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Via ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Presentation, WC Docket No. 16-403

Dear Ms. Dortch:

CenturyLink, Inc. (“CenturyLink”) and Level 3 Communications, Inc. (“Level 3,” and together with CenturyLink, the “Applicants”), by counsel, submit this letter to report that, with the exception of California, all telecommunications regulatory approvals associated with CenturyLink’s proposed acquisition of Level 3 (the “Transaction”) have been secured.

Specifically, state telecommunications regulatory approvals (either for the transfer of control, associated financing, or both) have been secured in the following jurisdictions: Alaska, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia. Additionally, pre-closing notice filings were submitted in the following jurisdictions: Arizona, Connecticut, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee and Vermont.

In California, a Proposed Decision to approve the Transaction was issued last month by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. That Proposed Decision has been placed on the Consent Agenda for the California Public Utilities Commission’s next open meeting, scheduled for October 12, 2017.

Earlier this week both the U.S. Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division and the Team Telecom agencies confirmed that they have completed their respective investigations into the Transaction; and yesterday, a U.S. District Court Judge executed the Asset Preservation Stipulation and Order filed jointly by the Division and the Applicants, thereby clearing the Applicants to consummate the Transaction.

In light of these developments, and based on the record developed in this proceeding, the Applicants submit that the Transaction is in the public interest and thus urge the Commission to approve it forthwith.

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Any questions concerning this submission should be addressed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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