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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):  
Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC  
Kentucky

Individual(s)                       Association  
 General Partnership               Limited Partnership  
 Corporation-State  
 Other Limited Liability Company

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

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)  
Name: U.S. Bank National Association  
Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: 800 Nicollet Mall  
City: Minneapolis State: MN Zip: 55402

Individual(s) citizenship  
 Association National Banking Association  
 General Partnership  
 Limited Partnership  
 Corporation-State  
 Other

If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designation is attached:  Yes  No  
 (Designations must be a separate document from assignment)  
 Additional name(s) & address(es) attached?  Yes  No

3. Nature of conveyance:  
 Assignment                       Merger  
 Security Agreement               Change of Name  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Execution Date: 3/31/2004

4. Application number(s) or registration number(s):  
 A. Trademark Application No.(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Additional number(s) attached  Yes  No

B. Trademark Registration No.(s) 2,808,197  
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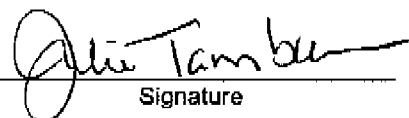
5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:  
 Name: Julie Tamburo  
 Internal Address: Bingham McCutchen LLP  
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 Street Address: 150 Federal Street  
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 City: Boston State: MA Zip: 02110

6. Total number of applications and registrations involved: ..... 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$ 40.00  
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9. Signature.  
Julie Tamburo                                            June 10, 2004  
 Name of Person Signing                      Signature                      Date

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**TRADEMARK COLLATERAL  
SECURITY AND PLEDGE AGREEMENT**

**TRADEMARK COLLATERAL SECURITY AND PLEDGE AGREEMENT** dated as of March 31, 2004 (as amended and in effect from time to time), between **LIGHTYEAR NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC**, a Kentucky limited liability company (the "**Assignor**"), and **U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, a national banking association, as administrative agent (hereinafter, in such capacity, the "**Administrative Agent**") for itself and other lending institutions (hereinafter, collectively, the "**Lenders**") which are, or may in the future become, parties to a Revolving Credit and Term Loan Agreement, dated as of March 31, 2004 (as amended and in effect from time to time, the "**Credit Agreement**"), by and among LY Holdings, LLC (the "**Parent**"), the Assignor (together with the Parent, the "**Borrowers**", and each individually, a "**Borrower**"), the Lenders, U.S. Bank National Association, as the issuing lender (the "**Issuing Lender**") and as the swingline lender (the "**Swingline Lender**") and the Administrative Agent.

**WHEREAS**, on April 10, 2002, an involuntary petition under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code was filed against Lightyear Holdings, Inc. ("**Holdings**") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Kentucky, Louisville Division, Case No. 02-32257, and Holdings consented to the entry of an order for relief with respect to such petition and sought a conversion to a case under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code;

**WHEREAS**, on April 29, 2002, each of Lightyear Telecommunications LLC ("**LTL**"), Lightyear Communications, Inc. ("**LCI**") and Lightyear Communications of Virginia, Inc. ("**LCV**") filed separate petitions under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Kentucky, Louisville Division;

**WHEREAS**, on July 30, 2003 the Borrowers, LTL, LCI and LCV entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement pursuant to which LTL, LCI and LCV agreed to sell, and the Borrowers agreed to buy, substantially all of assets of LTL, LCI and LCV pursuant to a Section 363 sale;

**WHEREAS**, it is a condition precedent to the Lenders' making any loans or otherwise extending credit to the Borrowers under the Credit Agreement that the Assignor execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders and the Administrative Agent, a trademark agreement in substantially the form hereof;

**WHEREAS**, the Assignor has executed and delivered to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders and the Administrative Agent, the Security Agreement (as defined in the Credit Agreement), pursuant to which the Assignor has granted to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders and the Administrative Agent, a security interest in certain of the Assignor's personal property and fixture assets, including without limitation the trademarks, service marks, trademark and service mark registrations, and trademark and service mark registration applications listed on Schedule A attached hereto, all to secure the payment and performance of the Obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, this Trademark Agreement is supplemental to the provisions contained in the Security Agreement.

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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

### 1. DEFINITIONS.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings provided therefor in the Credit Agreement and the Security Agreement, as applicable. In addition, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth in this §1. or elsewhere in this Trademark Agreement referred to below:

Assignment of Marks. See Section 2.1.

