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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 June 15, 2017, representatives of CenturyLink, Inc. (“CenturyLink”) and Level 3 Communications, Inc. (“Level 3,” and together with CenturyLink, the “Applicants”) spoke by telephone with the following representatives of the Commission’s Wireline Competition Bureau (the “Bureau”) and Office of General Counsel (“OGC”): Daniel Kahn, Terri Natoli, Virginia Metallo, Pam Megna, Mike Ray, and Zach Ross of the Bureau; and Joel Rabinovitz of OGC. Representatives of CenturyLink consisted of Sean Lindsay of CenturyLink and the undersigned (counsel to CenturyLink). Representatives of Level 3 consisted of Joe Cavender and Nick Alexander of Level 3, and Mia Guizzetti Hayes of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP (counsel to Level 3).

During the meeting, Commission staff asked the Applicants to clarify certain of their responses to the Bureau’s Information and Document Requests issued on March 30, 2017, in the above-referenced docket.¹ In response, the Applicants indicated that they intend to produce

¹ See Further Joint Response of CenturyLink, Inc. and Level 3 Communications, Inc. to Information and Document Requests, WC Docket No. 16-403 (filed Apr. 13, 2017); Response of CenturyLink, Inc. to Information and Document Requests, WC Docket No. 16-403 (filed Apr. 13, 2017); Response of Level 3 Communications, Inc. to Information and Document Requests, WC Docket No. 16-403 (filed Apr. 13, 2017); Initial Joint Response of CenturyLink, Inc. and Level 3 Communications, Inc. to Information and Document Requests, WC Docket No. 16-403 (filed Apr. 7, 2017); see also *Applications Filed for the Transfer of Control of Level 3 Communications, Inc. to CenturyLink, Inc.*, Letter from Madeleine V. Findley, Wireline Competition Bureau, to Thomas Jones *et al.*, Counsel for Level 3 Communications, Inc., and Yaron Dori *et al.*, Counsel for CenturyLink, Inc., DA 17-296, WC Docket No. 16-403 (Mar. 30, 2017) (“RFI”).

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shortly information to supplement their responses to the RFI to support their conclusions that competition in the provision of long-haul transport and business data services will not be adversely affected as a result of the transaction. The Applicants also indicated that they intend to supplement their responses to the RFI to provide additional documentation and information regarding benefits, efficiencies, and synergies that will result from the transaction. The Applicants intend to make these submissions notwithstanding their view that the record in this proceeding already supports a finding that the transaction is in the public interest.

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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