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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:

On September 13, 2017, representatives of CenturyLink, Inc. (“CenturyLink”) and Level 3 Communications, Inc. (“Level 3,” and together with CenturyLink, the “Applicants”) spoke by telephone with Jay Schwarz, Legal Advisor to Chairman Pai, to discuss the status of the Commission’s review of the proposed transfer of control of Level 3 to CenturyLink. Jeff Lanning, Vice President Federal Regulatory, and I participated on behalf of CenturyLink; and Joe Cavender, Vice President and Assistant General Counsel, Federal Affairs, and Mia Hayes of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP participated on behalf of Level 3. During the call, we discussed the status of the docket and the parallel review being undertaken by the Department of Justice, as well as the announcement earlier this week that the Applicants now anticipate closing the transaction in mid- to late-October of this year, subject to the receipt of remaining regulatory approvals.

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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