Associated Goodwill. All goodwill of the Assignor and its business, products and services appurtenant to, associated with or symbolized by the Trademarks and the use thereof.

Pledged Trademarks. All of the Assignor's right, title and interest in and to all of the Trademarks, the Trademark Registrations, the Trademark License Rights, the Trademark Rights, the Associated Goodwill, the Related Assets, and all accessions to, substitutions for, replacements of, and all products and proceeds of any and all of the foregoing.

PTO. The United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Related Assets. All assets, rights and interests of the Assignor that uniquely reflect or embody the Associated Goodwill, including the following:

(a) all patents, inventions, copyrights, trade secrets, confidential information, formulae, methods or processes, compounds, recipes, know-how, methods and operating systems, drawings, descriptions, formulations, manufacturing and production and delivery procedures, quality control procedures, product and service specifications, catalogs, price lists, and advertising materials, relating to the manufacture, production, delivery, provision and sale of goods or services under or in association with any of the Trademarks; and

(b) the following documents and things in the possession or under the control of the Assignor, or subject to its demand for possession or control, related to the production, delivery, provision and sale by the Assignor, or any affiliate, franchisee, licensee or contractor, of products or services sold by or under the authority of the Assignor in connection with the Trademarks or Trademark Rights, whether prior to, on or subsequent to the date hereof:

(i) all lists, contracts, ancillary documents and other information that identify, describe or provide information with respect to any customers, dealers or distributors of the Assignor, its affiliates or franchisees or licensees or contractors, for products or services sold under or in connection with the Trademarks or Trademark Rights, including all lists and documents containing information regarding each customer's, dealer's or distributor's name and address, credit, payment, discount, delivery and other sale terms, and history, pattern and total of purchases by brand, product, style, size and quantity;

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(ii) all agreements (including franchise agreements), product and service specification documents and operating, production and quality control manuals relating to or used in the design, manufacture, production, delivery, provision and sale of products or services under or in connection with the Trademarks or Trademark Rights;

(iii) all documents and agreements relating to the identity and locations of all sources of supply, all terms of purchase and delivery, for all materials, components, raw materials and other supplies and services used in the manufacture, production, provision, delivery and sale of products or services under or in connection with the Trademarks or Trademark Rights; and

(iv) all agreements and documents constituting or concerning the present or future, current or proposed advertising and promotion by the Assignor (or any of its affiliates, franchisees, licensees or contractors) of products or services sold under or in connection with the Trademarks or Trademark Rights.

**Trademark Agreement.** This Trademark Collateral Security and Pledge Agreement, as amended and in effect from time to time.

**Trademark License Rights.** Any and all past, present or future rights and interests of the Assignor pursuant to any and all past, present and future franchising or licensing agreements in favor of the Assignor, or to which the Assignor is a party, pertaining to any Trademarks, Trademark Registrations, or Trademark Rights owned or used by third parties in the past, present or future, including the right (but not the obligation) in the name of the Assignor or the Administrative Agent to enforce, and sue and recover for, any breach or violation of any such agreement to which the Assignor is a party.

**Trademark Registrations.** All past, present or future federal, state, local and foreign registrations of the Trademarks, all past, present and future applications for any such registrations (and any such registrations thereof upon approval of such applications), together with the right (but not the obligation) to apply for such registrations (and prosecute such applications) in the name of the Assignor or the Administrative Agent, and to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to maintain such registrations in effect and renew and extend such registrations.

**Trademark Rights.** Any and all past, present or future rights in, to and associated with the Trademarks throughout the world, whether arising under federal law, state law, common law, foreign law or otherwise, including the following: all such rights arising out of or associated with the Trademark Registrations; the right (but not the obligation) to register claims under any state, federal or foreign trademark law or regulation; the right (but not the obligation) to sue or bring opposition or cancellation proceedings in the name of the Assignor or the Administrative Agent for any and all past, present and future infringements or dilution of or any other damages or injury to the Trademarks, the Trademark Rights, or the Associated Goodwill, and the rights to damages or profits due or accrued arising out of or in connection with any such past, present or future infringement, dilution, damage or injury; and the Trademark License Rights.

