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AXA FINANCIAL INC

FORM SC 13G

(Statement of Ownership)

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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities exchange Act of 1934

EARTHLINK INC
(NAME OF ISSUER)

COM
(TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES)

270321102
(CUSIP NUMBER)

December 31, 2008
(Date of event which requires filing of this Statement)

NOTE: A MAJORITY OF THE SHARES REPORTED IN THIS SCHEDULE 13G ARE HELD BY UNAFFILIATED THIRD-PARTY CLIENT ACCOUNTS MANAGED BY ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P., AS INVESTMENT ADVISER. (ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P. IS A MAJORITY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF AXA FINANCIAL, INC.)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

X Rule 13d-1(b)
Rule 13d-1(c)
Rule 13d-1(d)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person?s initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be 'filed' for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ('Act') or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
   S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

      AXA Assurances I.A.R.D. Mutuelle

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP *         (A) [X]
                                                              (B) [ ]

3. SEC USE ONLY


4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
      France


       NUMBER OF         5.   SOLE VOTING POWER            3,142,607
         SHARES
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BENEFICIALLY December 31, BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER	0
	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	6,071,110
	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	0

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 6,071,110
(Not to be construed as an admission of beneficial ownership)

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES * | |

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY 5.6%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON *
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S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

AXA Assurances Vie Mutuelle

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP * (A) [X] (B) [ ]

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
France

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY December 31, BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER	3,142,607
	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER	0
	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	6,071,110
	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	0

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 5.6%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON *
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S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

AXA

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP * (A) [ ] (B) [ ]

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
France

NUMBER OF SHARES	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER	3,142,607

BENEFICIALLY OWNED AS OF December 31, REPORTING PERSON WITH:	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER	0
	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	6,071,110
	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	0

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 6,071,110
(Not to be construed as an admission of beneficial ownership)

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES | |

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 5.6%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON *
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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

AXA Financial, Inc. 13-3623351

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP * (A) [ ] (B) [ ]

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
State of Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY December 31, BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER	203,000
	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER	0
	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	211,100
	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	0

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 211,100
(Not to be construed as an admission of beneficial ownership)

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES * | |

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY 0.2%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON *
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Item 1(a) Name of
EARTHLINK INC

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
1375 Peachtree Street
Atlanta, GA 30309

Item 2(a) and (b)
Name of Person Filing and Address of Principal Business Office:

AXA Assurances I.A.R.D Mutuelle, and
AXA Assurances Vie Mutuelle,
26, rue Drouot
75009 Paris, France

as a group (collectively, the 'Mutuelles AXA').

AXA
25, avenue Matignon
75008 Paris, France

AXA Financial, Inc.
1290 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10104

(All media outlets, please contact Chris Winans (212-314-5519) or Michael Arcaro (212-314-2030) with any questions. All other questions can be directed to John Meyers at AllianceBernstein (212-969-2301).)

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Item 2(c) Citizenship:
Mutuelles AXA and AXA - France
AXA Financial, Inc. - Delaware

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

COM

Item 2(e) Cusip Number:
270321102

Item 3. Type of Reporting Person:
AXA Financial, Inc. as a parent holding company, in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G).

The Mutuelles AXA, as a group, acting as a parent holding company.

AXA as a parent holding company.

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Item 4. Ownership as December 31,
(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:
6,071,110 shares of common stock beneficially owned including:

No. of Shares

Subtotals

AXA 0

AXA Entity or Entities

Common acquired solely for investment
AXA Rosenberg Investment 5,860,010

AXA Financial, Inc. 0

Subsidiaries:

AllianceBernstein L.P.
acquired solely for investment
purposes on behalf of client
discretionary investment advisory
accounts:

Common Stock 206,200

206,200

AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company

acquired solely for investment purposes:		
Common Stock	4,900	
		4,900
Total		6,071,110

Each of the Mutuelles AXA, as a group, and AXA expressly declares that the filing of this Schedule 13G shall not be construed as an admission that it is, for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this Schedule 13G.

Each of the above subsidiaries of AXA Financial, Inc. operates under independent management and makes independent decisions.

(b) Percent of Class: 5.6%

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(c) Deemed Voting Power and Disposition Power:

	(i) Deemed to have Sole Power to Vote or to Direct the Vote	(ii) Deemed to have Shared Power to Vote or to Direct the Vote	(iii) Deemed to have Sole Power to Dispose or to Direct the Disposition	(iv) Deemed to have Shared Power to Dispose or to Direct the Disposition
The Mutuelles AXA, AXA	0	0	0	0
AXA Entity or Entities:				
AXA Rosenberg Investment Management LLC	2,939,60	0	5,860,01	0
AXA Financial, Inc.	0	0	0	0
Subsidiaries:				
AllianceBernstein	198,100	0	206,200	0
AXA Equitable Life Insurance	4,900	0	4,900	0
	3,142,60	0	6,071,110	0

Each of the above subsidiaries of AXA Financial, Inc. operates under independent management and makes independent voting and investment decisions.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:
If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following.

( )

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on behalf of Another Person. N/A

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reporting on by the Parent Holding Company:

This Schedule 13G is being filed by AXA Financial, Inc.; AXA, which owns AXA Financial, Inc.; and the Mutuelles AXA, which as a group control AXA:

(X) in the Mutuelles AXAs' capacity, as a group, acting as a parent holding company with respect to the holdings of the following AXA entity or entities:

(X) in AXA's capacity as a parent holding company with respect to the holdings of the following AXA entity or entities:

AXA Rosenberg Investment Management LLC

(X) in AXA Financial, Inc.'s capacity as a parent holding company with respect to the holdings of the following subsidiaries:

(X) AllianceBernstein L.P.
(13-3434400), an investment adviser registered under
Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

(X) AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company (13-5570651), an insurance company and an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group. N/A

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group: N/A

Item 10. Certification:

By signing below I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 13, 2009

AXA FINANCIAL, INC.*

/s/ Alvin H. Fenichel

Alvin H. Fenichel
Senior Vice President
and Controller

*Pursuant to the Joint Filing Agreement with respect to Schedule 13G attached hereto as Exhibit I, among AXA Financial, Inc., AXA Assurances I.A.R.D Mutuelle, AXA Assurances Vie Mutuelle, and AXA, this statement Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of them.

EXHIBIT I

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

Each of the undersigned hereby agrees that the Schedule 13G filed herewith is filed jointly, pursuant to Rule 13d-1(f)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended on behalf of each of them.

Dated: February 13, 2009

AXA Financial, Inc.

BY: /s/ Alvin H. Fenichel

Alvin H. Fenichel
Senior Vice President and Controller

AXA Assurances I.A.R.D. Mutuelle; AXA Assurances Vie Mutuelle; as a group, and AXA

Signed on behalf of each of the above entities

BY: /s/ Alvin H. Fenichel

Alvin H. Fenichel
Attorney-in-Fact
(Executed pursuant to Powers of Attorney)