

In the Matter of
Section 63.71 Application of
Level 3 Telecom of New York, LP

For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of
the Communications Act of 1934, as
amended, to Discontinue the Provision of
Certain Voice and Data Services in the
Manhattan, New York Metropolitan Area

WC Docket No.

Level 3 Telecom of New York, LP (FRN: 0004-3514-25)¹, a CenturyLink company, 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 certain Voice and Data services in the Manhattan, New York metropolitan area.

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

Level 3 Telecom of New York, LP
100 CenturyLink Drive
Monroe, LA 71203

¹ Level 3 Telecom of New York, LP. is a subsidiary of CenturyLink, Inc. (FRN 0018-6268-53).

2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance

CenturyLink plans to discontinue the affected services on or around December 3, 2019 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 Manhattan, New York metropolitan area.

4. Description of Services Affected

Voice and Data Services: Basic Business Line Service provides voice-grade telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time. VersiPak Flex T-12 provides 12 business lines or terminals on DS1 access. Direct SIP Service allows the sharing of SIP call paths across two redundant IP-PBX platforms and provides bi-directional Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery functionality. Managed IP Trunks is a managed application provisioned across a customer's Local Area Network (LAN) and the Level 3 IP Core.

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 customers affected by the proposed discontinuance in accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules. Customer notifications were sent by United Parcel Service and U.S. Mail on August 28, 2019. 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. Other Information

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.²

Respectfully submitted,

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² Although CenturyLink proposes in this application to discontinue a TDM-based voice service, this discontinuance is not a "technology transition," as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 63.60(i), as the affected customers can choose to switch to another TDM-based voice service provided by CenturyLink, as well as other alternatives offered by CenturyLink and its competitors.

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<<Customer_name>>  
<<Address 1>>  
<<Address 2>>  
<<City>> <<State>> <<Zip>>
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Important Notice Regarding the Planned Discontinuance of Certain Traditional Voice & Data Services Provided by Level 3 Telecom of New York, LP, a CenturyLink Company

This letter serves as formal notice that certain voice and data services provided by Level 3 Telecom of New York, LP, a CenturyLink company, to your company and throughout the Manhattan, New York metropolitan area will be discontinued on or after December 3, 2019, subject to approval of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC").

- **Basic Business Line Service** provides voice-grade telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time.
- **VersiPak Flex T-12** services provide business lines or terminals on DS1 access.
- **Direct SIP** Service allows the sharing of SIP call paths across two redundant IP-PBX platforms and provides bi-directional Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery functionality.
- **Managed IP Trunks** is a managed application provisioned across a customer's Local Area Network (LAN) and the Level 3 IP Core.

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 a similar service provided by CenturyLink or, alternatively, a 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.

ATTACHMENT A

If you have not made arrangements with CenturyLink or another telecommunications service provider to replace your voice service listed above prior to December 3, 2019, please be advised that your service will be disconnected on or after December 3, 2019, provided that the FCC approves the planned discontinuance. However, you must contact your account team or submit a disconnect order to billing for the disconnected service.

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 Manager>>

<<AM Phone No.>>

<<AM e-mail address>>

The following statement is required by the 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 Level 3 Telecom of New York, LP. 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, Marjorie Herlth, do hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing **SECTION 63.71**

APPLICATION 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 State 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.^{1, 2}



Marjorie Herlth

September 11, 2019

¹ CenturyLink did not identify any Tribal Nations in the geographic area covered by this Application.

² Section 63.71(a) directs applicants to submit a copy of the application to the Secretary of Defense, Special Assistant for Telecommunications. However, due to restructuring within the Department of Defense, that position no longer exists. Commission staff has advised that a copy of the application be sent instead to the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer.

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