**Trademarks.** All of the trademarks, service marks, designs, logos, indicia, trade names, corporate names, company names, business names, fictitious business names, trade styles, elements of package or trade dress, and other source and product or service identifiers, used or associated with or appurtenant to the products, services and businesses of the Assignor, that (a)

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are set forth on Schedule A hereto, or (b) have been adopted, acquired, owned, held or used by the Assignor or are now owned, held or used by the Assignor, in the Assignor's business, or with the Assignor's products and services, or in which the Assignor has any right, title or interest, or (c) are in the future adopted, acquired, owned, held and used by the Assignor in the Assignor's business or with the Assignor's products and services, or in which the Assignor in the future acquires any right, title or interest.

use. With respect to any Trademark, all uses of such Trademark by, for or in connection with the Assignor or its business or for the direct or indirect benefit of the Assignor or its business, including all such uses by the Assignor itself, by any of the affiliates of the Assignor, or by any franchisee, licensee or contractor of the Assignor.

Unless otherwise provided herein, the rules of interpretation set forth in Section 1.1 of the Credit Agreement shall be applicable to this Trademark Agreement.

## **2. GRANT OF SECURITY INTEREST.**

### **2.1. Security Interest; Assignment of Marks.**

As collateral security for the payment and performance in full of all of the Obligations, the Assignor hereby unconditionally grants to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders and the Administrative Agent, a continuing security interest in and first priority lien on the Pledged Trademarks, and pledges and mortgages (but does not transfer title to) the Pledged Trademarks to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Lenders and the Administrative Agent. In addition, the Assignor has executed in blank and delivered to the Administrative Agent an assignment of federally registered trademarks in substantially the form of Exhibit 1 hereto (the "Assignment of Marks"). The Assignor hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to complete as assignee and record with the PTO the Assignment of Marks upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default and the proper exercise of the Administrative Agent's remedies under this Trademark Agreement and the Security Agreement.

### **2.2. Conditional Assignment.**

In addition to, and not by way of limitation of, the grant, pledge and mortgage of the Pledged Trademarks provided in Section 2.1, the Assignor grants, assigns, transfers, conveys and sets over to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders and the Administrative Agent, the Assignor's entire right, title and interest in and to the Pledged Trademarks; provided that such grant, assignment, transfer and conveyance shall be and become of force and effect only (a) upon or after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default and (b) either (i) upon the written demand of the Administrative Agent at any time during such continuance or (ii) immediately and automatically (without notice or action of any kind by the Administrative Agent) upon an Event of Default for which acceleration of the Loans is automatic under the Credit Agreement or upon the sale or other disposition of or foreclosure upon the Collateral pursuant to the Security Agreement and applicable law (including the transfer or other disposition of the Collateral by the Assignor to the Administrative Agent or its nominee in lieu of foreclosure).

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### **2.3. Supplemental to Security Agreement.**

Pursuant to the Security Agreement the Assignor has granted to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders and the Administrative Agent, a continuing security interest in and lien on the Collateral (including the Pledged Trademarks). The Security Agreement, and all rights and interests of the Administrative Agent in and to the Collateral (including the Pledged Trademarks) thereunder, are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects. In no event shall this Trademark Agreement, the grant, assignment, transfer and conveyance of the Pledged Trademarks hereunder, or the recordation of this Trademark Agreement (or any document hereunder) with the PTO, adversely affect or impair, in any way or to any extent, the Security Agreement, the security interest of the Administrative Agent in the Collateral (including the Pledged Trademarks) pursuant to the Security Agreement and this Trademark Agreement, the attachment and perfection of such security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code (including the security interest in the Pledged Marks), or any present or future rights and interests of the Administrative Agent in and to the Collateral under or in connection with the Security Agreement, this Trademark Agreement or the Uniform Commercial Code. Any and all rights and interests of the Administrative Agent in and to the Pledged Trademarks (and any and all obligations of the Assignor with respect to the Pledged Trademarks) provided herein, or arising hereunder or in connection herewith, shall only supplement and be cumulative and in addition to the rights and interests of the Administrative Agent (and the obligations of the Assignor) in, to or with respect to the Collateral (including the Pledged Trademarks) provided in or arising under or in connection with the Security Agreement and shall not be in derogation thereof.

