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In the Matter of)
Section 63.71 Application of)
CenturyLink)
For Authority to Cease Providing)
Legacy SIP Trunk VoIP Service)
To New Customers)

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules,¹ CenturyLink applies for authority to discontinue its legacy SIP Trunk Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service to any new customers after January 15, 2015. Legacy SIP Trunk service is offered by CenturyLink's competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC), CenturyLink Communications, LLC. New customers will be able to purchase CenturyLink's recently launched iQ SIP Trunk service, which is offered over a new platform, with enhanced features and capabilities not available through the existing legacy SIP Trunk service.

CenturyLink submits the following information in support of its application:

1. Name and address of carrier

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100 CenturyLink Drive
Monroe, LA 71203

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

2. Date of planned service discontinuance

The anticipated date for discontinuing CenturyLink's legacy SIP Trunk services is January 15, 2015, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained.

After this date, CenturyLink will discontinue offering legacy SIP Trunk services to any new customers. There will be no impact to existing legacy SIP Trunk customers. Existing customers will be able to continue with their current service. They also will have the ability to add new locations, move or change their service if they desire. If an existing legacy SIP Trunk customer decides to move to the new iQ SIP Trunk platform, they will sign a new contract and CenturyLink will waive any early termination penalties on their old contract.

3. Points of geographic areas of service affected

CenturyLink seeks authority to discontinue the provision of legacy SIP Trunk service in the states of Missouri, Texas, Florida, Tennessee, North Carolina, Nevada and Ohio.

4. Brief description of the type of services affected

CenturyLink is seeking authority to discontinue its legacy SIP Trunk service to new customers. Legacy SIP Trunk service is a VoIP equivalent of Time Division Multiplexing (TDM) Primary Rate Interface (PRI) service.

CenturyLink currently has 29 legacy SIP Trunk customers. The proposed grandfathering will have no impact on the existing service provided to these customers. This grandfathering will enable CenturyLink to rationalize its product offerings as a natural evolution to a single SIP Trunk offering.

The new service, iQ SIP Trunk, includes advanced features and functionalities not available through CenturyLink's legacy SIP Trunk service, allows users to configure features through a customer-facing portal, and is backed by a secure network with quality of service

(QoS) service guarantees. Existing customers can migrate to the new iQ SIP Trunk service if they desire, without early termination fees.

5. Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers

There is no impact to existing customers; therefore no notice is required.

6. Dominance of carrier with respect to the service to be discontinued

CenturyLink is a non-dominant carrier with regard to legacy SIP Trunk service.

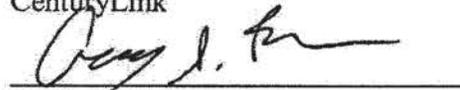
7. Service

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a), CenturyLink has mailed a copy of this application to the Governor and public utility commission of each affected state identified in Paragraph 3 above, as well as to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

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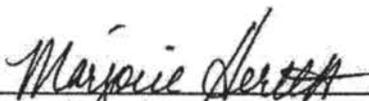
Its Attorney

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 courier (original and five copies plus one for stamp and return);
- 2) Served, via U.S. Mail on the Governors of the states, territories and commonwealths listed on the attached service list;
- 3) Served, via U.S. Mail, on the Public Utility Commissions listed on the attached service list; and
- 4) Served via U.S. Mail on the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.



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October 31, 2014

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