be so designated or otherwise an Unrestricted Subsidiary, PROVIDED that either (x) the Subsidiary to be so designated has total assets of \$1,000 or less or (y) immediately after giving effect to such designation, the Company could Incur at least \$1.00 of additional Debt pursuant to the first paragraph of Paragraph 9(a) and PROVIDED, FURTHER, that the Company could make a Restricted Payment in an amount equal to the greater of the fair market value and the book value of such Subsidiary pursuant to Paragraph 9(c) and such amount is thereafter treated as a Restricted Payment for the purpose of calculating the aggregate amount available for Restricted Payments thereunder. The Board of Directors may designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary, PROVIDED that if such Unrestricted Subsidiary has Debt outstanding at such time, either (a) immediately after giving effect to such designation, the Company could Incur at least \$1.00 of additional Debt pursuant to the first paragraph of Paragraph 9(a) or (b) the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary could Incur such Debt hereunder (other than as Acquired Debt).

"Vendor Financing Facility" means any agreements between the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company and one or more vendors or lessors of equipment or other capital assets to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (or any affiliate of any such vendor or lessor) providing financing for the acquisition by the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary of equipment or other capital assets from any such vendor or lessor.

"Voting Stock" means Capital Stock of the class or classes pursuant to which the holders thereof have the general voting power under ordinary circumstances to elect at least a majority of the board of directors, managers or trustees of a corporation (irrespective of whether

or not at the time Capital Stock of any other class or classes shall have or might have voting power by reason of the happening of any contingency).

“Wholly-Owned Restricted Subsidiary” of any Person means a Restricted Subsidiary of such Person 99% or more of the outstanding Capital Stock or other ownership interests of which (other than directors’ qualifying shares) shall at the time be owned by such Person or by one or more Wholly-Owned Restricted Subsidiaries of such Person or by such Person and one or more Wholly-Owned Restricted Subsidiaries of such Person.

## 2. RANKING.

The Exchangeable Preferred Stock shall rank, with respect to dividend distributions and distributions upon the liquidation, winding-up and dissolution of the Company, (i) senior to the Corporation’s 7% Series F Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock, the Company’s Series C Cumulative Convertible Participating Preferred Stock, the Company’s Series D Cumulative Convertible Participating Preferred Stock, the Company’s 6½% Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock and all classes of common stock of the Company, and to each other class of capital stock or series of preferred stock established after June 3, 1998 by the Board of Directors the terms of which do not expressly provide that it ranks senior to or on a parity with the Exchangeable Preferred Stock as to dividend distributions and distributions upon the liquidation, winding-up and dissolution of the Company (collectively referred to with the common stock of the Company as “Junior Securities”); (ii) on a parity with the Company’s 14% Series A Senior Exchangeable Redeemable Preferred Shares with any additional shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock issued by the Company in the future and any other class of capital stock or series of preferred stock issued by the Company in the future and any other class of capital stock or series of preferred stock issued by the Company established after the date of the Offering Memorandum by the Board of Directors, the terms of which expressly provide that such class or series will rank on a parity with the Exchangeable Preferred Stock as to dividend distributions and distributions upon the liquidation, winding-up and dissolution of the Company (collectively referred to as “Parity Securities”); and (iii) junior to each class of capital stock or series of preferred stock issued by the Company established after June 16, 2000 by the Board of Directors the terms of which expressly provide that such class or series will rank senior to the Exchangeable Preferred Stock as to dividend distributions and distributions upon liquidation, winding-up and dissolution of the Company (collectively referred to as “Senior Securities”).

## 3. DIVIDENDS.

(a) The holders of shares of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive, when, as and if dividends are declared by the Board of Directors out of funds of the Company legally available therefor, cumulative preferential dividends from the Issue Date accumulating at the rate of 13½% of the Liquidation Preference per share per annum, payable quarterly in arrears on each March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 of each year or, if any such date is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day (each, a “Dividend Payment Date”), to the holders of record as of the next preceding February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 (each, a “Record Date”). Dividends may be paid, at the Company’s option, by the issuance of additional shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock (including fractional shares, provided, that the Company may, at its option, pay cash in lieu of issuing fractional



shares) having an aggregate Liquidation Preference equal to the amount of such dividends; provided that after June 1, 2003, to the extent and so long as the Company is not precluded from paying dividends on the Exchangeable Preferred Stock by the terms of any agreement or instruments governing and then outstanding, the Company shall pay dividends in cash. The issuance of such additional shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock shall constitute "payment" of the related dividend for all purposes of this Certificate of Designation. The first dividend payment of Exchangeable Preferred Stock shall be payable on September 1, 1998. Dividends payable on the Exchangeable Preferred Stock will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30- day months and will be deemed to accumulate on a daily basis on the Liquidation Preference of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock.

(b) Dividends on the Exchangeable Preferred Stock shall accrue whether or not the Company has earnings or profits, whether or not there are funds legally available for the payment of such dividends and whether or not dividends are declared. Dividends will accumulate to the extent they are not paid on the Dividend Payment Date for the period to which they relate. The Company shall take all actions required or permitted under the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL") to permit the payment of dividends on the Exchangeable Preferred Stock, including, without limitation, through the revaluation of its assets in accordance with the DGCL, to make or keep funds legally available for the payment of dividends.

(c) No dividend whatsoever shall be declared or paid upon, or any sum set apart for the payment of dividends upon, any outstanding share of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock with respect to any dividend period unless all dividends for all preceding dividend periods have been declared and paid, or declared and a sufficient sum set apart for the payment of such dividend, upon all outstanding shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock. Unless full cumulative dividends on all outstanding shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock for all past dividend periods shall have been declared and paid, or declared and a sufficient sum for the payment thereof set apart, then: (i) no dividend (other than a dividend payable solely in shares of any Junior Securities) shall be declared or paid upon, or any sum set apart for the payment of dividends upon, any shares of Junior Securities; (ii) no other distribution shall be declared or made upon, or any sum set apart for the payment of any distribution upon, any shares of Junior Securities, other than a distribution consisting solely of Junior Securities; (iii) no shares of Junior Securities shall be purchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired or retired for value (excluding an exchange for shares of other Junior Securities) by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; and (iv) no monies shall be paid into or set apart or made available for a sinking or other like fund for the purchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value of any shares of Junior Securities by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. Holders of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock will not be entitled to any dividends, whether payable in cash, property or stock, in excess of the full cumulative dividends as herein described.

#### 4. LIQUIDATION RIGHTS.

Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding- up of the Company or reduction or decrease in its capital stock resulting in a distribution of assets to the holders of any class or series of the Company's capital stock, each holder of shares of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock will be entitled to payment out of the assets of the Company

available for distribution of an amount equal to the Liquidation Preference per share of Exchangeable Preferred Stock held by such holder, plus accrued and unpaid dividends and Liquidated Damages (as defined in the Registration Rights Agreement), if any, to the date fixed for liquidation, dissolution, winding-up or reduction or decrease in capital stock, before any distribution is made on any Junior Securities, including, without limitation, common stock of the Company. After payment in full of the Liquidation Preference and all accumulated dividends and Liquidated Damages, if any, to which holders of Exchangeable Preferred Stock are entitled, such holders will not be entitled to any further participation in any distribution of assets of the Company. If, upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company, the amounts payable with respect to the Exchangeable Preferred Stock and all other Parity Securities are not paid in full, the holders of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock and the Parity Securities will share equally and ratably in any distribution of assets of the Company in proportion to the full liquidation preference and accumulated and unpaid dividends and Liquidated Damages, if any, to which each is entitled. However, neither the voluntary sale, conveyance, exchange or transfer (for cash, shares of stock, securities or other consideration) of all or substantially all of the property or assets of the Company nor the consolidation or merger of the Company with or into one or more Persons will be deemed to be a voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company or reduction or decrease in capital stock, unless such sale, conveyance, exchange or transfer shall be in connection with a liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the business of the Company or reduction or decrease in capital stock.

#### 5. REDEMPTION BY THE COMPANY.

(a) On June 1, 2010 (the "Mandatory Redemption Date"), the Company shall be required to redeem (subject to the legal availability of funds therefor) all outstanding shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock at a price in cash equal to the Liquidation Preference thereof, plus accumulated and unpaid dividends (including an amount in cash equal to a prorated dividend for any partial dividend period) and Liquidated Damages, if any, to the date of redemption. The Company shall not be required to make sinking fund payments with respect to the Exchangeable Preferred Stock. The Company shall take all actions required or permitted under the DGCL to permit such redemption.

(b) Except as set forth below, the Exchangeable Preferred Stock may not be redeemed at the option of the Company prior to June 1, 2003. The Exchangeable Preferred Stock will be subject to redemption at any time on or after June 1, 2003, at the option of the Company, in whole or in part, at the Application Redemption Price. In addition, at any time prior to June 1, 2001, the Company may use the net proceeds of one or more Public Equity Offerings or the sale of Common Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company to a Strategic Investor in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, to redeem up to an aggregate of 35% of the shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock then outstanding (whether initially issued or issued in lieu of cash dividends) at a redemption price equal to 113½% of the Liquidation Preference per share, plus accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon and Liquidated Damages, if any, to the redemption date; provided that at least 65% of the shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock initially issued remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption. In order to effect the foregoing redemption, the Company must

mail a notice of redemption no later than 45 days after the related Public Equity Offering and must consummate such redemption within 60 days of the closing of the Public Equity Offering.

(c) In case of redemption of less than all of the shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock at the time outstanding, the shares to be redeemed shall be selected pro rata or by lot as determined by the Company in its sole discretion.

(d) Notice of any redemption shall be sent by or on behalf of the Company not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the date specified for redemption in such notice (including the Mandatory Redemption Date, the "Redemption Date"), by first class mail, postage prepaid, to all holders of record of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock at their last addresses as they shall appear on the books of the Company; provided, however, that no failure to give such notice or any defect therein or in the mailing thereof shall affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock except as to the holder to whom the Company has failed to give notice or except as to the holder to whom notice was defective. In addition to any information required by law or by the applicable rules of any exchange upon which Exchangeable Preferred Stock may be listed or admitted to trading, such notice shall state: (i) whether such redemption is being made pursuant to the optional or the mandatory redemption provisions hereof; (ii) the Redemption Date; (iii) the Applicable Redemption Price; (iv) the number of shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock to be redeemed and, if less than all shares held by such holder are to be redeemed, the number of such shares to be redeemed; (v) the place or places where certificates for such shares are to be surrendered for payment of the Applicable Redemption Price, including any procedures applicable to redemptions to be accomplished through book-entry transfers; and (vi) that dividends on the shares to be redeemed will cease to accumulate on the Redemption Date. Upon the mailing of any such notice of redemption, the Company shall become obligated to redeem at the time of redemption specified thereon all shares called for redemption.

(e) If notice has been mailed in accordance with Section 5(d) above and provided that on or before the Redemption Date specified in such notice, all funds necessary for such redemption shall have been set aside by the Company, separate and apart from its other funds in trust for the pro rata benefit of the holders of the shares so called for redemption, so as to be, and to continue to be available therefor, then, from and after the Redemption Date, dividends on the shares of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock so called for redemption shall cease to accumulate, and said shares shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding and shall not have the status of shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock, and all rights of the Holders thereof as stockholders of the Company (except the right to receive from the Company the Applicable Redemption Price) shall cease. Upon surrender, in accordance with said notice, of the certificates for any shares so redeemed (properly endorsed or assigned for transfer, if the Company shall so require and the notice shall so state), such shares shall be redeemed by the Company at the Applicable Redemption Price. In case fewer than all the shares represented by any such certificate are redeemed, a new certificate or certificates shall be issued representing the unredeemed shares without cost to the holder thereof.

(f) Any funds deposited with a bank or trust company for the purpose of redeeming Exchangeable Preferred Stock shall be irrevocable except that:

available for distribution of an amount equal to the Liquidation Preference per share of Exchangeable Preferred Stock held by such holder, plus accrued and unpaid dividends and Liquidated Damages (as defined in the Registration Rights Agreement), if any, to the date fixed for liquidation, dissolution, winding-up or reduction or decrease in capital stock, before any distribution is made on any Junior Securities, including, without limitation, common stock of the Company. After payment in full of the Liquidation Preference and all accumulated dividends and Liquidated Damages, if any, to which holders of Exchangeable Preferred Stock are entitled, such holders will not be entitled to any further participation in any distribution of assets of the Company. If, upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company, the amounts payable with respect to the Exchangeable Preferred Stock and all other Parity Securities are not paid in full, the holders of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock and the Parity Securities will share equally and ratably in any distribution of assets of the Company in proportion to the full liquidation preference and accumulated and unpaid dividends and Liquidated Damages, if any, to which each is entitled. However, neither the voluntary sale, conveyance, exchange or transfer (for cash, shares of stock, securities or other consideration) of all or substantially all of the property or assets of the Company nor the consolidation or merger of the Company with or into one or more Persons will be deemed to be a voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company or reduction or decrease in capital stock, unless such sale, conveyance, exchange or transfer shall be in connection with a liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the business of the Company or reduction or decrease in capital stock.

#### 5. REDEMPTION BY THE COMPANY.

(a) On June 1, 2010 (the "Mandatory Redemption Date"), the Company shall be required to redeem (subject to the legal availability of funds therefor) all outstanding shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock at a price in cash equal to the Liquidation Preference thereof, plus accumulated and unpaid dividends (including an amount in cash equal to a prorated dividend for any partial dividend period) and Liquidated Damages, if any, to the date of redemption. The Company shall not be required to make sinking fund payments with respect to the Exchangeable Preferred Stock. The Company shall take all actions required or permitted under the DGCL to permit such redemption.

(b) Except as set forth below, the Exchangeable Preferred Stock may not be redeemed at the option of the Company prior to June 1, 2003. The Exchangeable Preferred Stock will be subject to redemption at any time on or after June 1, 2003, at the option of the Company, in whole or in part, at the Application Redemption Price. In addition, at any time prior to June 1, 2001, the Company may use the net proceeds of one or more Public Equity Offerings or the sale of Common Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company to a Strategic Investor in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, to redeem up to an aggregate of 35% of the shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock then outstanding (whether initially issued or issued in lieu of cash dividends) at a redemption price equal to 113½% of the Liquidation Preference per share, plus accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon and Liquidated Damages, if any, to the redemption date; provided that at least 65% of the shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock initially issued remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption. In order to effect the foregoing redemption, the Company must

mail a notice of redemption no later than 45 days after the related Public Equity Offering and must consummate such redemption within 60 days of the closing of the Public Equity Offering.

(c) In case of redemption of less than all of the shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock at the time outstanding, the shares to be redeemed shall be selected pro rata or by lot as determined by the Company in its sole discretion.