### **3. REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS.**

The Assignor represents, warrants and covenants that: (i) Schedule A sets forth a true and complete list of all Trademarks and Trademark Registrations now owned, licensed, controlled or used by the Assignor; (ii) the Trademarks and Trademark Registrations are subsisting and have not been adjudged invalid or unenforceable, in whole or in part, and there is no litigation or proceeding pending concerning the validity or enforceability of the Trademarks or Trademark Registrations; (iii) to the best of the Assignor's knowledge, each of the Trademarks and Trademark Registrations is valid and enforceable; (iv) to the best of the Assignor's knowledge, there is no infringement by others of the Trademarks, Trademark Registrations or Trademark Rights; (v) no claim has been made that the use of any of the Trademarks does or may violate the rights of any third person, and to the best of the Assignor's knowledge, there is no infringement by the Assignor of the trademark rights of others; (vi) the Assignor is the sole and exclusive owner of the entire and unencumbered right, title and interest in and to each of the Trademarks (other than ownership and other rights reserved by third party owners with respect to Trademarks that the Assignor is licensed to use), free and clear of any liens, charges, encumbrances and adverse claims, including pledges, assignments, licenses, registered user agreements and covenants by the Assignor not to sue third persons, other than the security interest and assignment created by the Security Agreement and this Trademark Agreement; (vii) the Assignor has the unqualified right to enter into this Trademark Agreement and to perform its terms and has entered and will enter into written agreements with each of its present and future employees, agents, consultants, licensors and licensees that will enable them to comply with the covenants herein contained; (viii) the Assignor has used, and will continue to use, proper statutory and other appropriate proprietary notices in connection with its use of the Trademarks; (ix) the Assignor has used, and will continue to use for the duration of this Trademark Agreement, consistent standards of quality in its manufacture and provision of products and services sold or provided under the Trademarks; (x) this Trademark Agreement, together with the Security Agreement, will create in

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favor of the Administrative Agent a valid and perfected first priority security interest in the Pledged Trademarks upon making the filings referred to in clause (xi) of this Section 3; and (xi) except for the filing of financing statements with the Secretary of State for the Commonwealth of Kentucky under the Uniform Commercial Code and the recording of this Trademark Agreement with the PTO, no authorization, approval or other action by, and no notice to or filing with, any governmental or regulatory authority, agency or office is required either (A) for the grant by the Assignor or the effectiveness of the security interest and assignment granted hereby or for the execution, delivery and performance of this Trademark Agreement by the Assignor, or (B) for the perfection of or the exercise by the Administrative Agent of any of its rights and remedies hereunder.

#### **4. INSPECTION RIGHTS.**

The Assignor hereby grants to each of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders and its employees and agents the right to visit the Assignor's plants and facilities that manufacture, inspect or store products sold under any of the Trademarks, and to inspect the products and quality control records relating thereto upon prior notice at reasonable times during regular business hours.

#### **5. NO TRANSFER OR INCONSISTENT AGREEMENTS.**

Without the Administrative Agent's prior written consent, the Assignor will not (a) mortgage, pledge, assign, encumber, grant a security interest in, transfer, license or alienate any of the Pledged Trademarks, or (b) enter into any agreement (for example, a license agreement) that is inconsistent with the Assignor's obligations under this Trademark Agreement or the Security Agreement.

#### **6. AFTER-ACQUIRED TRADEMARKS, ETC.**

##### **6.1. After-acquired Trademarks.**

If, before the Obligations shall have been finally paid and satisfied in full, the Assignor shall obtain any right, title or interest in or to any other or new Trademarks, Trademark Registrations or Trademark Rights, the provisions of this Trademark Agreement shall automatically apply thereto and the Assignor shall promptly provide to the Administrative Agent notice thereof in writing and execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent such documents or instruments as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request further to implement, preserve or evidence the Administrative Agent's interest therein.

##### **6.2. Amendment to Schedule.**

The Assignor authorizes the Administrative Agent to modify this Trademark Agreement and the Assignment of Marks, without the necessity of the Assignor's further approval or signature, by amending Exhibit A hereto or the Annex to the Assignment of Marks to include any future or other Trademarks, Trademark Registrations or Trademark Rights under Section 2 or Section 6.

