

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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In the Matter of )

Section 63.71 Application of )

**Level 3 Communications, LLC** )

For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of )  
the Communications Act of 1934, as )  
Amended, to Discontinue the Provision of )  
Voice and Data Services in the Dallas, TX )  
Metropolitan Area )

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WC Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF  
CENTURYLINK, INC. D/B/A LEVEL 3**

Level 3 Communications, LLC (FRN: 0003-7238-22), a CenturyLink company (“CenturyLink”), seeks authorization pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and Section 63.71 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its provision of Voice and Data services in the Dallas, Texas metropolitan area that are provided via its switch located at 2323 Bryan Street in Dallas (the Level 3 Bryan Street switch) which is being decommissioned.

CenturyLink provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission’s Rules:

**1. Name and Address of the Carrier**

Level 3 Communications, LLC  
100 CenturyLink Drive  
Monroe, LA 71203.

**2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance**

CenturyLink plans to discontinue the affected services on or around September 11, 2018, or as soon thereafter as any necessary regulatory approvals are obtained.

**3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected**

CenturyLink proposes to discontinue the affected services in the Dallas, Texas metropolitan area to the extent they are provided via the Level 3 Bryan Street switch. With the exception of Channel 12 Service, CenturyLink will continue to provide each of these services in portions of this metropolitan area via another switch.

**4. Description of Services Affected**

Voice and Data Services: Analog PBX Trunk Service provides a voice-grade telephonic communications channel that can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Basic Business Line Service provides voice-grade telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Business Terminals Service provides a physical appearance in the switch and is assigned to a unique channel. Channel 12 Service is a bundled service consisting of local exchange service with select features. Complete Lines/Trunks Service (a/k/a Complete Lines DS0) provides voice-grade telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Complete T Service is a bundled service consisting of local exchange service with select features. Digital PBX Trunk Service provides a DS1 connection between customer-provided PBX equipment or trunk-capable key systems and the Level 3 switch. Primary Rate ISDN (PRI) Service allows a connection between ISDN Customer Premises Equipment and Level 3 switching equipment using a Primary Rate Interface over a digital transport facility. VersiPak IPRI Service is an integrated, packet-based access solution designed to deliver PRI and Internet services over a single DS1. VersiPak Lines and Trunks

Service is the voice portion of an integrated, multi-service, packet-based access service that delivers voice and data services over a single DS1. VersiPak Mach2 Service and VersiPak Mach3 Service consist of integrated voice and Internet bandwidth. VersiPak Flex® T Service and VersiPak Power® T Service are bundled services consisting of local exchange service with select features.

**5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers**

CenturyLink sent a written notification of the planned discontinuance to the affected customers in accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules. Customer notifications were sent by United Parcel Service on June 1, 2018. A copy of the notification is attached to this application (Attachment A).

**6. Whether the Carrier is Considered Dominant or Non-dominant with Respect to the Service to be Discontinued**

CenturyLink is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

**7. Service**

In accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, a copy of this application is being mailed concurrently with its filing to the entities listed on the attached certificate of service.

**Conclusion**

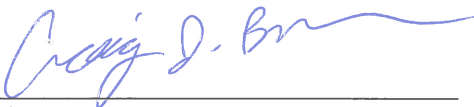
The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the services described herein. Advance notice has been provided to all affected customers, giving them ample time to arrange substitute services, which are readily available and include, but are not limited to, other services offered by other CenturyLink

affiliates. Therefore, CenturyLink respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Section 63.71 application.

Respectfully submitted,

**LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC**

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Its Attorney

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## ATTACHMENT A



100 CenturyLink Drive  
Monroe, LA 71203

<<Contact Name>>

<<Company Name>>

<<Address>>

<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>

<<Date>>

Service Address: [<<Service Address>>]

RE: **Regulatory Notice of Termination / Service Disconnection – Level 3**

Dear Customer:

This letter serves as formal notice that certain voice services provided by Level 3, a CenturyLink company, to your company and other customers throughout the Dallas, Texas metropolitan area via Level 3's Bryan Street voice switch, will be discontinued on or after **September 11, 2018** (the "Termination Date"), provided that the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") approves the planned discontinuance.

**You are receiving this notice because you currently subscribe to one or more of the following services that is provided via the Bryan Street switch, which, subject to the approval of the FCC, will be discontinued as a result of the planned decommission of that switch:**

- **Analog PBX Trunk Service** provides a voice-grade telephonic communications channel that can be used to place or receive one call at a time.
- **Basic Business Line Service** provides voice-grade telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time.
- **Business Terminals Service** provides a physical appearance in the switch and is assigned to a unique channel.
- **Channel 12 Service** is a bundled service consisting of local exchange service with select features.
- **Complete Lines/Trunks Service (a/k/a Complete Lines DS0)** provides voice-grade telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time.
- **Complete T Service** is a bundled service consisting of local exchange service with select features.
- **Digital PBX Trunk Service** provides a DS1 connection between customer-provided PBX equipment or trunk-capable key systems and the Level 3 switch.



- **Primary Rate ISDN (PRI) Service** allows a connection between ISDN Customer Premises Equipment and Level 3 switching equipment using a Primary Rate Interface over a digital transport facility.
- **VersiPak IPRI Service** is an integrated, packet-based access solution designed to deliver PRI and Internet services over a single DS1.
- **VersiPak Lines and Trunks Service** is the voice portion of an integrated, multi-service, packet-based access service that delivers voice and data services over a single DS1.
- **VersiPak Mach2 Service and VersiPak Mach3 Service** consist of integrated voice and Internet bandwidth.
- **VersiPak Flex® T Service and VersiPak Power® T Service** are bundled services consisting of local exchange service with select features.

In order to maintain continuous service at your location following the proposed discontinuance, CenturyLink would like to work with you to migrate your existing service to our next-generation, state-of-the-art platform that will provide your business with greater flexibility, simplicity, and efficiency. Please contact me as soon as possible to ensure a seamless and uninterrupted transition of your voice service.

If you have not made arrangements with CenturyLink or another telecommunications service provider to replace your voice service listed above prior to **September 11, 2018**, please be advised that your service will be disconnected on or after **September 11, 2018**, provided that the FCC approves the planned discontinuance.

We understand that this is an inconvenience, and we are confident that our team can seamlessly manage the entire process to provide your business with a better communications solution.

If you also subscribe to other services from CenturyLink, those services will NOT be impacted by the anticipated discontinuance of the affected services. Your other services will remain in place with no change to the applicable rates, terms, or conditions.

We would like to work with you immediately to update your service and continue our valued relationship, so please contact me as soon as possible to discuss our migration plan.

Sincerely,

On behalf of CenturyLink and its affiliated companies

<<Account Owner Name>>

<<Account Owner Phone>>

<<Account Owner email>>



**The following statement is required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC):**

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71 Application of CenturyLink. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Ross Dino, do hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing **SECTION 63.71**

**APPLICATION OF CENTURYLINK, INC. D/B/A LEVEL 3** to be:

- 1) Filed with the Secretary of the FCC via ECFS (Inbox-Section 214 Domestic Discontinuance Application);
- 2) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Governor of the States listed on the attached service list;
- 3) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Public Utility Commission listed on the attached service list; and
- 4) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.



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Ross Dino

June 6, 2018



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