



EarthLink Names Cardi Prinzi as President of New Edge Networks

--Telecom Veteran to Lead EarthLink Business Subsidiary

ATLANTA, June 15, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- EarthLink, Inc. (Nasdaq: ELNK) today announced the appointment of Cardi Prinzi as president of New Edge Networks, the company's business communications division. Prinzi will lead EarthLink's managed services business to optimize growth and profitability, while further developing its competitive positioning in the marketplace.

Prinzi joins EarthLink from TelePacific Communications where he was Senior Vice President of Marketing for the full service business telecommunications company. While at TelePacific Prinzi was responsible for sales, product development and management, marketing, regulatory and external affairs. He led the development of transformational data product and VoIP strategies, as well as played a leadership role in the planning and integration of three acquisitions.

"Cardi is a 25-year veteran and a seasoned leader in the telecommunications/managed services industry who understands the value proposition of the CLEC segment. He is extremely proficient in executing sales strategies in the small-to-medium enterprise (SME) space with a key focus on integrated voice and data products and multi-location customers," explained EarthLink Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Rolla P. Huff. "Throughout each step in his career, Cardi has built a competency in successfully managing sales and marketing groups, product platforms, and customer relationships. This combination of experiences will be essential as we continue our pursuit of profitable, value creating growth for our managed services segment."

In addition to his six years with TelePacific, Prinzi brings more than 25 years of industry experience in sales and marketing leadership, as well as data operations management with companies such as Pihana Pacific, Inc. (Equinix, Inc.), WorldCom/MFS and Sprint.

"New Edge is poised to capitalize on the evolving technologies in the communications industry. With its extensive nationwide footprint, suite of IP applications and MPLS-based network, it is very well positioned," commented Prinzi. "New Edge has a proven track record serving the SME market and carrier wholesale market for 10 years. The business model of focusing on multi-location customers with diverse access technology needs gives New Edge a fantastic opportunity for growth."

Cautionary Information Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release includes "forward-looking" statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties. These statements should be read in conjunction with the more detailed cautionary statements and risk factors included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

About New Edge Networks

New Edge Networks is a wholly-owned subsidiary of EarthLink, Inc. located in Vancouver, WA. New Edge builds and manages private IP-based wide area networks for small to medium sized businesses across the United States, providing a blend of access technologies - from DSL and T1 lines to fiber-optic and wireless broadband connections - for building private and secure MPLS networks with performance guarantees.

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