

In Brief: Level 3 to provide local EarthLink VoIP

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Level 3 Communications said Wednesday it would be providing underlying local service in the United States for EarthLink's new home VoIP service.

The Colorado company's Voice over Internet Protocol Enhanced Local would be part of a bundled voice and broadband package that will be marketed under the EarthLink DSL and Home Phone Service brand.

Level 3 provides the interface that will allow VoIP users to connect with their local telco's public-switched networks when they make calls to land-line and cell phones. The solution also accommodates functions such as directory-assistance, 911, number assignment and various end-user features.

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