(d) Notice of any redemption shall be sent by or on behalf of the Company not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the date specified for redemption in such notice (including the Mandatory Redemption Date, the "Redemption Date"), by first class mail, postage prepaid, to all holders of record of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock at their last addresses as they shall appear on the books of the Company; provided, however, that no failure to give such notice or any defect therein or in the mailing thereof shall affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock except as to the holder to whom the Company has failed to give notice or except as to the holder to whom notice was defective. In addition to any information required by law or by the applicable rules of any exchange upon which Exchangeable Preferred Stock may be listed or admitted to trading, such notice shall state: (i) whether such redemption is being made pursuant to the optional or the mandatory redemption provisions hereof; (ii) the Redemption Date; (iii) the Applicable Redemption Price; (iv) the number of shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock to be redeemed and, if less than all shares held by such holder are to be redeemed, the number of such shares to be redeemed; (v) the place or places where certificates for such shares are to be surrendered for payment of the Applicable Redemption Price, including any procedures applicable to redemptions to be accomplished through book-entry transfers; and (vi) that dividends on the shares to be redeemed will cease to accumulate on the Redemption Date. Upon the mailing of any such notice of redemption, the Company shall become obligated to redeem at the time of redemption specified thereon all shares called for redemption.

(e) If notice has been mailed in accordance with Section 5(d) above and provided that on or before the Redemption Date specified in such notice, all funds necessary for such redemption shall have been set aside by the Company, separate and apart from its other funds in trust for the pro rata benefit of the holders of the shares so called for redemption, so as to be, and to continue to be available therefor, then, from and after the Redemption Date, dividends on the shares of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock so called for redemption shall cease to accumulate, and said shares shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding and shall not have the status of shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock, and all rights of the Holders thereof as stockholders of the Company (except the right to receive from the Company the Applicable Redemption Price) shall cease. Upon surrender, in accordance with said notice, of the certificates for any shares so redeemed (properly endorsed or assigned for transfer, if the Company shall so require and the notice shall so state), such shares shall be redeemed by the Company at the Applicable Redemption Price. In case fewer than all the shares represented by any such certificate are redeemed, a new certificate or certificates shall be issued representing the unredeemed shares without cost to the holder thereof.

(f) Any funds deposited with a bank or trust company for the purpose of redeeming Exchangeable Preferred Stock shall be irrevocable except that:

(i) the Company shall be entitled to receive from such bank or trust company the interest or other earnings, if any, earned on any money so deposited in trust, and the holders of any shares redeemed shall have no claim to such interest or other earnings; and

(ii) any balance of monies so deposited by the Company and unclaimed by the holders of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock entitled thereto at the expiration of two years from the applicable Redemption Date shall be repaid, together with any interest or other earnings earned thereon, to the Company, and after any such repayment, the holders of the shares entitled to the funds so repaid to the Company shall look only to the Company for payment without interest or other earnings.

(g) No Exchangeable Preferred Stock may be redeemed except with funds legally available for the purpose. The Company shall take all actions required or permitted under the DGCL to permit any such redemption.

(h) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 5, unless the full cumulative dividends on all outstanding shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock shall have been paid or contemporaneously are declared and paid for all past dividend periods, none of the shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock shall be redeemed unless all outstanding shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock are simultaneously redeemed.

(i) All shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock redeemed pursuant to this Section 5 shall be restored to the status of authorized and unissued shares of preferred stock, without designation as to series and may thereafter be reissued as shares of any series of preferred stock other than shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock.

## 6. EXCHANGE.

(a) The Company may, at its option, on any Dividend Payment Date, exchange, in whole, but not in part, the then outstanding shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock for Debentures with a principal amount equal to the aggregate Liquidation Preference of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock to be issued pursuant to an indenture (the "Indenture") in substantially the form of Exhibit A (as such form of Indenture may be amended from time to time and delivered to the Transfer Agent) to the certificate of the Company dated June 8, 1998 provided to the Transfer Agent setting forth the form of Indenture to be entered into and dated on or as of such Dividend Payment Date between the Company and a trustee to be named by the Company (the "Trustee"); provided, that on the date of such exchange (i) there are no accumulated and unpaid dividends and Liquidated Damages, if any, on the Exchangeable Preferred Stock (including the dividends payable on such date) or other contractual impediments to such exchange; (ii) there shall be legally available funds sufficient therefor; (iii) immediately after giving effect to such exchange, no Default or Event of Default (each as defined in the Indenture) would exist under the Indenture or would be caused thereby and; (iv) the Indenture has been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "Trust Indenture Act"), if such qualification is required at the time of exchange; and (v) the Company shall have delivered a written opinion of counsel to the Trustee (as defined) to the effect that all conditions

to be satisfied prior to such exchange have been satisfied and otherwise as to the matters described in Section 6(e).

(b) Upon any exchange pursuant to the preceding paragraph, holders of outstanding Exchangeable Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive, subject to the second succeeding sentence of this paragraph, \$1.00 principal amount of Debentures for each \$1.00 of the aggregate Liquidation Preference of Exchangeable Preferred Stock held by them. The Debentures will be issued in registered form, without coupons. The Debentures shall be issuable in principal amounts of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof to the extent possible, and shall also be issuable in principal amounts less than \$1,000 so that each holder of Exchangeable Preferred Stock will receive certificates representing the entire amount of Debentures to which such holder's shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock entitle such holder. Notice of the intention to exchange shall be sent by or on behalf of the Company not more than 60 days nor less than 30 days prior to the date fixed for the exchange (the "Exchange Date"), by first class mail, postage prepaid, to each holder of record of Exchangeable Preferred Stock at its registered address. In addition to any information required by law or by the applicable rules of any exchange upon which the Exchangeable Preferred Stock may be listed or admitted to trading, such notice shall state: (i) the Exchange Date; (ii) the place or places where certificates for such shares are to be surrendered for exchange, including any procedures applicable to exchanges to be accomplished through book-entry transfers; and (iii) that dividends on the shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock to be exchanged will cease to accumulate on the Exchange Date.

(c) A holder delivering Exchangeable Preferred Stock for exchange shall not be required to pay any taxes or duties in respect of the issue or delivery of Debentures on exchange but shall be required to pay any tax or duty that may be payable in respect of any transfer involved in the issue or delivery of the Debentures in a name other than that of the holder of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock. Certificates representing Debentures shall not be issued or delivered unless all taxes and duties, if any, payable by the holder have been paid.

(d) If notice of any exchange has been properly given, and if on or before the Exchange Date the Debentures have been duly executed and authenticated and an amount in cash or additional shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock (as applicable) equal to all accumulated and unpaid dividends and Liquidated Damages, if any, thereon to the Exchange Date has been deposited with the Transfer Agent, then on and after the close of business on the Exchange Date, the shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock to be exchanged shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding and may thereafter be issued in the same manner as the other authorized but unissued preferred stock, but not as Exchangeable Preferred Stock, and all rights of the holders thereof as stockholders of the Company shall cease, except the right of the holders to receive upon surrender of their certificates the Debentures and all accrued interest, if any, thereon to the Exchange Date.

(e) As a condition to the exercise of the exchange rights described in this Section 6, the Company shall deliver a written opinion of counsel to the Trustee as to the due authorization, execution, delivery and enforceability of both the Debentures and the Indenture and as to the compliance by the Company with the provisions hereof.

## 7. VOTING RIGHTS.

(a) The holders of record of shares of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock shall have no voting rights, except as required by law and as hereinafter provided in this Section 7.

(b) Upon:

(i) the accumulation of dividends remaining unpaid either in cash or by the issuance of additional shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock on the outstanding Exchangeable Preferred Stock in an amount equal to six (6) quarterly dividends (whether or not consecutive);

(ii) the failure of the Company to satisfy any mandatory redemption or repurchase obligation (including, without limitation, pursuant to any required Change of Control Offer (as defined)) with respect to the Exchangeable Preferred Stock;

(iii) the failure of the Company to make a Change of Control Offer on the terms and in accordance with the provisions described below in Section 8 hereof;

(iv) the failure of the Company to comply with any of the other covenants or agreements set forth in this Certificate of Designation and the continuance of such failure for 60 consecutive days or more after notice from the holders of at least 25% of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock; or

(v) any (i) default by the Company or any Subsidiary in the payment of the principal, premium, if any, or interest has occurred with respect to amounts in excess of \$5.0 million under any agreement, indenture or instrument evidencing Indebtedness when the same shall become due and payable in full and such default shall have continued after any applicable grace period and shall not have been cured or waived and, if not already matured at its final maturity in accordance with its terms, the holder of such Indebtedness shall have the right to accelerate such Indebtedness or (ii) event of default as defined in any agreement, indenture or instrument of the Company evidencing Indebtedness in excess of \$5.0 million shall have occurred and the Indebtedness thereunder, if not already matured at its final maturity in accordance with its terms, shall have been accelerated (each of the events described in clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) being referred to herein as a "Voting Rights Triggering Event");

(vi) then the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock, voting as a separate single class, shall be entitled to elect two members to the Board of Directors of the Company and the number of members of the Company's Board of Directors shall be immediately and automatically increased by two. The voting rights provided for in this Section 7 shall be the exclusive remedy for the holders of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock for any violation by the Company of its obligations under this Certificate of Designation that constitutes an Event of Default.

(c) Whenever such voting right shall have vested, such right may be exercised initially either at a special meeting of the holders of Exchangeable Preferred Stock, called as hereinafter provided, or at any annual meeting of stockholders held for the purpose of electing



directors, and thereafter at such annual meetings or by the written consent of the holders of exchangeable Preferred Stock. Such right of the holders of Exchangeable Preferred Stock to elect directors may be exercised until (i) all dividends in arrears shall have been paid in full and (ii) all other Voting Rights Triggering Events have been cured or waived, at which time the term of such directors previously elected shall thereupon terminate, and such directors shall be deemed to have resigned.

(d) At any time when such voting right shall have vested in the holders of Exchangeable Preferred Stock and if such right shall not already have been initially exercised, a proper officer of the Company shall, upon the written request of holders of record of 25% or more of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock then outstanding, addressed to the Secretary of the Company, call a special meeting of holders of Exchangeable Preferred Stock. Such meeting shall be held at the earliest practicable date upon the notice required for annual meetings of stockholders at the place for holding annual meetings of stockholders of the Company or, if none, at a place designated by the Secretary of the Company. If such meeting shall not be called by the proper officers of the Company within 30 days after the personal service of such written request upon the Secretary of the Company, or within 30 days after mailing the same within the United States, by registered mail, addressed to the Secretary of the Company at its principal office (such mailing to be evidenced by the registry receipt issued by the postal authorities), then the holders of record of 25% of the shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock then outstanding may designate in writing a holder of Exchangeable Preferred Stock to call such meeting at the expense of the Company, and such meeting may be called by such person so designated upon the notice required for annual meetings of stockholders and shall be held at the place for holding annual meetings of the Company or, if none, at a place designated by such holder. Any holder of Exchangeable Preferred Stock that would be entitled to vote at such meeting shall have access to the stock books of the Company for the purpose of causing a meeting of stockholders to be called pursuant to the provisions of this Section 7. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, however, no such special meeting shall be called if any such request is received less than 90 days before the date fixed for the next ensuing annual or special meeting of stockholders.

(e) If any director so elected by the holders of Exchangeable Preferred Stock shall cease to serve as a director before his term shall expire, the holders of Exchangeable Preferred Stock then outstanding may, at a special meeting of the holders called as provided above, elect a successor to hold office for the unexpired term of the director whose place shall be vacant.

## 8. CHANGE OF CONTROL.

(a) If a Change of Control shall occur at any time, then, subject to Section 8(f), each holder of Exchangeable Preferred Stock shall have the right to require that the Company purchase such holder's Exchangeable Preferred Stock in whole or in part in integral multiples of \$1,000, at a purchase price (the "Change of Control Purchase Price") in cash, in an amount equal to 101% of the principal amount of such Exchangeable Preferred Stock or portion thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase (the "Change of Control Purchase Date"), pursuant to the offer described below in this Section 8 (the "Change of Control Offer").

(b) The Change of Control Offer shall include all instructions and materials necessary to enable holders to tender their shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock.

(c) The Company shall comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock as a result of a Change of Control.

(d) Within 30 days following any Change of Control, the Company shall mail a notice to each holder stating:

(i) that the Change of Control Offer is being made pursuant to this Section 8, that all shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock tendered will be accepted for payment, the date of such event and the circumstances and relevant facts regarding such Change of Control;

(ii) the purchase price and the purchase date, which shall be no earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed or such later date as is necessary to comply with the Exchange Act (the "Change of Control Payment Date");

(iii) that any share of Exchangeable Preferred Stock not tendered will continue to accumulate dividends;

(iv) that, unless the Company fails to pay the Change of Control Payment, all shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock accepted for payment pursuant to the Change of Control Offer shall cease to accumulate dividends after the Change of Control Payment Date;

(v) that holders electing to have any shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock purchased pursuant to a Change of Control Offer will be required to surrender the shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" which shall be included with the Notice of Change of Control completed, to the Paying Agent at the address specified in the notice prior to the close of business on the third Business Day preceding the Change of Control Payment Date;

(vi) that holders will be entitled to withdraw their election if the Paying Agent receives, not later than the close of business on the second Business Day preceding the Change of Control Payment Date, a telegram, telex, facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the holder, the number of shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock delivered for purchase, and a statement that such holder is withdrawing his election to have such shares purchased; and

(vii) the circumstances and relevant facts regarding such Change of Control (including, but not limited to, information with respect to pro forma historical financial information after giving effect to such Change of Control and information regarding the Person or Persons acquiring control).

(e) On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Company shall, to the extent lawful, (i) accept for payment all shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock or portions thereof properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer, (ii) deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock or portions thereof so tendered and (iii) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Transfer Agent the shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock so accepted together with an Officers' Certificate stating the aggregate Liquidation Preference of the shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock or portions thereof being purchased by the Company. The Paying Agent shall promptly mail to each holder of Exchangeable Preferred Stock so tendered the Change of Control Payment for such Exchangeable Preferred Stock, and the Transfer Agent shall promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book entry) to each holder a new certificate representing the shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock equal in Liquidation Preference amount to any unpurchased portion of the shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock surrendered, if any. The Company shall publicly announce the results of the Change of Control Offer on or as soon as practicable after the Change of Control Payment Date.

(f) The Company shall not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control if either (i) a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in this Section 8 applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by the Company and purchases all shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer or (ii) the date on which such Change of Control Offer would otherwise be required to be made is on or prior to the Existing Senior Notes Maturity Date.