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## **7. TRADEMARK PROSECUTION.**

### **7.1. Assignor Responsible.**

The Assignor shall assume full and complete responsibility for the prosecution, defense, enforcement or any other necessary or desirable actions in connection with the Pledged Trademarks, and shall hold each of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders harmless from any and all costs, damages, liabilities and expenses that may be incurred by the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection with the Administrative Agent's interest in the Pledged Trademarks or any other action or failure to act in connection with this Trademark Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby. In respect of such responsibility, the Assignor shall retain trademark counsel acceptable to the Administrative Agent.

### **7.2. Assignor's Duties, etc.**

The Assignor shall have the right and the duty, through trademark counsel acceptable to the Administrative Agent, to prosecute diligently any trademark registration applications of the Trademarks pending as of the date of this Trademark Agreement or thereafter, to preserve and maintain all rights in the Trademarks and Trademark Registrations, including the filing of appropriate renewal applications and other instruments to maintain in effect the Trademark Registrations and the payment when due of all registration renewal fees and other fees, taxes and other expenses that shall be incurred or that shall accrue with respect to any of the Trademarks or Trademark Registrations. Any expenses incurred in connection with such applications and actions shall be borne by the Assignor. The Assignor shall not abandon any filed trademark registration application, or any Trademark Registration or Trademark without the consent of the Administrative Agent.

### **7.3. Assignor's Enforcement Rights.**

The Assignor shall have the right and the duty to bring suit or other action in the Assignor's own name to maintain and enforce the Trademarks, the Trademark Registrations and the Trademark Rights. The Assignor may require the Administrative Agent to join in such suit or action as necessary to assure the Assignor's ability to bring and maintain any such suit or action in any proper forum if (but only if) the Administrative Agent is completely satisfied that such joinder will not subject the Administrative Agent or any Lender to any risk of liability. The Assignor shall promptly, upon demand, reimburse and indemnify the Administrative Agent for all damages, costs and expenses, including legal fees, incurred by the Administrative Agent pursuant to this §7.3.

### **7.4. Protection of Trademarks, etc.**

In general, the Assignor shall take any and all such actions (including institution and maintenance of suits, proceedings or actions) as may be necessary or appropriate to properly maintain, protect, preserve, care for and enforce the Pledged Trademarks. The Assignor shall not take or fail to take any action, nor permit any action to be taken or not taken by others under its control, that would adversely affect the validity, grant or enforcement of the Pledged Trademarks.



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**7.5. Notification by Assignor.**

Promptly upon obtaining knowledge thereof, the Assignor will notify the Administrative Agent in writing of the institution of, or any final adverse determination in, any proceeding in the PTO or any similar office or agency of the United States or any foreign country, or any court, regarding the validity of any of the Trademarks or Trademark Registrations or the Assignor's rights, title or interests in and to the Pledged Trademarks, and of any event that does or reasonably could materially adversely affect the value of any of the Pledged Trademarks, the ability of the Assignor or the Administrative Agent to dispose of any of the Pledged Trademarks or the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent in relation thereto (including but not limited to the levy of any legal process against any of the Pledged Trademarks).

**8. REMEDIES.**

Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent shall have, in addition to all other rights and remedies given it by this Trademark Agreement (including, without limitation, those set forth in Section 2.2, the Credit Agreement, the Security Agreement and the other Loan Documents, those allowed by law and the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Uniform Commercial Code as enacted in the State of New York, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Administrative Agent may immediately, without demand of performance and without other notice (except as set forth next below) or demand whatsoever to the Assignor, all of which are hereby expressly waived, sell or license at public or private sale or otherwise realize upon the whole or from time to time any part of the Pledged Trademarks, or any interest that the Assignor may have therein, and after deducting from the proceeds of sale or other disposition of the Pledged Trademarks all expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent in attempting to enforce this Trademark Agreement (including all reasonable expenses for broker's fees and legal services), shall apply the residue of such proceeds toward the payment of the Obligations as set forth in or by reference in the Security Agreement. Notice of any sale, license or other disposition of the Pledged Trademarks shall be given to the Assignor at least five (5) days before the time that any intended public sale or other public disposition of the Pledged Trademarks is to be made or after which any private sale or other private disposition of the Pledged Trademarks may be made, which the Assignor hereby agrees shall be reasonable notice of such public or private sale or other disposition. At any such sale or other disposition, the Administrative Agent may, to the extent permitted under applicable law, purchase or license the whole or any part of the Pledged Trademarks or interests therein sold, licensed or otherwise disposed of.

