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**FCC, Court OK Tying
DSL to Voice Service**

The FCC has told the states they cannot require a local telephone company to sell DSL service to users who buy their local phone service from a different provider. The decision stems from the FCC's *Triennial Review Remand Order*, which in turn rests on the FCC's reading of the Communications Act.

Just days earlier, a federal trial court in New York City reached the same result on different grounds, ruling that Verizon does not violate the antitrust laws when it refuses DSL service to a user who does not take local phone service from Verizon.