(g) If the date on which a Change of Control Offer otherwise would be required to be made is on or prior to the Existing Senior Notes Maturity Date, then, in lieu of any such Change of Control Offer, holders of two-thirds of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock will be entitled to designate an Independent Financial Advisor (as defined below) to determine, within 20 days of such designation, in the opinion of such firm, the appropriate dividend rate that the Exchangeable Preferred Stock should bear so that, after such reset, the Exchangeable Preferred Stock would have a market value of 101% of the Liquidation Preference. If, for any reason and within 15 days of the designation of an Independent Financial Advisor by the holders, such Independent Financial Advisor is unacceptable to the Company, the Company may designate a second Independent Financial Advisor to determine, within 15 days of such designation, in its opinion, such an appropriate reset dividend rate for the Exchangeable Preferred Stock. In the event that the two Independent Financial Advisors cannot agree, within 25 days of the designation of an Independent Financial Advisor by the holders of two-thirds of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock, on the appropriate reset dividend rate, the two Independent Financial Advisors shall, within 10 days of such 25th day, designate a third Independent Financial Advisor, which, within 15 days of designation, will determine, in its opinion, such an appropriate reset rate which is between the two rates selected by the first two Independent Financial Advisors; provided, however, that the reset rate shall in no event be less than 13 1/2% per annum nor greater than 15 1/2% per annum. The reasonable fees and expenses, including reasonable fees and expenses of legal counsel, if any, and customary indemnification, of each of the three above-referenced Independent Financial Advisors shall be borne by the Company. Upon the determination of the reset rate, the Exchangeable Preferred Stock shall accrue and cumulate dividends at the reset rate as of the date of occurrence of the Change of Control.

"Independent Financial Advisor" means a United States investment banking firm of national standing in the United States which does not, and whose directors, officers and employees or affiliates do not, have a direct or indirect financial interest in the Company.

## 9. CERTAIN COVENANTS

### (a) Limitation on Consolidated Debt

The Company may not, and may not permit any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to, Incur any Debt unless either (a) the ratio of: (i) the aggregate consolidated principal amount of Debt of the Relevant Entity outstanding as of the most recent available quarterly or annual balance sheet, after giving pro forma effect to the Incurrence of such Debt and any other Debt Incurred since such balance sheet date and the receipt and application of the proceeds thereof to (ii) Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges for the four full fiscal quarters next preceding the Incurrence of such Debt for which consolidated financial statements are available, determined on a pro forma basis as if (x) any such Debt had been Incurred and the proceeds thereof had been applied at the beginning of such four fiscal quarters; (y) the net income (or loss) for such period of any Person or related to any assets disposed of by the Relevant Entity or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Relevant Entity prior to the end of such period had been excluded from Consolidated Net Income; and (z) the net income (or loss) for such period of any Person or related to any assets acquired by the Relevant Entity or any Restricted Subsidiary prior to the end of such period had been included in Consolidated Net Income, would be less than 5.5 to 1 for such four-quarter periods ending on or prior to December 31, 1999 and 5.0 to 1 for such periods ending thereafter; or (b) the Relevant Entity's Consolidated Capital Ratio as of the most recent available quarterly or annual balance sheet, after giving pro forma effect to the Incurrence of such Debt, any issuance of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) since such balance sheet date, any increase in paid in-capital (other than in respect of Disqualified Stock) since such balance sheet date and the Incurrence of any other Debt since such balance sheet date and the receipt and application of the proceeds thereof, is less than 2.0 to 1.

Notwithstanding the foregoing limitation, the Company and any Restricted Subsidiary may Incur the following:

(i) Debt under any one or more Bank Credit Agreements or Vendor Financing Facilities in an aggregate principal amount at any one time not to exceed the greater of: (x) \$250 million and (y) 85% of the Eligible Receivables, and any renewal, extension, refinancing or refunding thereof in an amount which, together with any principal amount remaining outstanding or available under all Bank Credit Agreements and Vendor Financing Facilities of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, plus the amount of any premium required to be paid in connection with such refinancing pursuant to the terms of any Bank Credit Agreement so refinanced plus the amount of expenses incurred in connection with such refinancing, does not exceed the aggregate principal amount outstanding or available under all such Bank Credit Agreements and Vendor Financing Facilities of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries immediately prior to such renewal, extension, refinancing or refunding;

(ii) Purchase Money Debt Incurred to finance the construction, acquisition or improvement of Telecommunications Assets, PROVIDED that the net proceeds of such Purchase Money Debt do not exceed 100% of the cost of construction, acquisition or improvement price of the applicable Telecommunications Assets;

(iii) Debt owed by the Company to any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or Debt owed by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that upon either (x) the transfer or other disposition by such Restricted Subsidiary or the Company of any Debt so permitted to a Person other than the Company or another Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or (y) the issuance (other than directors' qualifying shares), sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of shares of Capital Stock (including by consolidation or merger) of such Restricted Subsidiary as a result of which the obligor of such Debt ceases to be a Restricted Subsidiary, the provisions of this clause (iii) shall no longer be applicable to such Debt and such Debt shall be deemed to have been Incurred at the time of such transfer or other disposition;

(iv) Debt Incurred to renew, extend, refinance or refund (each, a "refinancing") Debt of the Relevant Entity and any of its Restricted Subsidiaries outstanding at the Merger Effective Date (after giving effect to the Merger) or Incurred by the Relevant Entity pursuant to the preceding paragraph or clause (ii) of this paragraph in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of and accrued interest on the Debt so refinanced plus the amount of any premium required to be paid in connection with such refinancing pursuant to the terms of the Debt so refinanced or the amount of any premium reasonably determined by the Company as necessary to accomplish such refinancing by means of a tender offer or privately negotiated repurchase, plus the amount of expenses of the Company incurred in connection with such refinancing.

(v) Debt consisting of Permitted Interest Rate and Currency Protection Agreements;

(vi) subordinated Debt invested by: (a) a group of employees of the Company, which includes the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, who own, directly or indirectly, through an employee stock ownership plan or arrangement, shares of the Company's Capital Stock or (b) any other Person that controls the Company (i) on the Merger Effective Date (after giving effect to the Merger) or (ii) after a Change of Control, PROVIDED that the Company is not in default with respect to its obligations under Paragraph 8;

(vii) Debt consisting of performance and other similar bonds and reimbursement obligations Incurred in the ordinary course of business securing the performance of contractual, franchise or license obligations of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, or in respect of a letter of credit obtained to secure such performance; and

(viii) Debt not otherwise permitted to be Incurred pursuant to clauses (i) through (vii) above, which, together with any other outstanding Debt Incurred pursuant to this clause (ix), has an aggregate principal amount (or, in the case of Debt issued at a discount, an accreted amount (determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles) at the time of Incurrence) not in excess of \$10 million at any time outstanding.

For purposes of determining compliance with this Paragraph (a), in the event that an item of Debt meets the criteria of more than one of the types of Debt the Company is permitted to incur pursuant to the foregoing clauses (i) through (ix) or the first paragraph of this Paragraph 9(a), the Company shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to classify such item of Debt and shall only be required to include the amount and type of such Debt under the clause or paragraph permitting the Debt as so classified. The determination of any particular amount of Debt under such covenant shall be made without duplication for Guarantees or Liens supporting Debt otherwise included in the determination of a particular amount.

(b) Limitation On Restricted Payments

The Company:

(i) may not, directly or indirectly, declare or pay any dividend, or make any distribution, in respect of its Capital Stock or to the holders thereof (in their capacity as such), excluding any dividends or distributions payable solely in shares of its Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) or in options, warrants or other rights to acquire its Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock);

(ii) may not, and may not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, purchase, redeem, or otherwise retire or acquire for value: (a) any Capital Stock of the Company or any Related Person of the Company; or (b) any options, warrants or rights to purchase or acquire shares of Capital Stock of the Company or any Related Person of the Company or any securities convertible or exchangeable into shares of Capital Stock of the Company or any Related Person of the Company;

(iii) may not make, or permit any Restricted Subsidiary to make, any Investment in, or payment on a Guarantee of any obligation of, any Person, other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, except for Permitted Investments; and

(iv) may not, and may not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, redeem, defease, repurchase, retire or otherwise acquire or retire for value, prior to any scheduled maturity, repayment or sinking fund payment, Debt of the Company which is subordinate in right of payment to Exchangeable Preferred Stock (each of clauses (i) through (iv) being a "Restricted Payment") if: (1) a Default or an Event of Default shall have occurred and is continuing; or (2) upon giving effect to such Restricted Payment, the Company could not Incur at least \$1.00 of additional Debt pursuant to the provisions of the first paragraph of Paragraph 9(a); or (3) upon giving effect to such Restricted Payment, the aggregate of all Restricted Payments made by the Relevant Entity from April 25, 1996

exceeds the sum of: (a) 50% of cumulative Consolidated Net Income of the Relevant Entity (or, in the case Consolidated Net Income shall be negative, less 100% of such deficit) since the end of the last full fiscal quarter prior to April 25, 1996 through the last day of the last full fiscal quarter ending immediately preceding the date of such Restricted Payment; plus (b) \$5 million; plus (c) 100% of the net reduction in Investments in any Unrestricted Subsidiary since the end of the last full fiscal quarter prior to April 25, 1996 resulting from payments of interest on Debt, dividends, repayments of loans or advances, or other transfers of assets, in each case to the Relevant Entity or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Relevant Entity from such Unrestricted Subsidiary (except to the extent that any such payment is included in the calculation of Consolidated Net Income) or from redesignations of Unrestricted Subsidiaries as Restricted Subsidiaries; PROVIDED that the amount included in this clause (c) shall not exceed the amount of Investments previously made by the Relevant Entity and its Restricted Subsidiaries in such Unrestricted Subsidiary; PROVIDED, FURTHER, that the Relevant Entity or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Relevant Entity may make any Restricted Payment with the aggregate net proceeds received by the Relevant Entity after April 25, 1996, including the fair value of property other than cash (determined in good faith by the Board of Directors), as capital contributions to the Relevant Entity or from the issuance (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary) of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Relevant Entity and warrants, rights or options on Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Relevant Entity and the principal amount of Debt of the Relevant Entity that has been converted into Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock and other than by a Restricted Subsidiary) of the Relevant Entity after April 25, 1996. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) the Company may pay any dividend on Capital Stock of any class within 60 days after the declaration thereof if, on the date when the dividend was declared, the Company could have paid such dividend in accordance with the foregoing provisions; (ii) the Company may repurchase any shares of its Common Equity or options to acquire its Common Equity from Persons who were formerly officers or employees of the Company, PROVIDED that the aggregate amount of all such repurchases made pursuant to this clause (ii) shall not exceed \$2 million, plus the aggregate cash proceeds received by the Relevant Entity since April 25, 1996 from issuances of its Common Equity or options to acquire its Common Equity to members, officers, managers, directors and employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; (iii) the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries may refinance any Debt otherwise permitted by clause (iv) of the second paragraph of Paragraph 9(a); and (iv) the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries may retire or repurchase any Capital Stock or Subordinated Debt of the Company in exchange for, or out of the proceeds of the substantially concurrent sale (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company) of, Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company. If the Company makes a Restricted Payment which, at the time of the making of such Restricted Payment, would in the good faith determination of the Company be permitted hereunder, such Restricted Payment shall be deemed to have been made in compliance with terms hereof notwithstanding any subsequent adjustments made in good faith to the Company financial statements affecting Consolidated Net Income for any period.

In determining the aggregate amount expended or available for Restricted Payments in accordance with clause (3) of the first paragraph above, (1) no amounts expended

under clauses (iii) or (iv) of the immediately preceding paragraph shall be included, (2) 100% of the amounts expended under clauses (i) and (ii) of the immediately preceding paragraph shall be included, and (3) no amount shall be credited in respect of issuances of Capital Stock in transactions under clause (iv) of the immediately preceding paragraph.

(c) Limitation On Dividend And Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Restricted Subsidiaries.

The Company may not, and may not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, create or otherwise cause or suffer to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company (i) to pay dividends (in cash or otherwise) or make any other distributions in respect of its Capital Stock owned by the Company or any other Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or pay any Debt or other obligation owed to the Company or any other Restricted Subsidiary; (ii) to make loans or advances to the Company or any other Restricted Subsidiary; or (iii) to transfer any of its property or assets to the Company or any other Restricted Subsidiary. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may, and may permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, suffer to exist any such encumbrance or restriction: (a) pursuant to any agreement of the Relevant Entity in effect on the Merger Effective Date (after giving effect to the Merger); (b) pursuant to an agreement relating to any Acquired Debt, which encumbrance or restriction is not applicable to any Person, or the properties or assets of any Person, other than the Person so acquired and its Subsidiaries; (c) pursuant to any one or more Bank Credit Agreements or Vendor Financing Facilities (and renewals, extensions, refinancings or refundings thereof) which is permitted to be outstanding under clause (i) or (ii) of Paragraph 9(a), PROVIDED that such restriction is consistent with, and not materially more restrictive (as conclusively determined in good faith by the Chief Financial Officer of the Company), taken as a whole, than, comparable provisions included in similar agreements or facilities extended to comparable credits engaged in the Telecommunications Business and PROVIDED FURTHER that, in the case of any such Bank Credit Agreement or Vendor Financing Facility entered into by a Restricted Subsidiary under clause (ii) of Paragraph 9(a), such encumbrances or restrictions do not prohibit dividends, distributions, loans or advances by such Restricted Subsidiary to the Company or another Restricted Subsidiary to the extent that the failure to make such distribution, loan or advance would result in the Company defaulting in the payment of principal or interest on its indebtedness; (d) pursuant to an agreement effecting a renewal, refunding or extension of Debt Incurred pursuant to an agreement referred to in clause (a) or (b) above or (e) below, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the provisions contained in such renewal, refunding or extension agreement relating to such encumbrance or restriction are not materially more restrictive (as conclusively determined in good faith by the Chief Financial Officer of the Company), taken as a whole, than the provisions contained in the agreement the subject thereof; (e) in the case of clause (c) above, restrictions contained in any security agreement (including a Capital Lease Obligation) securing Debt of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary otherwise permitted hereunder, but only to the extent such restrictions restrict the transfer of the property subject to such security agreement; (f) in the case of clause (c) above, customary nonassignment provisions entered into in the ordinary course of business in leases and other agreements; (g) any restriction with respect to a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company imposed pursuant to an agreement which has been entered into for the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the Capital Stock or assets of such Restricted Subsidiary, provided that consummation of such transaction would not result in a Default or an Event of



Default, that such restriction terminates if such transaction is not consummated and that such consummation or abandonment of such transaction occurs within one year of the date such agreement was entered into; (h) pursuant to applicable law or regulations; (i) pursuant to the terms hereof and the Exchangeable Preferred Stock; or (j) any restriction on the sale or other disposition of assets or property securing Debt as a result of a Permitted Lien on such assets or property.

(d) **Transactions With Affiliates And Related Persons.** The Company may not, and may not permit any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to, enter into any transaction (or series of related transactions) with an Affiliate or Related Person of the Company (other than the Company or a Wholly-Owned Restricted Subsidiary of the Company), including any Investment, but excluding transactions pursuant to employee compensation arrangements approved by the Board of Directors, either directly or indirectly, unless such transaction is on terms no less favorable to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary than those that could reasonably be obtained in a comparable arm's-length transaction with an entity that is not an Affiliate or Related Person and is in the best interests of such Company or such Restricted Subsidiary. For any transaction that involves in excess of \$1 million but less than or equal to \$15 million, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company shall determine that the transaction satisfies the above criteria and shall evidence such a determination by an Officer's Certificate filed with the Transfer Agent. For any transaction that involves in excess of \$15 million, the Company shall also either (x) obtain the approval of the transaction from the Board of Directors including a majority of the disinterested members of the Board of Directors or (y) obtain an opinion from a nationally recognized investment bank or other expert with experience in appraising the terms and conditions, taken as a whole, of the type of transaction (or series of related transactions) for which the opinion is required stating that such transaction (or series of related transactions) is on terms and conditions, taken as a whole, no less favorable to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary than those that could be obtained in a comparable arm's-length transaction with an entity that is not an Affiliate or Related Person of the Company, which opinion shall be filed with the Transfer Agent. This covenant shall not apply to Investments by an Affiliate or a Related Person of the Company in the Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company.