**9. COLLATERAL PROTECTION.**

If the Assignor shall fail to do any act that it has covenanted to do hereunder, or if any representation or warranty of the Assignor shall be breached, the Administrative Agent, in its own name or that of the Assignor (in the sole discretion of the Administrative Agent), may (but shall not be obligated to) do such act or remedy such breach (or cause such act to be done or such breach to be remedied), and the Assignor agrees promptly to reimburse the Administrative Agent for any cost or expense incurred by the Administrative Agent in so doing.

**10. POWER OF ATTORNEY.**

If any Event of Default shall have occurred, the Assignor does hereby make, constitute and appoint the Administrative Agent (and any officer or agent of the Administrative Agent as

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the Administrative Agent may select in its exclusive discretion) as the Assignor's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution and with the power to endorse the Assignor's name on all applications, documents, papers and instruments necessary for the Administrative Agent to use the Pledged Trademarks, or to grant or issue any exclusive or nonexclusive license of any of the Pledged Trademarks to any third person, or to take any and all actions necessary for the Administrative Agent to assign, pledge, convey or otherwise transfer title in or dispose of any of the Pledged Trademarks or any interest of the Assignor therein to any third person, and, in general, to execute and deliver any instruments or documents and do all other acts that the Assignor is obligated to execute and do hereunder. The Assignor hereby ratifies all that such attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof and releases each of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders from any claims, liabilities, causes of action or demands arising out of or in connection with any action taken or omitted to be taken by the Administrative Agent under this power of attorney (except for the Administrative Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct). This power of attorney is coupled with an interest and shall be irrevocable for the duration of this Trademark Agreement.

#### **11. FURTHER ASSURANCES.**

The Assignor shall, at any time and from time to time, and at its expense, make, execute, acknowledge and deliver, and file and record as necessary or appropriate with governmental or regulatory authorities, agencies or offices, such agreements, assignments, documents and instruments, and do such other and further acts and things (including, without limitation, obtaining consents of third parties), as the Administrative Agent may request or as may be necessary or appropriate in order to implement and effect fully the intentions, purposes and provisions of this Trademark Agreement, or to assure and confirm to the Administrative Agent the grant, perfection and priority of the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Pledged Trademarks.

#### **12. TERMINATION.**

At such time as all of the Obligations have been finally paid and satisfied in full in cash, this Trademark Agreement shall terminate and the Administrative Agent shall, upon the written request and at the expense of the Assignor, execute and deliver to the Assignor all deeds, assignments and other instruments as may be necessary or proper to reassign and reconvey to and re-vest in the Assignor the entire right, title and interest to the Pledged Trademarks previously granted, assigned, transferred and conveyed to the Administrative Agent by the Assignor pursuant to this Trademark Agreement, as fully as if this Trademark Agreement had not been made, subject to any disposition of all or any part thereof that may have been made by the Administrative Agent pursuant hereto or the Security Agreement.

#### **13. COURSE OF DEALING.**

No course of dealing between the Assignor and the Administrative Agent, nor any failure to exercise, nor any delay in exercising, on the part of the Administrative Agent, any right, power or privilege hereunder or under the Security Agreement or any other agreement shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder or thereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege.

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**14. EXPENSES.**

Any and all fees, costs and expenses, of whatever kind or nature, including the reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent or any of the Lenders in connection with the preparation of this Trademark Agreement and all other documents relating hereto, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or the enforcement hereof, the filing or recording of any documents (including all taxes in connection therewith) in public offices, the payment or discharge of any taxes, counsel fees, maintenance or renewal fees, encumbrances, or otherwise protecting, maintaining or preserving the Pledged Trademarks, or in defending or prosecuting any actions or proceedings arising out of or related to the Pledged Trademarks, shall be borne and paid by the Assignor.

**15. OVERDUE AMOUNTS.**

Until paid, all amounts due and payable by the Assignor hereunder shall be a debt secured by the Pledged Trademarks and other Collateral and shall bear, whether before or after judgment, interest at the rate of interest for overdue principal set forth in the Credit Agreement.

