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Via ECFS

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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 24, 2017, the undersigned, together with Craig Brown of CenturyLink, Inc. (“CenturyLink”), Joe Cavender of Level 3 Communications, Inc. (“Level 3” and, together with CenturyLink, the “Applicants”), and Thomas Jones and Mia Guizzetti Hayes of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP (counsel to Level 3), spoke by telephone with Terri Natoli, Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau’s Competition Policy Division. Consistent with previous filings, the Applicants discussed competition in the market for Internet services such as transit. We noted that Level 3 does not serve residential subscribers, that therefore the transaction will not result in a network with control over access to more residential subscribers than CenturyLink has today, and for that reason the proposed transaction poses no risk of harm to competition or the public interest.¹ With respect to the geographic reach of Level 3’s network, we reiterated that while Level 3 provides lit services over its entire network, Level 3 also sells dark fiber where it has availability.² We indicated that the Applicants expect to provide additional information in the docket to supplement these points.

¹ See CenturyLink, Inc. and Level 3 Communications, Inc., Consolidated Application to Transfer Control of Domestic and International Section 214 Authorizations, WC Docket No. 16-403, at B-4, B-16 to B-18 (filed Dec. 12, 2016).

² See Letter from Yaron Dori, Counsel to CenturyLink, Inc., and Thomas Jones, Counsel to Level 3 Communications, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 16-403, at n.5 (filed Dec. 19, 2016).

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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/

Yaron Dori

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cc: Terri Natoli
Thomas Jones
Mia Guizzetti Hayes