(e) **Mergers, Consolidations And Certain Sales Of Assets.**

(i) The Company may not, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, (A) consolidate with or merge into any other Person or permit any other Person to consolidate with or merge into the Company (other than a consolidation or merger of a Wholly-Owned Restricted Subsidiary organized under the laws of a State of the United States into the Company), or (B) directly or indirectly, transfer, sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets (determined on a consolidated basis for the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole and provided that the creation of a Lien on or in any of its assets shall not in and of itself constitute the transfer, sale, lease or disposition of the assets subject to the Lien), unless: (1) in a transaction in which the Company does not survive or in which the Company sells, leases or otherwise disposes of all or substantially all of its assets to any other Person, the successor entity to the Company shall be a corporation organized under the laws of the United States of America or any State thereof or the District of Columbia and shall

expressly assume all the obligations of the Company under the Exchangeable Preferred Stock; (2) immediately after giving pro forma effect to such transaction as if such transaction had occurred at the beginning of the last full fiscal quarter immediately prior to the consummation of such transaction with the appropriate adjustments with respect to the transaction being included in such pro forma calculation and treating any Debt which becomes an obligation of the Company or a Subsidiary as a result of such transaction as having been Incurred by the Company or such Subsidiary at the time of the transaction, no Voting Rights Triggering Event shall have occurred and be continuing; and (3) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, the Consolidated Net Worth of the Company (or other successor entity to the Company) is equal to or greater than that of the Company immediately prior to the transaction.

(ii) In the event of any transaction (other than a lease) described in and complying with the immediately preceding paragraph in which the Company is not the surviving Person and the surviving Person assumes all the obligations of the Company under the Exchangeable Preferred Stock, such surviving Person shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company, and the Company will be discharged from its obligations hereunder and the Exchangeable Preferred Stock; PROVIDED that solely for the purpose of calculating amounts under Paragraph 9(c)(iv)(3), any such surviving Person shall only be deemed to have succeeded to and be substituted for the Company with respect to the period subsequent to the effective time of such transaction, and the Company (before giving effect to such transaction) shall be deemed to be the "Company" for such purposes for all prior periods.

(f) Provision of Financial Statements.

Whether or not the Company is subject to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, the Company will, to the extent permitted under the Exchange Act, file with the Commission the annual reports, quarterly reports and other documents which the Company would have been required to file with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) if the Company were so subject, such documents to be filed with the Commission on or prior to the date (the "Required Filing Date") by which the Company would have been required so to file such documents if the Company were so subject. The Company will also in any event (x) within 15 days of each Required Filing Date transmit by mail to all holders, as their names and addresses appear in the security register, without cost to such holders copies of the annual reports, quarterly reports and other documents which the Company would have been required to file with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act if the Company were subject to either of such Sections and (y) if filing such documents by the Company with the Commission is not permitted under the Exchange Act, promptly upon written request and payment of the reasonable cost of duplication and delivery, supply copies of such documents to any prospective holder at the Company's cost. So long as any of the Series A Preferred Stock remain outstanding, the Company will make available to any prospective purchaser of Series A Preferred Stock or beneficial owner of Series A Preferred Stock in connection with any sale thereof the information required by Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act, until such time as the Company has either exchanged the Series A Preferred Stock for securities identical in all material respects which have been registered under the Securities Act or until such time as the

holders thereof have disposed of such Series A Preferred Stock pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act.

#### 10. AMENDMENT.

(a) The Company shall not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least a majority of the shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock then outstanding (with shares held by the Company or any of its Affiliates not being considered to be outstanding for this purpose) voting or consenting as the case may be, as one class:

(i) authorize, create (by way of reclassification or otherwise) or issue any Senior Securities or any obligation or security convertible or exchangeable into or evidencing the right to purchase, shares of any class or series of Senior Securities;

(ii) amend or otherwise alter this Certificate of Designation (including the provisions of Section 8 hereof) in any manner that adversely affects the specified rights, preferences, privileges or voting rights of holders of Exchangeable Preferred Stock; or

(iii) waive any existing Voting Rights Triggering Event or compliance with any provision of this Certificate of Designation; provided, however, that the Company may not amend the Change of Control provisions of this Certificate of Designation (including the related definitions) without the approval of the holders of all of the then outstanding shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock, voting or consenting, as the case may be, as one class.

(b) Without the consent of each holder affected, an amendment or waiver of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation or of this Certificate of Designation may not (with respect to any shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock held by a non-consenting holder):

(i) alter the voting rights with respect to the Exchangeable Preferred Stock or reduce the number of shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock whose holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;

(ii) reduce the Liquidation Preference of or change the Mandatory Redemption Date of any share of Exchangeable Preferred Stock or alter the provisions with respect to the redemption of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock;

(iii) reduce the rate of or change the time for payment of dividends on any share of Exchangeable Preferred Stock;

(iv) waive the consequences of any failure to pay dividends on the Exchangeable Preferred Stock;

(v) make any share of Exchangeable Preferred Stock payable in any form other than that stated in this Certificate of Designation;

holders thereof have disposed of such Series A Preferred Stock pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act.

#### 10. AMENDMENT.

(a) The Company shall not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least a majority of the shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock then outstanding (with shares held by the Company or any of its Affiliates not being considered to be outstanding for this purpose) voting or consenting as the case may be, as one class:

(i) authorize, create (by way of reclassification or otherwise) or issue any Senior Securities or any obligation or security convertible or exchangeable into or evidencing the right to purchase, shares of any class or series of Senior Securities;

(ii) amend or otherwise alter this Certificate of Designation (including the provisions of Section 8 hereof) in any manner that adversely affects the specified rights, preferences, privileges or voting rights of holders of Exchangeable Preferred Stock; or

(iii) waive any existing Voting Rights Triggering Event or compliance with any provision of this Certificate of Designation; provided, however, that the Company may not amend the Change of Control provisions of this Certificate of Designation (including the related definitions) without the approval of the holders of all of the then outstanding shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock, voting or consenting, as the case may be, as one class.

(b) Without the consent of each holder affected, an amendment or waiver of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation or of this Certificate of Designation may not (with respect to any shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock held by a non-consenting holder):

(i) alter the voting rights with respect to the Exchangeable Preferred Stock or reduce the number of shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock whose holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;

(ii) reduce the Liquidation Preference of or change the Mandatory Redemption Date of any share of Exchangeable Preferred Stock or alter the provisions with respect to the redemption of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock;

(iii) reduce the rate of or change the time for payment of dividends on any share of Exchangeable Preferred Stock;

(iv) waive the consequences of any failure to pay dividends on the Exchangeable Preferred Stock;

(v) make any share of Exchangeable Preferred Stock payable in any form other than that stated in this Certificate of Designation;

(vi) make any change in the provisions of this Certificate of Designation relating to waivers of the rights of holders of Exchangeable Preferred Stock to receive the Liquidation Preference and dividends on the Exchangeable Preferred Stock; (vii) waive a redemption payment with respect to any share of Exchangeable Preferred Stock (except as provided with respect to Section 8 hereof); or

(vii) make any change in the foregoing amendment and waiver provisions.

(c) The Company in its sole discretion may without the vote or consent of any holders of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock amend or supplement this Certificate of Designation:

(i) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;

(ii) to provide for uncertificated Exchangeable Preferred Stock in addition to or in place of certificated Exchangeable Preferred Stock; or

(iii) to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the holders of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock or that does not adversely affect the legal rights under this Certificate of Designation of any such holder. Except as set forth above, the creation, authorization or issuance of, or the increase or decrease in the authorized amount of, capital stock of any class, including any preferred stock, shall not require the consent of the holders of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock and shall not be deemed to affect adversely the rights, preferences, privileges, special rights or voting rights of holders of shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock.

#### 11. EXCLUSION OF OTHER RIGHTS.

Except as may otherwise be required by law, the shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock shall not have any voting powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights, other than those specifically set forth in this resolution (as such resolution may be amended from time to time) and in the Certificate of Incorporation. The shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock shall have no preemptive or subscription rights.

#### 12. HEADINGS OF SUBDIVISIONS.

The headings of the various subdivisions hereof are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of any of the provisions hereof.

#### 13. SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS.

If any voting powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional and other special rights of the Exchangeable Preferred Stock and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof set forth in this resolution (as such resolution may be amended from time to time) is invalid, unlawful or incapable of being enforced by reason of any rule of law or public policy, all other voting powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional and other special rights of Exchangeable Preferred Stock and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof set forth in

this resolution (as so amended) which can be given effect without the invalid, unlawful or unenforceable voting powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional and other special rights of Exchangeable Preferred Stock and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof shall, nevertheless, remain in full force and effect, and no voting powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of Exchangeable Preferred Stock and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof herein set forth shall be deemed dependent upon any other such voting powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of Exchangeable Preferred Stock and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof unless so expressed herein.

#### 14. FORM OF EXCHANGEABLE PREFERRED STOCK.

(a) The Exchangeable Preferred Stock shall initially be issued in the form of one or more Global Securities ("Global Securities"). The Global Securities shall be deposited on the Issue Date with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company (the "Depository") and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of the Depository (such nominee being referred to as the "Global Security Holder").

(b) So long as the Global Security Holder is the registered owner of any Exchangeable Preferred Stock, the Global Security Holder will be considered the sole holder under this Certificate of Designation of any shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock evidenced by the Global Security. Beneficial owners of shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock evidenced by the Global Security shall not be considered the owners or holders thereof under this Certificate of Designation for any purpose.

(c) Payments in respect of the Liquidation Preference, dividends and Liquidated Damages, if any, on any Exchangeable Preferred Stock registered in the name of the Global Security Holder on the applicable record date shall be payable by the Company to or at the direction of the Global Security Holder in its capacity as the registered holder under this Certificate of Designation. The Company may treat the persons in whose names Exchangeable Preferred Stock, including the Global Security, are registered as the owners thereof for the purpose of receiving such payments.

(d) Any person having a beneficial interest in a Global Security may, upon request to the Transfer Agent, exchange such beneficial interest for Exchangeable Preferred Stock in the form of registered definitive certificates (the "Certificated Securities"). Upon any such issuance, the Transfer Agent shall register such Certificated Securities in the name of, and cause the same to be delivered to, such person or persons (or the nominee of any thereof). If (i) the Company notifies the holders in writing that the Depository is no longer willing or able to act as a depository and the Company is unable to locate a qualified successor within 90 days or (ii) the Company, at its option, notifies the Transfer Agent in writing that it elects to cause the issuance of Exchangeable Preferred Stock in the form of Certificated Securities under this Certificate of Designation, then, upon surrender by the Global Security Holder of its Global Security, Exchangeable Preferred Stock in such form will be issued to each person that the Global Security Holder and the Depository identify as being the beneficial owner of the related Exchangeable Preferred Stock. Each Certificated Security shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

"THE SECURITY (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) EVIDENCED HEREBY WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM. EACH PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER. THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY BY ITS ACCEPTANCE HEREOF AGREES TO (A) OFFER, SELL, PLEDGE OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER THIS SECURITY ONLY (1) TO THE COMPANY, (2) PURSUANT TO A REGISTRATION STATEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN DECLARED EFFECTIVE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (3) TO A PERSON IT REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER" AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (4) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL "ACCREDIT INVESTOR" (AS DEFINED IN RULE 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) OF REGULATION D UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (AN "IAI") THAT, PRIOR TO SUCH TRANSFER, FURNISHES TO THE TRANSFER AGENT A SIGNED LETTER CONTAINING CERTAIN REPRESENTATIONS AND AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF THIS SECURITY (THE FORM OF WHICH LETTER CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE TRANSFER AGENT) OR (5) PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER AVAILABLE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (AND BASED ON AN OPINION OF COUNSEL IF THE COMPANY SO REQUESTS), SUBJECT IN EACH OF THE FOREGOING CASES TO APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE JURISDICTION AND (B) THAT IT WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER FROM IT OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN (A) ABOVE."

(e) Each Global Security shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

"UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR A SECURITY IN DEFINITIVE FORM, THIS SECURITY MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITARY TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE DEPOSITARY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY THE DEPOSITARY OR ANY SUCH NOMINEE TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY. THE DEPOSITARY TRUST COMPANY SHALL ACT AS THE DEPOSITARY UNTIL A SUCCESSOR SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COMPANY AND THE TRANSFER AGENT. UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY TRUST COMPANY (55 WATER STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK ("DTC")), TO THE ISSUER OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS

MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.”

(f) The shares of Exchangeable Preferred Stock and the Debentures issuable upon exchange thereof will bear a legend to the following effect, unless the Company determines otherwise in compliance with applicable law:

“THE SECURITY (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) EVIDENCED HEREBY WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE “SECURITIES ACT”), AND THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN THE ABSENCE OF REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM. EACH PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER. THE HOLDER OF SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY THAT (A) SUCH SECURITY MAY BE RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, ONLY (1)(a) TO A PERSON WHO THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (b) IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, OR (c) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANOTHER EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT (AND BASED UPON AN OPINION OF COUNSEL IF THE COMPANY SO REQUESTS), (2) TO THE COMPANY OR (3) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND, IN EACH CASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE JURISDICTION AND (B) THE HOLDER WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER FROM IT OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN (A) ABOVE.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said NEXTLINK Communications, Inc. has caused this Certificate of Designation to be signed by Gary D. Begeman, its Vice President, this 16th day of June, 2000.

NEXTLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: s/ Gary D. Begeman  
 Name: Gary D. Begeman  
 Title: Vice President



Exhibit F to Certificate of Incorporation of NEXTLINK Communications, Inc.

[Certificate of Designation of the Powers, Preferences, and Relative, Participating, Optional and Other Special Rights of 7% Series F Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock due 2010 and Qualifications, Limitations and Restrictions Thereof]

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF VOTING  
POWER, PREFERENCES AND RELATIVE,  
PARTICIPATING, OPTIONAL AND OTHER SPECIAL RIGHTS AND  
LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF 7% SERIES F  
CONVERTIBLE REDEEMABLE PREFERRED STOCK DUE 2010  
OF  
NEXTLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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Pursuant to Section 151 of the  
General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware

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NEXTLINK Communications, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "Company") does hereby certify that the following resolution was duly adopted by action of the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board of Directors") on June 13, 2000.

RESOLVED that pursuant to the authority expressly granted to and vested in the Board of Directors by the provisions of Section 3 of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (the "Certificate of Incorporation"), and in accordance with Section 151 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, the Board of Directors hereby designates, creates, authorizes and provides for the issue of a series of preferred stock having a par value of \$0.01 per share, which shall be designated as 7% Series F Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock Due 2010 (the "Series F Preferred Stock") consisting of 110,000 shares, and each share of Series F Preferred Stock shall have the following voting powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional and other special rights, and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof as follows:

1. **Certain Definitions.**

Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms defined in this paragraph 1 shall have, for all purposes of this resolution, the meanings herein specified (with terms defined in the singular having comparable meanings when used in the plural).