**16. NO ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY; INDEMNIFICATION.**

**NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY CONTAINED HEREIN, NEITHER THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT NOR ANY LENDER ASSUMES ANY LIABILITIES OF THE ASSIGNOR WITH RESPECT TO ANY CLAIM OR CLAIMS REGARDING THE ASSIGNOR'S OWNERSHIP OR PURPORTED OWNERSHIP OF, OR RIGHTS OR PURPORTED RIGHTS ARISING FROM, ANY OF THE PLEDGED TRADEMARKS OR ANY USE, LICENSE OR SUBLICENSE THEREOF, WHETHER ARISING OUT OF ANY PAST, CURRENT OR FUTURE EVENT, CIRCUMSTANCE, ACT OR OMISSION OR OTHERWISE. ALL OF SUCH LIABILITIES SHALL BE EXCLUSIVELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ASSIGNOR, AND THE ASSIGNOR SHALL INDEMNIFY THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT AND THE LENDERS FOR ANY AND ALL COSTS, EXPENSES, DAMAGES AND CLAIMS, INCLUDING LEGAL FEES, INCURRED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT OR ANY LENDER WITH RESPECT TO SUCH LIABILITIES.**

**17. NOTICES.**

All notices and other communications made or required to be given pursuant to this Trademark Agreement shall be made and effective in the manner set forth in Section 21 of the Credit Agreement or at such other address as may be set forth in a notice from the notifying party to the other parties hereto.

**18. AMENDMENT AND WAIVER.**

This Trademark Agreement is subject to modification only by a writing signed by the Administrative Agent (with the consent of the Required Lenders) and the Assignor, except as provided in §6.2. The Administrative Agent shall not be deemed to have waived any right hereunder unless such waiver shall be in writing and signed by the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders. A waiver on any one occasion shall not be construed as a bar to or waiver of any right on any future occasion.

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**19. GOVERNING LAW; CONSENT TO JURISDICTION.**

**THIS TRADEMARK AGREEMENT IS A CONTRACT UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND SHALL FOR ALL PURPOSES BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF SAID STATE (EXCLUDING THE LAWS APPLICABLE TO CONFLICTS OR CHOICE OF LAW OTHER THAN GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW §5-1401 AND §5-1402).** The Assignor agrees that any suit for the enforcement of this Trademark Agreement may be brought the courts in the State of New York or any federal court therein and consents to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of such court and to service of process in any such suit being made upon the Assignor by mail at the address specified in Section 17. The Assignor hereby waives any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such suit or any such court or that such suit is brought in an inconvenient court.

**20. WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.**

**THE ASSIGNOR WAIVES ITS RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL WITH RESPECT TO ANY ACTION OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF ANY DISPUTE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS TRADEMARK AGREEMENT, ANY RIGHTS OR OBLIGATIONS HEREUNDER OR THE PERFORMANCE OF ANY SUCH RIGHTS OR OBLIGATIONS.** Except as prohibited by law, the Assignor waives any right which it may have to claim or recover in any litigation referred to in the preceding sentence any special, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages or any damages other than, or in addition to, actual damages. The Assignor (a) certifies that neither the Administrative Agent or any Lender nor any representative, agent or attorney of the Administrative Agent or any Lender has represented, expressly or otherwise, that the Administrative Agent or any Lender would not, in the event of litigation, seek to enforce the foregoing waivers, and (b) acknowledges that, in entering into the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which the Administrative Agent or any Lender is a party, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders are relying upon, among other things, the waivers and certifications contained in this §20.

**21. MISCELLANEOUS.**

The headings of each section of this Trademark Agreement are for convenience only and shall not define or limit the provisions thereof. This Trademark Agreement and all rights and obligations hereunder shall be binding upon the Assignor and its respective successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and their respective successors and assigns. In the event of any irreconcilable conflict between the provisions of this Trademark Agreement and the Credit Agreement, or between this Trademark Agreement and the Security Agreement, the provisions of the Credit Agreement or the Security Agreement, as the case may be, shall control. If any term of this Trademark Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity of all other terms hereof shall in no way be affected thereby, and this Trademark Agreement shall be construed and be enforceable as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable term had not been included herein. The Assignor acknowledges receipt of a copy of this Trademark Agreement.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Trademark Agreement has been executed as of the day and year first above written.

