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## Via ECFS

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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Glen F. Post, III, Chief Executive Officer and President of CenturyLink, Inc., spoke by telephone with Chairman Pai about the status of the Commission's review of CenturyLink, Inc.'s proposed acquisition of Level 3 Communications, Inc. During the call, Mr. Post noted that the parties are prepared to close as soon as the Commission acts, and that the Commission therefore should conclude its review and approve the merger expeditiously. In the course of the call, Mr. Post also discussed the costs to the companies of further delay, and noted that timely action will help bring the merger's benefits — including the creation of a more robust competitor in the provision of enterprise and wholesale services, increased investment in new and innovative services, and the development of a stronger network and combined company — to customers.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, a copy of this notice is being filed in the above-referenced docket. Any questions concerning this submission should be addressed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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cc: Chairman Pai (Jay Schwarz)  
Thomas Jones (Counsel to Level 3)  
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