**Affiliate:** The term "Affiliate" of any specified Person shall mean any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For the purposes of this definition, "control," when used with respect to any specified Person means the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms "controlling" and "controlled" have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

**Applicable Redemption Price:** The term "Applicable Redemption Price" means a price per share equal to the redemption price specified below (expressed as percentages of the

Liquidation Preference thereof), in each case together with accumulated and unpaid dividends (including an amount in cash equal to a prorated dividend for any partial dividend period) to the date of redemption if redeemed during the 12-month period commencing on June 1 of each of the years set forth below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Redemption Price</u>
2003	105.125%
2004	105.125
2005	105.125
2006	104.100
2007	103.075
2008	102.050
2009	101.025

and thereafter, 100%.

**Board of Directors:** The term "Board of Directors" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company or a committee of such Board duly authorized to act for it hereunder.

**Business Day:** The term "Business Day" shall mean each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday which is not a day on which the banking institutions in San Jose, California are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close or be closed.

**Closing Price:** The term "Closing Price" shall have the meaning specified in Section 7(e)(7).

**Commission:** The term "Commission" shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission.

**Common Stock:** The term "Common Stock" shall mean any stock of any class of the Company which has no preference in respect of dividends or of amounts payable in the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company and which is not subject to redemption by the Company. Subject to the provisions of Section 7(f), however, shares issuable on conversion of Series F Preferred Stock shall include only shares of the class designated as Class A common stock of the Company at the date of this Certificate of Designation or shares of any class or classes resulting from any reclassification or reclassifications thereof and which have no preference in respect of dividends or of amounts payable in the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company and which are not subject to redemption by the Company; provided that if at any time there shall be more than one such resulting class, the shares of each such class then so issuable shall be substantially in the proportion which the total number of shares of such class resulting from all such reclassifications bears to the total number of shares of all such classes resulting from all such reclassifications.

**Company:** The term "Company" shall mean NEXTLINK Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation, having its principal office at 1505 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, VA

22102 and shall include its successors and assigns, successor by merger to Concentric Network Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Concnetric").

Conversion Price: The term "Conversion Price" shall have the meaning specified in Section 7(d).

Convertible Security: The term "Convertible Security" shall be any security that, by its terms, is convertible into Common Stock at the option of the holder thereof.

Exchange Act: The term "Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as in effect from time to time.

Merger: The term "Merger" shall mean the merger of Concentric with and into the Company pursuant to the Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger and Share Exchange Agreement by and among NEXTLINK Communications, Inc., Concentric, Eagle River Investments, L.L.C., Craig O. McCaw and the Company.

Original Certificate of Designation: The term "Original Certificate of Designation" shall mean the Amended Certificate of Designation of Voting Power, Designation Preferences and Relative, Participating, Optional and Other Special Rights and Qualifications, Limitations and Restrictions of Series C 7% Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock due 2010 of Concentric, pursuant to which Concentric, as predecessor to the Company, issued Series C 7% Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock due 2010 which was converted in the Merger into the right to receive Series F Preferred Stock.

Person: The term "Person" shall mean a corporation, an association, a partnership, a limited liability corporation, an individual, a joint venture, a joint stock company, a trust, an unincorporated organization or a government or an agency or a political subdivision thereof.

Restricted Securities: The term "Restricted Securities" shall have the meaning specified in Section 2.5.

Securities Act: The term "Securities Act" shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Series A Preferred Stock: The term "Series A Preferred Stock" shall mean the Company's 14% Series A Senior Redeemable Preferred Stock.

Series B Preferred Stock: The term "Series B Preferred Stock" shall mean the Company's 6½% Series B Convertible Preferred Stock.

Series C Preferred Stock: The term "Series C Preferred Stock" shall mean the Company's Series C Cumulative Convertible Participating Preferred Stock.

Series D Preferred Stock: The term "Series D Preferred Stock" shall mean the Company's Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock.

Series E Preferred Stock: The term "Series E Preferred Stock" shall mean the Company's 13¼% Series E Senior Redeemable Exchangeable Preferred Stock due 2010.

Series F Preferred Stock: The term "Series F Preferred Stock" shall mean the Company's 7% Series F Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock due 2010.

Share register: The term "Share register" shall have the meaning specified in Section 2(e).

Trading Day: The term "Trading Day" shall have the meaning specified in Section 7(e)(6).

Trigger Event: The term "Trigger Event" shall have the meaning specified in Section 7(e)(4).

## 2. Issue, Designation and Form

(a) The Series F Preferred Stock shall be designated as "7% Series F Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock due 2010."

(b) The certificates evidencing shares of Series F Preferred Stock shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A to the Original Certificate, which is incorporated in and made a part of this Certificate of Designation; provided that the Company may substitute such certificates with a revised certificate reflecting the consummation of the Merger. Any of such certificates may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification and such notations, legends and endorsements as the officers executing the same may approve (execution thereof to be conclusive evidence of such approval) and as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Certificate of Designation, or as may be required to comply with any law or with any rule or regulation made pursuant thereto or with any rule or regulation of any securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Series F Preferred Stock may be listed, or to conform to usage.

(c) The Series F Preferred Stock shall be issuable in registered form in denominations of \$1000.00 Liquidation Preference and integral multiples thereof including Shares of Series F Preferred Stock issued by the Company pursuant to Section 4(a). Every certificate evidencing Series F Preferred Stock shall be dated the date of its execution.

(d) The certificates evidencing shares of Series F Preferred Stock shall be signed in the name and on behalf of the Company by the facsimile signature of its Chief Executive Officer, President, any Executive or Senior Vice President or any Vice President (whether or not designated by a number or numbers or word or words added before or after the title "Vice President") and attested by the facsimile signature of its Secretary or any of its Assistant Secretaries or Treasurer or any of its Assistant Treasurers (which may be printed, engraved or otherwise reproduced thereon, by facsimile or otherwise).

(e) The Company shall maintain a register (the "Share register") in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Company shall provide for the registration of shares of Series F Preferred Stock and of transfers of shares of Series F Preferred

Stock. The Share register shall be in written form or in any form capable of being converted into written form within a reasonably prompt period of time. Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any shares of Series F Preferred Stock to the Share registrar or any co-registrar, and satisfaction of the requirements for such transfer set forth in this Section 2(e), the Company shall execute, one or more new certificates evidencing shares of Series F Preferred Stock of any authorized denominations and of a like aggregate Liquidation Preference and bearing such restrictive legends as may be required by this Certificate of Designation.

(f) Shares of Series F Preferred Stock may be exchanged for other shares of Series F Preferred Stock of any authorized denominations and of a like aggregate Liquidation Preference, upon surrender of the Series F Preferred Stock to be exchanged at any such office or agency maintained by the Company for such purposes. Whenever any shares of Series F Preferred Stock are so surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute the shares of Series F Preferred Stock which the holder making the exchange is entitled to receive bearing registration numbers not contemporaneously outstanding. All certificates evidencing Series F Preferred Stock presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange, redemption or conversion shall (if so required by the Share registrar) be duly endorsed, or be accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company. No service charge shall be made for any registration of transfer or exchange of shares of Series F Preferred Stock, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of such shares. Neither the Company nor any Share registrar shall be required to exchange or register a transfer of (a) any shares of Series F Preferred Stock for a period of fifteen (15) days next preceding any selection of shares of Series F Preferred Stock to be redeemed or (b) any shares of Series F Preferred Stock called for redemption pursuant to Section 4 or (c) any shares of Series F Preferred Stock surrendered for conversion pursuant to Section 7 or (d) during the period of time from a Record Date until the next succeeding Dividend Payment Date.

(g) Until the expiration of the holding period applicable to sales thereof under Rule 144(k) under the Securities Act (or any successor provision), any certificate evidencing shares of Series F Preferred Stock (and all securities issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof, other than Common Stock, if any, issued upon conversion thereof, which shall bear the legend set forth in Section 2(h), if applicable) shall bear a legend in substantially the following form, unless such Series F Preferred Stock has been sold pursuant to a registration statement that has been declared effective under the Securities Act (and which continues to be effective at the time of such transfer), or unless otherwise agreed by the Company in writing:

THE SERIES F PREFERRED STOCK EVIDENCED HEREBY HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), OR ANY STATE SECURITIES LAWS, AND, ACCORDINGLY, MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, UNITED STATES PERSONS EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE. BY ITS ACQUISITION HEREOF, THE HOLDER (1)

REPRESENTS THAT (A) IT IS AN INSTITUTIONAL "ACCREDITED INVESTOR" (AS DEFINED IN RULE 501(A)(1), (2), (3) OR (7) UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) ("INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR") OR (B) IT IS NOT A UNITED STATES PERSON AND IS ACQUIRING THE SERIES F PREFERRED STOCK EVIDENCED HEREBY IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION; (2) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT, PRIOR TO EXPIRATION OF THE HOLDING PERIOD APPLICABLE TO SALES OF THE SERIES F PREFERRED STOCK EVIDENCED HEREBY UNDER RULE 144(K) UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (OR ANY SUCCESSOR PROVISION), RESELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER THE SERIES F PREFERRED STOCK EVIDENCED HEREBY OR THE COMMON STOCK ISSUABLE UPON CONVERSION OF SUCH SERIES F PREFERRED STOCK WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS EXCEPT (A) TO CONCENTRIC NETWORK CORPORATION OR ANY SUBSIDIARY THEREOF, (B) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR THAT, PRIOR TO SUCH TRANSFER, FURNISHES TO CONCENTRIC NETWORK CORPORATION, A SIGNED LETTER CONTAINING CERTAIN REPRESENTATIONS AND AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER OF THE SERIES F PREFERRED STOCK EVIDENCED HEREBY, (C) PURSUANT TO THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION PROVIDED BY RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (IF AVAILABLE) OR (D) PURSUANT TO A REGISTRATION STATEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN DECLARED EFFECTIVE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (AND WHICH CONTINUES TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE TIME OF SUCH TRANSFER); (3) AGREES THAT PRIOR TO SUCH TRANSFER (OTHER THAN A TRANSFER PURSUANT TO CLAUSE 2(D) ABOVE), IT WILL FURNISH TO CONCENTRIC NETWORK CORPORATION, SUCH CERTIFICATIONS, LEGAL OPINIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION AS IT MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT SUCH TRANSFER IS BEING MADE PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO, THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT AND (4) AGREES THAT IT WILL DELIVER TO EACH PERSON TO WHOM THE SERIES F PREFERRED STOCK EVIDENCED HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED A NOTICE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE EFFECT OF THIS LEGEND. IF THE PROPOSED TRANSFEREE IS A PURCHASER WHO IS NOT A UNITED

STATES PERSON OR AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR, THE HOLDER MUST, PRIOR TO SUCH TRANSFER, FURNISH TO CONCENTRIC NETWORK CORPORATION, SUCH CERTIFICATIONS, LEGAL OPINIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION AS IT MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT SUCH TRANSFER IS BEING MADE PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO, THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT. THIS LEGEND WILL BE REMOVED UPON THE EARLIER OF THE TRANSFER OF THE SERIES F PREFERRED STOCK EVIDENCED HEREBY PURSUANT TO CLAUSE 2(D) ABOVE OR UPON ANY TRANSFER OF THE SERIES F PREFERRED STOCK EVIDENCED HEREBY UNDER RULE 144(K) UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (OR ANY SUCCESSOR PROVISION).

Any Series F Preferred Stock (or security issued in exchange or substitution therefor) as to which such restrictions on transfer shall have expired in accordance with their terms or as to the conditions for removal of the foregoing legend set forth therein have been satisfied may, upon surrender of such Series F Preferred Stock for exchange to the Share registrar in accordance with the provisions of this Section 2(g), be exchanged for a new Series F Preferred Stock, of like tenor and Liquidation Preference.

(h) Until the expiration of the holding period applicable to sales thereof under Rule 144(k) under the Securities Act (or any successor provision), any stock certificate representing Common Stock issued upon conversion of such Series F Preferred Stock shall bear a legend in substantially the following form, unless such Common Stock has been sold pursuant to a registration statement that has been declared effective under the Securities Act (and which continues to be effective at the time of such transfer) or such Common Stock has been issued upon conversion of Series F Preferred Stock that have been transferred pursuant to a registration statement that has been declared effective under the Securities Act, or unless otherwise agreed by the Company in writing with written notice thereof to the transfer agent:

THE COMMON STOCK EVIDENCED HEREBY HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), OR ANY STATE SECURITIES LAWS, AND, ACCORDINGLY, MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE. THE HOLDER HEREOF AGREES THAT UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE HOLDING PERIOD APPLICABLE TO SALES OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY UNDER RULE 144(K) UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (OR ANY SUCCESSOR PROVISION), (1) IT WILL NOT RESELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER THE COMMON STOCK



EVIDENCED HEREBY WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS EXCEPT (A) TO CONCENTRIC NETWORK CORPORATION OR ANY SUBSIDIARY THEREOF, (B) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL "ACCREDITED INVESTOR" (AS DEFINED IN RULE 501(A)(1), (2), (3) OR (7) UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) THAT PRIOR TO SUCH TRANSFER FURNISHES TO CHASEMELLON SHAREHOLDER SERVICES, LLC, AS TRANSFER AGENT (OR A SUCCESSOR TRANSFER AGENT, AS APPLICABLE), A SIGNED LETTER CONTAINING CERTAIN REPRESENTATIONS AND AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER OF THE COMMON STOCK EVIDENCED HEREBY (THE FORM OF WHICH LETTER CAN BE OBTAINED FROM SUCH TRANSFER AGENT OR A SUCCESSOR TRANSFER AGENT, AS APPLICABLE), (C) PURSUANT TO THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION PROVIDED BY RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (IF AVAILABLE), OR (D) PURSUANT TO A REGISTRATION STATEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN DECLARED EFFECTIVE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (AND WHICH CONTINUES TO BE EFFECTIVE AT THE TIME OF SUCH TRANSFER); (2) PRIOR TO SUCH TRANSFER (OTHER THAN A TRANSFER PURSUANT TO CLAUSE 1(D) ABOVE), IT WILL FURNISH TO CHASEMELLON SHAREHOLDER SERVICES, LLC, AS TRANSFER AGENT (OR A SUCCESSOR TRANSFER AGENT, AS APPLICABLE), SUCH CERTIFICATIONS, LEGAL OPINIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION AS IT MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT SUCH TRANSFER IS BEING MADE PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO, THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT AND (3) IT WILL DELIVER TO EACH PERSON TO WHOM THE COMMON STOCK EVIDENCED HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED (OTHER THAN A TRANSFER PURSUANT TO CLAUSE 1(D) ABOVE) A NOTICE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE EFFECT OF THIS LEGEND. THIS LEGEND WILL BE REMOVED UPON THE EARLIER OF THE TRANSFER OF THE COMMON STOCK EVIDENCED HEREBY PURSUANT TO CLAUSE 1(D) ABOVE OR UPON ANY TRANSFER OF THE COMMON STOCK EVIDENCED HEREBY AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE HOLDING PERIOD APPLICABLE TO SALES OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY UNDER RULE 144(K) UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (OR ANY SUCCESSOR PROVISION).