**Assignor:**

**LIGHTYEAR NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC**

By: W. Brent Rice  
Name: W BRENT RICE  
Title: UNITED CEO

**Administrative Agent:**

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as  
Administrative Agent**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

**\*\*\*Signature Page to Trademark Collateral Security and Pledge Agreement\*\*\***

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Trademark Agreement has been executed as of the day year first above written.

**Assignor:**

**LIGHTYEAR NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

**Administrative Agent:**

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as  
Administrative Agent**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Eric K. Hayes  
Title: Officer

**\*\*\*Signature Page to Trademark Collateral Security and Pledge Agreement\*\*\***

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

COMMONWEALTH OR STATE OF Kentucky )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF Fayette )

On this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, before me appeared W Brent Rice, the person who signed this instrument, who acknowledged that (s)he is the Interim CEO of **LIGHTYEAR NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC**, and that being duly authorized (s)he signed such instrument as a free act on behalf of **LIGHTYEAR NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC**.

Delores Newman  
Notary Public  
My commission expires: 7/22/04

[Seal]

**SCHEDULE A**

**Trademarks and Trademark Registrations**

<u>Trademark or Service Mark</u>	<u>Registrations – United States Patent and Trademark Office</u>	
	<u>Registration No.</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>
LIGHTYEAR (CHILD)	2,800,648	12/30/2003
LIGHTYEAR (PARENT)	2,759,286	9/2/2003
LIGHTYEAR BIZLOCAL	2,660,588	12/10/2002
UNI DIAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,973,789	5/14/1996
UNIDIAL	1,968,667	4/16/1996

<u>Trademark or Service Mark</u>	<u>Pending Applications – United States Patent and Trademark Office</u>	
	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
LIGHTYEARHOME	76/502,813	2/4/2004
LIGHTYEAR (CHILD)	75/981,072	3/6/2000
LIGHTYEAR (PARENT)	75/936,635	3/6/2000
LIGHTYEAR BIZLOCAL	76/246,490	4/24/2001
LIGHTYEAR SMARTSTREAM	76/118,343	8/29/2000
LIGHTYEAR	75/981,071	3/6/2000



**EXHIBIT 1**

**ASSIGNMENT OF TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS (U.S.)**

**WHEREAS, LIGHTYEAR NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC**, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, having a place of business at \_\_\_\_\_ (the "*Assignor*"), has adopted and used and is using the trademarks and service marks (the "*Marks*") identified on the Annex hereto, and is the owner of the registrations of and pending registration applications for such Marks in the United States Patent and Trademark Office identified on such Annex; and

**WHEREAS,** \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized and existing under the laws of the \_\_\_\_\_, having a place of business at \_\_\_\_\_ (the "*Assignee*"), is desirous of acquiring the Marks and the registrations thereof and registration applications therefor;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor does hereby assign, sell and transfer unto the Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the Marks, together with (a) the registrations of and registration applications for the Marks, (b) the goodwill of the business symbolized by and associated with the Marks and the registrations thereof, and (c) the right to sue and recover for, and the right to profits or damages due or accrued arising out of or in connection with, any and all past, present or future infringements or dilution of or damage or injury to the Marks or the registrations thereof or such associated goodwill.

This Assignment of Trademarks and Service Marks (U.S.) is intended to and shall take effect as a sealed instrument at such time as the Assignee shall complete this instrument by inserting its name in the second paragraph above and signing its acceptance of this Assignment of Trademarks and Service Marks (U.S.) below.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Assignor, by its duly authorized officer, has executed this assignment, as an instrument under seal, on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_.

**LIGHTYEAR NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

The foregoing assignment of the Marks and the registrations thereof and registration applications therefor by the Assignor to the Assignee is hereby accepted as of the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

COMMONWEALTH OR STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) ss.

On this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_, before me appeared \_\_\_\_\_, the person who signed this instrument, who acknowledged that (s)he is the \_\_\_\_\_ of **LIGHTYEAR NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC**, and that being duly authorized (s)he signed such instrument as a free act on behalf of **LIGHTYEAR NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC**.

[Seal]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My commission expires:

**ANNEX**

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**Trademark  
or  
Service Mark**

**Registrations --  
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