Any such Common Stock as to which such restrictions on transfer shall have expired in accordance with their terms or as to which the conditions for removal of the foregoing legend set forth therein have been satisfied may, upon surrender of the certificates representing such shares of Common Stock for exchange in accordance with the procedures of the transfer agent for the Common Stock, be exchanged for a new certificate or certificates for a like number of shares of Common Stock, which shall not bear the restrictive legend required by this Section 2(h).

Any Series F Preferred Stock or Common Stock issued upon the conversion or exchange of any Series F Preferred Stock that, prior to the expiration of the holding period applicable to sales thereof under Rule 144(k) under the Securities Act (or any successor provision), is purchased or owned by the Company or any Affiliate thereof may not be resold by the Company or such Affiliate unless registered under the Securities Act or resold pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act in a transaction which results in such Series F Preferred Stock or Common Stock, as the case may be, no longer being "restricted securities" (as defined under Rule 144).

(i) In case any certificate representing shares of Series F Preferred Stock shall become mutilated or be destroyed, lost or stolen, the Company in its discretion may execute a new certificate representing shares of Series F Preferred Stock, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding, in exchange and substitution for the mutilated certificate, or in lieu of and in substitution for the certificate so destroyed, lost or stolen. In every case the applicant for a substituted certificate shall furnish to the Company, such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless for any loss, liability, cost or expense caused by or connected with such substitution, and, in every case of destruction, loss or theft, the applicant shall also furnish to the Company, evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of such certificate and of the ownership thereof.

(j) Following receipt by the Company of satisfactory security or indemnity and evidence, as described in the preceding paragraph, any such substituted certificate and make available for delivery such certificate. Upon the issuance of any substituted certificate, the Company may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses connected therewith. In case any certificate which has been called for redemption or has been tendered for redemption (and not withdrawn) or is about to be converted into Common Stock shall become mutilated or be destroyed, lost or stolen, the Company may, instead of issuing a substitute certificate, pay or authorize the payment of or convert or authorize the conversion of the same (without surrender thereof except in the case of a mutilated certificate), as the case may be, if the applicant for such payment or conversion shall furnish to the Company such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless for any loss, liability, cost or expense caused by or connected with such substitution, and, in case of destruction, loss or theft, evidence satisfactory to the Company of the destruction, loss or theft of such certificate and of the ownership thereof.

(k) All certificates representing shares of Series F Preferred Stock surrendered for the purpose of payment, redemption, conversion, exchange or registration of transfer, shall, if surrendered to the Company or any paying agent or any Stock registrar or any conversion agent, be surrendered to the Company and promptly canceled by it, or, if surrendered to the Company,

shall be promptly canceled by it, and no Series F Preferred Stock shall be issued in lieu thereof except as expressly permitted by any of the provisions of this Certificate of Designation.

(l) The Company in issuing the Series F Preferred Stock may use "CUSIP" numbers, and may use "CUSIP" numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to holders.

### 3. **Ranking.**

The Series F Preferred Stock shall rank, with respect to dividend distributions and distributions upon the liquidation, winding-up and dissolution of the Company, (i) senior to all classes of common stock of the Company and to each other class of capital stock of the Company the terms of which expressly provide by their terms that such class or series rank, or will rank junior to the Series F Preferred Stock as to dividend distributions and distributions upon the liquidation, winding-up and dissolution of the Company (collectively referred to with the common stock of the Company as "Junior Securities"); (ii) on a parity with (A) Series B Preferred Stock, (B) any additional shares of Series F Preferred Stock issued by the Company in the future and (C) any other class of capital stock or series of preferred stock issued by the Company in the future, the terms of which expressly provide that such class or series will rank on a parity with the Series F Preferred Stock as to dividend distributions and distributions upon the liquidation, winding-up and dissolution of the Company (collectively referred to as "Parity Securities"); and (iii) junior to the Series A Preferred Stock, Series C Preferred Stock, Series D Preferred Stock and Series E Preferred Stock (collectively, the "Senior Securities") or other preferred stock of the Company by its terms senior to the Series F Preferred Stock.

### 4. **Dividends.**

(a) The holders of shares of the Series F Preferred Stock (other than shares as to which conversion is deemed effective pursuant to Section 7 and as to which all accrued dividends have been paid) shall be entitled to receive, when, as and if dividends are declared by the Board of Directors out of funds of the Company legally available therefor, cumulative preferential dividends from the issue date under the Original Certificate accumulating at the rate of seven percent (7%) of the Liquidation Preference per share per annum, payable quarterly in arrears on each June 1, September 1, December 1 or March 1 of each year or, if any such date is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day (each, a "Dividend Payment Date"), to the holders of record of such shares of Series F Preferred Stock as of the next preceding May 15, August 15, November 15 or February 15 (each, a "Record Date"). Dividends may be paid, at the Company's option, to any holder of Series F Preferred Stock by the issuance of additional shares of Series F Preferred Stock having an aggregate Liquidation Preference (rounded to the nearest \$1000.00) equal to the amount of such dividends payable on all shares of Series F Preferred Stock held by such holder. The issuance of such additional shares of Series F Preferred Stock shall constitute "payment" of the related dividend for all purposes of this Certificate of Designation. The first dividend payment on the Series F Preferred Stock shall be payable on September 1, 1999 (except with respect to shares of Series F Preferred Stock converted prior to such date, if any). Dividends payable on the Series F Preferred Stock will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months and will be deemed to accumulate on a daily basis on the Liquidation Preference of the Series F Preferred Stock. In the event a holder elects to convert shares of Series F Preferred Stock into Common Stock pursuant to Section 7, on

a date other than a Dividend Payment Date, the Company shall have the right to pay all accrued and unpaid dividends on such Series F Preferred Stock in cash through the date of conversion.

(b) Dividends on the Series F Preferred Stock shall accrue whether or not the Company has earnings or profits, whether or not there are funds legally available for the payment of such dividends and whether or not dividends are declared. Dividends will accumulate to the extent they are not paid on the Dividend Payment Date for the period to which they relate.

(c) No dividend whatsoever shall be declared or paid upon, or any sum set apart for the payment of dividends upon, any outstanding share of the Series F Preferred Stock with respect to any dividend period unless all dividends for all preceding dividend periods have been declared and paid, or declared and a sufficient sum set apart for the payment of such dividend, upon all outstanding shares of Series F Preferred Stock. Unless full cumulative dividends on all outstanding shares of Series F Preferred Stock for all past dividend periods shall have been declared and paid, or declared and a sufficient sum for the payment thereof set apart, then: (i) no cash dividend (other than a dividend payable solely in shares of any Junior Securities) shall be declared or paid upon, or any sum set apart for the payment of dividends upon, any shares of Junior Securities; (ii) no other distribution shall be declared or made upon, or any sum set apart for the payment of any distribution upon, any shares of Junior Securities, other than a distribution consisting solely of Junior Securities; and (iii) no monies shall be paid into or set apart or made available for a sinking or other like fund for the purchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value of any shares of Junior Securities by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, except in the ordinary course of the Company's business. Holders of the Series F Preferred Stock will not be entitled to any dividends, whether payable in cash, property or stock, in excess of the full cumulative dividends as herein described.

## 5. Liquidation Rights.

Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company or reduction or decrease in its capital stock resulting in a distribution of assets to the holders of any class or series of the Company's capital stock (other than shares of Senior Securities), each holder of shares of the Series F Preferred Stock will be entitled to payment out of the assets of the Company available for distribution of an amount equal to the Liquidation Preference per share of Series F Preferred Stock held by such holder, if any, to the date fixed for liquidation, dissolution, winding-up or reduction or decrease in capital stock, before any distribution is made on any Junior Securities, including, without limitation, Common Stock of the Company. After payment in full of the Liquidation Preference and all accumulated dividends, if any, to which holders of Series F Preferred Stock are entitled, such holders will not be entitled to any further participation in any distribution of assets of the Company. If, upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company, the amounts payable with respect to the Series F Preferred Stock and all other Parity Securities are not paid in full, the holders of the Series F Preferred Stock and the Parity Securities will share equally and ratably in any distribution of assets of the Company in proportion to the full Liquidation Preference and accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any, to which each is entitled. However, neither the voluntary sale, conveyance, exchange or transfer (for cash, shares of stock, securities or other consideration) of all or substantially all of the property or assets of the Company nor the consolidation or merger of the Company with or into one or more Persons will be deemed to be a

voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company or reduction or decrease in capital stock, unless such sale, conveyance, exchange or transfer shall be in connection with a liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the business of the Company or reduction or decrease in capital stock.

**6. Redemption by the Company.**

(a) On September 1, 2010 (the "Mandatory Redemption Date"), the Company shall be required to redeem (subject to the legal availability of funds therefor) all outstanding shares of Series F Preferred Stock at a price in cash equal to the Liquidation Preference thereof, plus accumulated and unpaid dividends (including an amount in cash equal to a prorated dividend for any partial dividend period) to the date of redemption. The Company shall not be required to make sinking fund payments with respect to the Series F Preferred Stock.

(b) Except as set forth below, the Series F Preferred Stock may not be redeemed at the option of the Company prior to June 1, 2003. Each share of Series F Preferred Stock will be subject to redemption at any time on or after June 1, 2003, at the option of the Company at the Application Redemption Price; provided, however, that the Series F Preferred Stock will not be redeemable at the option of the Company on or after June 1, 2003, and before June 1, 2005 unless the arithmetic average of the Closing Price (determined as set forth in Section 7(e)(6)) during the twenty-five Trading Days immediately prior to the date notice of redemption is sent in accordance with Section 6(c) represents a multiple of 2.5, or greater, times the Conversion Price.

(c) In case of redemption of less than all of the shares of Series F Preferred Stock at the time outstanding, the shares to be redeemed shall be selected pro rata or by lot as determined by the Company in its sole discretion.

(d) Notice of any redemption shall be sent by or on behalf of the Company not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the date specified for redemption in such notice (including the Mandatory Redemption Date, the "Redemption Date"), by first class mail, postage prepaid, to all holders of record of the Series F Preferred Stock at their last addresses as they shall appear on the books of the Company; provided, however, that no failure to give such notice or any defect therein or in the mailing thereof shall affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any shares of Series F Preferred Stock except as to the holder to whom the Company has failed to give notice or except as to the holder to whom notice was defective. In addition to any information required by law or by the applicable rules of any exchange upon which Series F Preferred Stock may be listed or admitted to trading, such notice shall state: (i) the Redemption Date; (ii) the Applicable Redemption Price; (iii) the number of shares of Series F Preferred Stock to be redeemed and, if less than all shares held by such holder are to be redeemed, the number of such shares to be redeemed; (iv) the place or places where certificates for such shares are to be surrendered for payment of the Applicable Redemption Price; and (v) that dividends on the shares to be redeemed will cease to accumulate on the Redemption Date. Upon the mailing of any such notice of redemption, the Company shall become obligated to redeem at the time of redemption specified thereon all shares called for redemption.

(e) If notice has been mailed in accordance with Section 7(d) above and provided that on or before the Redemption Date specified in such notice, all funds necessary for such redemption shall have been set aside by the Company, separate and apart from its other funds in trust for the pro rata benefit of the holders of the shares so called for redemption, so as to be, and to continue to be available therefor, then, from and after the Redemption Date, dividends on the shares of the Series F Preferred Stock so called for redemption shall cease to accumulate, and said shares shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding and shall not have the status of shares of Series F Preferred Stock, and all rights of the Holders thereof as stockholders of the Company (except the right to receive from the Company the Applicable Redemption Price) shall cease. Upon surrender, in accordance with said notice, of the certificates for any shares so redeemed (properly endorsed or assigned for transfer, if the Company shall so require and the notice shall so state), such shares shall be redeemed by the Company at the Applicable Redemption Price. In case fewer than all the shares represented by any such certificate are redeemed, a new certificate or certificates shall be issued representing the unredeemed shares without cost to the holder thereof.

(f) No Series F Preferred Stock may be redeemed except with funds legally available for the purpose.

(g) All shares of Series F Preferred Stock redeemed pursuant to this Section 7 shall be restored to the status of authorized and unissued shares of Series F Preferred Stock, without designation as to series and may thereafter be reissued as shares of any series of preferred stock other than shares of Series F Preferred Stock.

## 7. Conversion

(a) Subject to and upon compliance with the provisions of this Certificate of Designation, the holder of any Series F Preferred Stock shall have the right, at its option, at any time after the date of this Certificate of Designation to convert any shares of Series F Preferred Stock, into that number of fully paid and non-assessable shares of Common Stock (as such shares shall then be constituted) obtained by dividing the aggregate Liquidation Preference on the shares of Series F Preferred Stock to be converted (plus, in the event such shares are converted on a date other than a Dividend Payment Date, accrued and unpaid dividends on such Series F Preferred Stock through the date such Series F Preferred Stock is deemed to be converted in accordance with this Section 7, unless the Company shall elect to pay such accrued and unpaid dividend in cash as set forth in Section 4(a) above) by the Conversion Price in effect at such time, by surrender of the certificate evidencing such shares of Series F Preferred Stock so to be converted in the manner provided. A holder of Series F Preferred Stock is not entitled to any rights of a holder of Common Stock until such holder has converted shares of Series F Preferred Stock to Common Stock, and only to the extent such Series F Preferred Stock are deemed to have been converted to Common Stock under this Section 7.

(b) In order to exercise the conversion privilege with respect to any shares of Series F Preferred Stock, the holder of shares to be converted shall surrender such shares, duly endorsed, at an office or agency maintained by the Company for such purposes, and shall give written notice of conversion in the form provided on the certificate evidencing Series F Preferred Stock (or such other notice which is acceptable to the Company) to the office or agency that the

holder elects to convert shares of Series F Preferred Stock. Such notice shall also state the name or names (with address or addresses) in which the certificate or certificates for shares of Common Stock which shall be issuable on such conversion shall be issued, and shall be accompanied by transfer taxes, if required pursuant to Section 7(g) which shall be Microsoft Corporation or an Affiliate thereof if such conversion occurs on or before 18 months after the date hereof. Each share of Series F Preferred Stock surrendered for conversion shall, unless the shares issuable on conversion are to be issued in the same name as the registration of such Series F Preferred Stock, be duly endorsed by, or be accompanied by instruments of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company duly executed by, the holder or his duly authorized attorney. As promptly as practicable after satisfaction of the requirements for conversion set forth above, subject to compliance with any restrictions on transfer if shares issuable on conversion are to be issued in a name other than that of the holder (as if such transfer were a transfer of the Series F Preferred Stock), the Company shall issue and shall deliver to such holder at the office or agency maintained by the Company for such purpose, a certificate or certificates for the number of full shares of Common Stock to be issued by the Company upon the conversion of shares of Series F Preferred Stock accordance with the provisions of this Section 7 and a check or cash in respect of any fractional interest in respect of a share of Common Stock arising upon such conversion, as provided in Section 7(c), and, if the Company elects to pay accrued and unpaid dividends on such shares pursuant to Section 4(a), a check or cash in respect of such amounts. In case any Series F Preferred Stock of a denomination greater than \$1000.00 shall be surrendered for partial conversion, the Company shall execute and deliver to the holder of the Series F Preferred Stock so surrendered, without charge to him, a new certificate evidencing the unconverted shares of Series F Preferred Stock evidenced by the surrendered certificate.

Each conversion shall be deemed to have been effected as to any such Series F Preferred Stock on the date on which the requirements set forth above in this Section 7(b) have been satisfied as to such Series F Preferred Stock, and the Person in whose name any certificate or certificates for shares of Common Stock shall be issuable upon such conversion shall be deemed to have become on said date the holder of record of the shares represented thereby; provided, however, that any such surrender on any date when the stock transfer books of the Company shall be closed shall constitute the Person in whose name the certificates are to be issued as the record holder thereof for all purposes on the next succeeding day on which such stock transfer books are open, but such conversion shall be at the Conversion Price in effect on the date upon which such Series F Preferred Stock shall be surrendered.

(c) No fractional shares of Common Stock or scrip representing fractional shares shall be issued upon conversion of Series F Preferred Stock. If any fractional share of stock would be issuable upon the conversion of any share or shares of Series F Preferred Stock, the Company shall make an adjustment and payment therefor in cash at the current market price thereof to the holder of such shares. The current market price of a share of Common Stock shall be the Closing Price on the last Business Day immediately preceding the day on which the Series F Preferred Stock is deemed to have been converted.

(d) The conversion price applicable to the Series F Preferred Stock shall be \$39.924 (herein called the "Conversion Price"), subject to adjustment as provided in this Section 7.

(e) The Conversion Price shall be adjusted from time to time by the Company as follows:

(1) In case the Company shall hereafter pay a dividend or make a distribution to all holders of the outstanding Common Stock in shares of Common Stock, the Conversion Price in effect at the opening of business on the date following the date fixed for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive such dividend or other distribution shall be reduced by multiplying such Conversion Price by a fraction of which the numerator shall be the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding at the close of business on the date fixed for such determination and the denominator shall be the sum of such number of shares and the total number of shares constituting such dividend or other distribution, such reduction to become effective immediately after the opening of business on the day following the date fixed for such determination. The Company will not pay any dividend or make any distribution on shares of Common Stock held in the treasury of the Company. If any dividend or distribution of the type described in this Section 7(e)(1) is declared but not so paid or made, the Conversion Price shall again be adjusted to the Conversion Price which would then be in effect if such dividend or distribution had not been declared.

(2) In case the Company shall issue rights or warrants to all holders of its outstanding shares of Common Stock entitling them (for a period expiring within forty-five (45) days after the date fixed for determination of stockholders entitled to receive such rights or warrants) to subscribe for or purchase shares of Common Stock at a price per share less than the Current Market Price (as defined below) on the date fixed for determination of stockholders entitled to receive such rights or warrants, the Conversion Price shall be adjusted so that the same shall equal the price determined by multiplying the Conversion Price in effect immediately prior to the date fixed for determination of stockholders entitled to receive such rights or warrants by a fraction of which the numerator shall be the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding at the close of business on the date fixed for determination of stockholders entitled to receive such rights and warrants plus the number of shares which the aggregate offering price of the total number of shares so offered would purchase at such Current Market Price, and of which the denominator shall be the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on the date fixed for determination of stockholders entitled to receive such rights and warrants plus the total number of additional shares of Common Stock offered for subscription or purchase. Such adjustment shall be successively made whenever any such rights and warrants are issued, and shall become effective immediately after the opening of business on the day following the date fixed for determination of stockholders entitled to receive such rights or warrants. To the extent that shares of Common Stock are not delivered after the expiration of such rights or warrants, the Conversion Price shall be readjusted to the Conversion Price which would then be in effect had the adjustments made upon the issuance of such rights or warrants been made on the basis of delivery of only the number of shares of Common Stock actually delivered. In the event that such rights or warrants are not so issued, the Conversion Price shall again be adjusted to be the Conversion Price which would then be in effect if such date fixed for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive such rights or warrants had not been fixed. In determining whether any rights or warrants entitle the holders to subscribe for or purchase shares of Common Stock at less than such Current Market Price, and in determining the aggregate offering price of such shares of Common Stock, there shall be taken into account any consideration received by



the Company for such rights or warrants, the value of such consideration, if other than cash, to be determined by the Board of Directors.

(3) In case outstanding shares of Common Stock shall be subdivided into a greater number of shares of Common Stock, the Conversion Price in effect at the opening of business on the day following the day upon which such subdivision becomes effective shall be proportionately reduced, and conversely, in case outstanding shares of Common Stock shall be combined into a smaller number of shares of Common Stock, the Conversion Price in effect at the opening of business on the day following the day upon which such combination becomes effective shall be proportionately increased, such reduction or increase, as the case may be, to become effective immediately after the opening of business on the day following the day upon which such subdivision or combination becomes effective.

(4) In case the Company shall, by dividend or otherwise, distribute to all holders of its Common Stock shares of any class of capital stock of the Company (other than any dividends or distributions to which Section 7(e)(1) applies) or evidences of its indebtedness or assets (including securities, but excluding any rights or warrants referred to in Section 7(e)(2), and excluding any dividend or distribution (x) paid exclusively in cash or (y) referred to in Section 7(e)(1) (any of the foregoing hereinafter in this Section 7(e)(4) called the "Securities")), then, in each such case (unless the Company elects to reserve such Securities for distribution to the holders upon the conversion of the shares of Series F Preferred Stock so that any such holder converting shares will receive upon such conversion, in addition to the shares of Common Stock to which such holder is entitled, the amount and kind of such Securities which such holder would have received if such holder had converted its shares of Series F Preferred Stock into Common Stock immediately prior to the record date (as defined in Section 7(e)(7) for such distribution of the Securities)), the Conversion Price shall be reduced so that the same shall be equal to the price determined by multiplying the Conversion Price in effect on the record date with respect to such distribution by a fraction of which the numerator shall be the Current Market Price per share of the Common Stock on such record date less the fair market value (as determined by the Board of Directors, whose determination shall be conclusive, and described in a resolution of the Board if Directors) on the record date of the portion of the Securities so distributed applicable to one share of Common Stock and the denominator shall be the Current Market Price per share of the Common Stock, such reduction to become effective immediately prior to the opening of business on the day following such record date; provided, however, that in the event the then fair market value (as so determined) of the portion of the Securities so distributed applicable to one share of Common Stock is equal to or greater than the Current Market Price of the Common Stock on the record date, in lieu of the foregoing adjustment, adequate provision shall be made so that each holder shall have the right to receive upon conversion the amount of Securities such holder would have received had such holder converted each share of Series F Preferred Stock on the record date. In the event that such dividend or distribution is not so paid or made, the Conversion Price shall again be adjusted to be the Conversion Price which would then be in effect if such dividend or distribution had not been declared. If the Board of Directors determines the fair market value of any distribution for purposes of this Section 7(e)(4) by reference to the actual or when issued trading market for any securities, it must in doing so consider the prices in such market over the same period used in computing the Current Market Price of the Common Stock.

In the event that the Company implements a stockholders' rights plan ("Rights Plan"), such Rights Plan must provide that, subject to customary exceptions, upon conversion of the shares of Series F Preferred Stock the Holders will receive, in addition to the Common Stock issuable upon conversion, such rights whether or not such rights have separated from the Common Stock at the time of such conversion.

Rights or warrants distributed by the Company to all holders of Common Stock entitling the holders thereof to subscribe for or purchase shares of the Company's capital stock (either initially or under certain circumstances), which rights or warrants, until the occurrence of a specified event or events ("Trigger Event"): (i) are deemed to be transferred with such shares of Common Stock; (ii) are not exercisable; and (iii) are also issued in respect of future issuances of Common Stock, shall be deemed not to have been distributed for purposes of this Section 7(e) (and no adjustment to the Conversion Price under this Section 7(e) will be required) until the occurrence of the earliest Trigger Event, whereupon such rights and warrants shall be deemed to have been distributed and an appropriate adjustment (if any is required) to the Conversion Price shall be made under this Section 7(e)(4). If any such right or warrant, including any such existing rights or warrants distributed prior to the date of this Certificate of Designation, are subject to events, upon the occurrence of which such rights or warrants become exercisable to purchase different securities, evidences of indebtedness or other assets, then the date of the occurrence of any and each such event shall be deemed to be the date of distribution and record date with respect to new rights or warrants with such rights (and a termination or expiration of the existing rights or warrants without exercise by any of the holders thereof). In addition, in the event of any distribution (or deemed distribution) of rights or warrants, or any Trigger Event or other event (of the type described in the preceding sentence) with respect thereto that was counted for purposes of calculating a distribution amount for which an adjustment to the Conversion Price under this Section 7(e) was made, (1) in the case of any such rights or warrants which shall all have been redeemed or repurchased without exercise by any holders thereof, the Conversion Price shall be readjusted upon such final redemption or repurchase to give effect to such distribution or Trigger Event, as the case may be, as though it were a cash distribution, equal to the per share redemption or repurchase price received by a holder or holders of Common Stock with respect to such rights or warrants (assuming such holder had retained such rights or warrants), made to all holders of Common Stock as of the date of such redemption or repurchase, and (2) in the case of such rights or warrants which shall have expired or been terminated without exercise by any holders thereof, the Conversion Price shall be readjusted as if such rights and warrants had not been issued.

For purposes of this Section 7(e)(4) and Sections 7(e)(1) and 7(e)(2), any dividend or distribution to which this Section 7(e)(4) is applicable that also includes shares of Common Stock, or rights or warrants to subscribe for or purchase shares of Common Stock (or both), shall be deemed instead to be (1) a dividend or distribution of the evidences of indebtedness, assets or shares of capital stock other than such shares of Common Stock or rights or warrants (and any Conversion Price reduction required by this Section 7(e)(4) with respect to such dividend or distribution shall then be made) immediately followed by (2) a dividend or distribution of such shares of Common Stock or such rights or warrants (and any further Conversion Price reduction required by Sections 7(e)(1) and (2) with respect to such dividend or distribution shall then be made), except (A) the record date of such dividend or distribution shall be substituted as "the date fixed for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive such

dividend or other distribution" and "the date fixed for such determination" within the meaning of Sections 7(e)(1) and (2) and (B) any shares of Common Stock included in such dividend or distribution shall not be deemed "outstanding at the close of business on the date fixed for such determination" within the meaning of Section 7(1).

(5) In case the Company shall, by dividend or otherwise, distribute to all holders of its Common Stock, or to all holders of any series of preferred stock or other equity security with respect to which dividends are payable, cash (excluding (x) any quarterly cash dividend on the Common Stock to the extent the aggregate cash dividend per share of Common Stock in any fiscal quarter does not exceed the greater of (A) the amount per share of Common Stock of the next preceding quarterly cash dividend on the Common Stock to the extent that such preceding quarterly dividend did not require any adjustment of the Conversion Price pursuant to this Section 7(e)(5) (as adjusted to reflect subdivisions or combinations of the Common Stock), and (B) 1.75% in the case of Common Stock or any Convertible Security, or 3.75% in the case of any series of preferred stock or other equity security to which this Section 7(e)(5) applies which is not a Convertible Security, of the arithmetic average of the Closing Price (determined as set forth in Section 7(e)(6)) during the twenty-five Trading Days immediately prior to the date of declaration of such dividend, and (y) any dividend or distribution in connection with the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary), then, in such case, the Conversion Price shall be reduced so that the same shall equal the price determined by multiplying the Conversion Price in effect immediately prior to the close of business on such record date by a fraction of which the numerator shall be the Current Market Price of the Common Stock on the record date less the amount of cash so distributed (and not excluded as provided above) applicable to one share of Common Stock and the denominator shall be such Current Market Price of the Common Stock, such reduction to be effective immediately prior to the opening of business on the day following the record date; provided, however, that in the event the portion of the cash so distributed applicable to one share of Common Stock is equal to or greater than the Current Market Price of the Common Stock on the record date, in lieu of the foregoing adjustment, adequate provision shall be made so that each holder shall have the right to receive upon conversion the amount of cash such holder would have received had such holder converted each share of Series F Preferred Stock on the record date. In the event that such dividend or distribution is not so paid or made, the Conversion Price shall again be adjusted to be the Conversion Price which would then be in effect if such dividend or distribution had not been declared. If any adjustment is required to be made as set forth in this Section 7(e)(5) as a result of a distribution that is a quarterly dividend, such adjustment shall be based upon the amount by which such distribution exceeds the amount of the quarterly cash dividend permitted to be excluded pursuant hereto. If an adjustment is required to be made as set forth in this Section 7(e)(5) above as a result of a distribution that is not a quarterly dividend, such adjustment shall be based upon the full amount of the distribution.

(6) In case the Company shall issue additional shares of Common Stock or Convertible Securities, issued for no consideration or for a consideration per share less than the Conversion Price (determined on an "as converted" basis in the case of a Convertible Security) (other than shares of Common Stock issued or issuable (i) upon conversion or exercise of warrants or other convertible securities outstanding as of June 21, 1999 and (ii) pursuant to stock incentive or option plans approved by the Company's Board of Directors) then and in such event, the Conversion Price for the Series F Preferred Stock shall be reduced, concurrently with

such issue, by multiplying such Conversion Price by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to such issue plus the number of shares of Common Stock which the aggregate consideration received by the Company for the total number of additional shares of Common Stock so issued would purchase at such Conversion Price in effect immediately prior to such issuance, and the denominator of which shall be the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to such issue plus the number of such additional shares of Common Stock so issued; provided, however, that if the additional shares of Common Stock are issued pursuant to a firmly underwritten public offering than the foregoing adjustment shall be made only if the consideration per share is less than the Current Market Price of the Common Stock. For the purpose of the above calculation, the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to such issue shall be calculated on a fully diluted basis, as if all shares of Series B or C Preferred Stock and all convertible securities had been fully converted into shares of Common Stock immediately prior to such issuance and any outstanding warrants, options or other rights for the purchase of shares of stock or convertible securities had been fully exercised immediately prior to such issuance (and the resulting securities fully converted into shares of Common Stock, if so convertible) as of such date.

(7) For purposes of this Section 7(e), the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

a. "Closing Price" with respect to any securities on any day shall mean the closing sale price regular way on such day or, in case no such sale takes place on such day, the average of the reported closing bid and asked prices, regular way, in each case on the NASDAQ National Market ("NNM"), or, if such security is not listed or admitted to trading on NNM, on the principal national security exchange or quotation system on which such security is quoted or listed or admitted to trading, or, if not quoted or listed or admitted to trading on any national securities exchange or quotation system, the average of the closing bid and asked prices of such security on the over-the-counter market on the day in question as reported by the National Quotation Bureau Incorporated, or a similar generally accepted reporting service, or if not so available, in such manner as furnished by any National Association of Securities Dealers firm selected from time to time by the Board of Directors for that purpose, or a price determined in good faith by the Board of Directors or, to the extent permitted by applicable law, a duly authorized committee thereof, whose determination shall be conclusive.

b. "Current Market Price" shall mean the average of the daily Closing Prices per share of Common Stock for the twenty-five consecutive Trading Days immediately prior to the date in question; provided, however, that (1) if the "ex" date (as hereinafter defined) for any event that requires an adjustment to the Conversion Price pursuant to Section 7(e)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) occurs during such twenty-five consecutive Trading Days, the Closing Price for each Trading Day prior to the "ex" date for such other event shall be adjusted by multiplying such Closing Price by

the same fraction by which the Conversion Price is so required to be adjusted as a result of such other event, or (2) if the "ex" date for any event that requires an adjustment to the Conversion Price pursuant to Section 7(e)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) occurs on or after the "ex" date for the issuance or distribution requiring such computation and prior to the day in question, the Closing Price for each Trading Day on and after the "ex" date for such other event shall be adjusted by multiplying such Closing Price by the reciprocal of the fraction by which the Conversion Price is so required to be adjusted as a result of such other event. For purposes of any computation under Section 7(e)(5), the Current Market Price of the Common Stock on any date shall be deemed to be the average of the daily Closing Prices per share of Common Stock for such day and the next two succeeding Trading Days. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "ex" date, (1) when used with respect to any issuance or distribution, means the first date on which the Common Stock trades regular way on the relevant exchange or in the relevant market from which the Closing Price was obtained without the right to receive such issuance or distribution, and (2) when used with respect to any subdivision or combination of shares of Common Stock, means the first date on which the Common Stock trades regular way on such exchange or in such market after the time at which such subdivision or combination becomes effective.

c. "fair market value" shall mean the amount which a willing buyer would pay a willing seller in an arm's length transaction.

d. "record date" shall mean, with respect to any dividend, distribution or other transaction or event in which the holders of Common Stock have the right to receive any cash, securities or other property or in which the Common Stock (or other applicable security) is exchanged for or converted into any combination of cash, securities or other property, the date fixed for determination of stockholders entitled to receive such cash, securities or other property (whether such date is fixed by the Board of Directors or by statute, contract or otherwise).

e. "Trading Day" shall mean (x) if the applicable security is listed or admitted for trading on the New York Stock Exchange or another national security exchange, a day on which the New York Stock Exchange or another national security exchange is open for business or (y) if the applicable security is quoted on the NNM, a day on which trades may be made on thereon or (z) if the applicable security is not so listed, admitted for trading or quoted, any day other than a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in the State of California are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.

(8) The Company may make such reductions in the Conversion Price, in addition to those required by Sections 7(e)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) as the Board of Directors considers to be advisable to avoid or diminish any income tax to holders of Common Stock or

rights to purchase Common Stock resulting from any dividend or distribution of stock (or rights to acquire stock) or from any event treated as such for income tax purposes.

To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Company from time to time may reduce the Conversion Price by any amount for any period of time if the period is at least twenty (20) days, the reduction is irrevocable during the period and the Board of Directors shall have made a determination that such reduction would be in the best interests of the Company, which determination shall be conclusive. Whenever the Conversion Price is reduced pursuant to the preceding sentence, the Company shall mail to holders of record of the Series F Preferred Stock a notice of the reduction at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date the reduced Conversion Price takes effect, and such notice shall state the reduced Conversion Price and the period during which it will be in effect.

(9) No adjustment in the Conversion Price shall be required unless such adjustment would require an increase or decrease of at least one percent (1%) in such price; provided, however, that any adjustments which by reason of this Section 7(e)(9) are not required to be made shall be carried forward and taken into account in any subsequent adjustment. All calculations under this Section 7 shall be made by the Company and shall be made to the nearest cent or to the nearest one-hundredth (1/100) of a share, as the case may be. No adjustment need be made for rights to purchase Common Stock pursuant to a Company plan for reinvestment of dividends or interest. To the extent the Series F Preferred Stock become convertible into cash, assets, property or securities (other than capital stock of the Company), no adjustment need be made thereafter as to the cash, assets, property or such securities. Interest will not accrue on the cash.

(10) Whenever the Conversion Price is adjusted as herein provided, the Company shall prepare a notice of such adjustment of the Conversion Price setting forth the adjusted Conversion Price and the date on which each adjustment becomes effective and shall mail such notice of such adjustment of the Conversion Price to each holder of Series F Preferred Stock at his last address appearing on the Share register, within twenty (20) days after the effectiveness thereof. Failure to deliver such notice shall not affect the legality or validity of any such adjustment.

(11) In any case in which this Section 7(e) provides that an adjustment shall become effective immediately after a record date for an event, the Company may defer until the occurrence of such event (i) issuing to the holder of any Series F Preferred Stock converted after such record date and before the occurrence of such event the additional shares of Common Stock issuable upon such conversion by reason of the adjustment required by such event over and above the Common Stock issuable upon such conversion before giving effect to such adjustment and (ii) paying to such holder any amount in cash in lieu of any fraction pursuant to Section 7(c).

(12) For purposes of this Section 7(e), the number of shares of Common Stock at any time outstanding shall not include shares held in the treasury of the Company but shall include shares issuable in respect of scrip certificates issued in lieu of fractions of shares of Common Stock. The Company will not pay any dividend or make any distribution on shares of Common Stock held in the treasury of the Company.

(f) If any of the following events occur, namely (i) any reclassification or change of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (other than a subdivision or combination to which Section 7(e)(3) applies), (ii) any consolidation, merger or combination of the Company with another corporation as a result of which holders of Common Stock shall be entitled to receive stock, securities or other property or assets (including cash) with respect to or in exchange for such Common Stock, or (iii) any sale or conveyance of the properties and assets of the Company as, or substantially as, an entirety to any other corporation as a result of which holders of Common Stock shall be entitled to receive stock, securities or other property or assets (including cash) with respect to or in exchange for such Common Stock, then the Company or the successor or purchasing corporation, as the case may be, shall amend this Certificate of Designation to provide that such shares of Series F Preferred Stock shall be convertible into the kind and amount of shares of stock and other securities or property or assets (including cash) receivable upon such reclassification, change, consolidation, merger, combination, sale or conveyance by a holder of a number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of such shares of Series F Preferred Stock (assuming, for such purposes, a sufficient number of authorized shares of Common Stock available to convert all such shares of Series F Preferred Stock) immediately prior to such reclassification, change, consolidation, merger, combination, sale or conveyance assuming such holder of Common Stock did not exercise his rights of election, if any, as to the kind or amount of securities, cash or other property receivable upon such consolidation, merger, statutory exchange, sale or conveyance (provided that, if the kind or amount of securities, cash or other property receivable upon such consolidation, merger, statutory exchange, sale or conveyance is not the same for each share of Common Stock in respect of which such rights of election shall not have been exercised ("nonelecting share")), then for the purposes of this Section 7(f), the kind and amount of securities, cash or other property receivable upon such consolidation, merger, statutory exchange, sale or conveyance for each non-electing share shall be deemed to be the kind and amount so receivable per share by a plurality of the non-electing shares. Such amendment shall provide for adjustments which shall be as nearly equivalent as may be practicable to the adjustments provided for in this Section. The Company shall cause notice of the amendment of this Certificate of Designation to be mailed to each holder of Series F Preferred Stock, at its address appearing on the Share register, within twenty (20) days after execution thereof. Failure to deliver such notice shall not affect the legality or validity of such amendment. The above provisions of this Section shall similarly apply to successive reclassifications, changes, consolidations, mergers, combinations, sales and conveyances. If this Section 7(f) applies to any event or occurrence, Section 7(e) shall not apply.

(g) The issue of stock certificates on conversions of shares of Series F Preferred Stock shall be made without charge to the converting holder for any tax in respect of the issue thereof. The Company shall not, however, be required to pay any tax which may be payable in respect of any transfer involved in the issue and delivery of stock in any name other than that of the holder of any share of Series F Preferred Stock converted, and the Company shall not be required to issue or deliver any such stock certificate unless and until the Person or Persons requesting the issue thereof shall have paid to the Company the amount of such tax or shall have established to the satisfaction of the Company that such tax has been paid.

(h) The Company shall provide, free from preemptive rights, out of its authorized but unissued shares or shares held in treasury, sufficient shares of Common Stock to provide for the conversion of the shares of Series F Preferred Stock from time to time as such are

presented for conversion. Before taking any action which would cause an adjustment reducing the Conversion Price below the then par value, if any, of the shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Series F Preferred Stock, the Company will take all corporate action which may, in the opinion of its counsel, be necessary in order that the Company may validly and legally issue shares of such Common Stock at such adjusted Conversion Price. The Company covenants that all shares of Common Stock which may be issued upon conversion of Series F Preferred Stock will upon issue be fully paid and non-assessable by the Company and free from all taxes, liens and charges with respect to the issue thereof.

(i) In case:

(1) the Company shall declare a dividend (or any other distribution) on its Common Stock that would require an adjustment in the Conversion Price pursuant to Section 7(e); or

(2) the Company shall authorize the granting to the holders of all or substantially all of its Common Stock of rights or warrants to subscribe for or purchase any share of any class or any other rights or warrants; or

(3) of any reclassification or reorganization of the Common Stock of the Company (other than a subdivision or combination of its outstanding Common Stock, or a change in par value, or from par value to no par value, or from no par value to par value), or of any consolidation or merger to which the Company is a party and for which approval of any stockholders of the Company is required, or of the sale or transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company;

the Company shall cause to be mailed to each holder of Series F Preferred Stock at his address appearing on the Share register provided for in Section 2(e) of this Certificate of Designation, as promptly as possible but in any event at least fifteen (15) days prior to the applicable date hereinafter specified, a notice stating (x) the date on which a record is to be taken for the purpose of such dividend, distribution or rights or warrants, or, if a record is not to be taken, the date as of which the holders of Common Stock of record to be entitled to such dividend, distribution or rights are to be determined, or (y) the date on which such reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale, transfer, dissolution, liquidation or winding up is expected to become effective or occur, and the date as of which it is expected that holders of Common Stock of record shall be entitled to exchange their Common Stock for securities or other property deliverable upon such reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale, transfer, dissolution, liquidation or winding up. Failure to give such notice, or any defect therein, shall not affect the legality or validity of such dividend, distribution, reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale, transfer, dissolution, liquidation or winding up.

**8. Consolidation; Merger; Sale of Assets.**

Nothing contained in this Certificate of Designation shall prevent any consolidation or merger of the Company with or into any other corporation or corporations (whether or not affiliated with the Company), or successive consolidations or mergers in which the Company or its successor or successors shall be a party or parties, or shall prevent any sale,



conveyance or lease (or successive sales, conveyances or leases) of all or substantially all of the property of the Company, to any other corporation (whether or not affiliated with the Company), authorized to acquire and operate the same and which shall be organized under the laws of the United States of America, any state thereof or the District of Columbia; provided that upon any such consolidation, merger, sale, conveyance or lease, the due and punctual payment of the Liquidation Preference and any dividends on all of the Series F Preferred Stock, according to their terms shall be expressly assumed by the corporation (if other than the Company) formed by such consolidation, or into which the Company shall have been merged, or by the corporation which shall have acquired or leased such property, and such amendment shall provide for the applicable conversion rights set forth in Section 7(f).

**9. Voting Rights.**

Except as otherwise provided in this Designation or as required by law, the holders of record of shares of the Series F Preferred Stock shall have no voting rights.

**10. Amendment.**

(a) The Company shall not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the outstanding Liquidation Preference of Series F Preferred Stock then outstanding (with shares held by the Company or any of its Affiliates not being considered to be outstanding for this purpose) voting or consenting as the case may be, as one class, amend or otherwise alter this Certificate of Designation (including the provisions of this Section 10) in any manner that adversely affects the specified rights, preferences, privileges or voting rights of holders of Series F Preferred Stock.

(b) Without the consent of each holder affected, an amendment or waiver of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation or of this Certificate of Designation may not (with respect to any shares of Series F Preferred Stock held by a non-consenting holder):

(i) reduce the number of shares of Series F Preferred Stock whose holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;

(ii) reduce the Liquidation Preference of or change the Mandatory Redemption Date of any share of Series F Preferred Stock or alter the provisions with respect to the redemption of the Series F Preferred Stock;

(iii) reduce the rate of or change the time for payment of dividends on any share of Series F Preferred Stock;

(iv) make any share of Series F Preferred Stock payable in any form other than that stated in this Certificate of Designation;

(v) make any change in the provisions of this Certificate of Designation relating to waivers of the rights of holders of Series F Preferred Stock to receive the Liquidation Preference and dividends on the Series F Preferred Stock;

(vi) waive a redemption payment with respect to any share of Series F Preferred Stock (except as provided with respect to Section 10 hereof); or

(vii) make any change in the foregoing amendment and waiver provisions.

(c) The Company in its sole discretion may without the vote or consent of any holders of the Series F Preferred Stock amend or supplement this Certificate of Designation:

(i) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;

(ii) to provide for uncertificated Series F Preferred Stock in addition to or in place of certificated Series F Preferred Stock;

(iii) to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the holders of the Series F Preferred Stock or that does not adversely affect the legal rights under this Certificate of Designation of any such holder; or

(iv) to make any amendment required by Section 7(f) or 8.

Except as set forth above, the creation, authorization or issuance of, or the increase or decrease in the authorized amount of, capital stock of any class, including any Series F Preferred Stock, shall not require the consent of the holders of the Series F Preferred Stock and shall not be deemed to affect adversely the rights, preferences, privileges, special rights or voting rights of holders of shares of Series F Preferred Stock.

**11. Exclusion of Other Rights.**

Except as may otherwise be required by law, the shares of Series F Preferred Stock shall not have any voting powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights, other than those specifically set forth in this Certificate of Designation (as amended from time to time) and in the Certificate of Incorporation. The shares of Series F Preferred Stock shall have no preemptive or subscription rights.

**12. Provision for Financial Information.**

The Company will, within 15 days of each file with the Commission the annual reports, quarterly reports which the Company would have been required to file with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d), transmit by mail to all holders, as their names and addresses appear in the Share register, without cost to such holders copies of the annual reports, quarterly reports documents which the Company is required to file with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

**13. Headings of Subdivisions.**

The headings of the various subdivisions hereof are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of any of the provisions hereof.

**14. Severability of Provisions.**

If any voting powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional and other special rights of the Series F Preferred Stock and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof set forth in this resolution (as such resolution may be amended from time to time) is invalid, unlawful or incapable of being enforced by reason of any rule of law or public policy, all other voting powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional and other special rights of Series F Preferred Stock and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof set forth in this resolution (as so amended) which can be given effect without the invalid, unlawful or unenforceable voting powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional and other special rights of Series F Preferred Stock and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof shall, nevertheless, remain in full force and effect, and no voting powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of Series F Preferred Stock and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof herein set forth shall be deemed dependent upon any other such voting powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of Series F Preferred Stock and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof unless so expressed herein.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this certificate to be duly executed by Gary D. Begeman, Vice President of the Company and attested by Richard Montfort, Assistant Secretary of the Company, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000.

NEXTLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: /s/ Gary D. Begeman  
Name: Gary D. Begeman  
Title: Vice President

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Richard Montfort  
Name: Richard Montfort  
Title: Assistant Secretary