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NOTICE OF EX PARTE

August 16, 2013

Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room 4-C330
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Technology Transitions Policy Task Force Seeks Comment on Potential Trials*,
GN Docket No. 13-5

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 14, Matt Beal, Justen Davis, Lisa Hensley Eckert, Carolyn Hammack, and I met on behalf of CenturyLink with Commission staff involved in the Technology Transitions Policy Task Force. FCC representatives at the meeting included Lisa Gelb, Patrick Halley, Matthew Hussey, Padma Krishnaswamy, Sean Lev, Tejas Narechania, Henning Schulzrinne, Stephanie Weiner, and Steven Wildman.

In the meeting, CenturyLink described its plans for local voice services evolution as local TDM network technology is to be replaced with IP technology. The discussion was based on the attached presentation, including a proposed transition to new third party points of connection, transition from existing TDM hub and spoke architecture, and a model for a packet switched voice network with state level connectivity. CenturyLink described the benefits of this approach for itself, consumers, PSAPs, and other IP service providers, including local competitors. CenturyLink also emphasized the need for true regulatory parity for all IP service providers and opposed extending Section 251 obligations to new IP facilities.

CenturyLink is attaching to this notice a redacted copy of the presentation it distributed at the meeting. The company has separately filed the nonredacted presentation with a request for confidential treatment of those slides designated as Confidential – Not for Public Inspection.

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
August 16, 2013

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this notice is being filed in the appropriate docket. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John E. Benedict

attachment

cc: By Electronic Mail

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Century**Link**TM

Voice Evolution Strategy

**REDACTED
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Application Strategy and Development

Summary of Discussion

- CenturyLink is proactively investing in its growth markets: Broadband, IP TV, Cloud and Fiber to the Tower
- Evolving customer demand and anticipated future needs drive our investment strategies
- Voice and its evolution will be as an IP application enabling rich business and consumer services
- Application characteristics call for seamless integration with broadband, TDM and mobile multimedia services
- Critical elements of the CenturyLink strategy include cost efficiency, public safety and business continuity
- Securing adequate return for investment is crucial to any implementation plan moving forward

Business Customers Demand Convergence

Consumer Customers Embrace Mobility and Media

CenturyLink Voice Switch Deployment

Service Options – Native VoIP vs BAU vs Emulation

Native VoIP

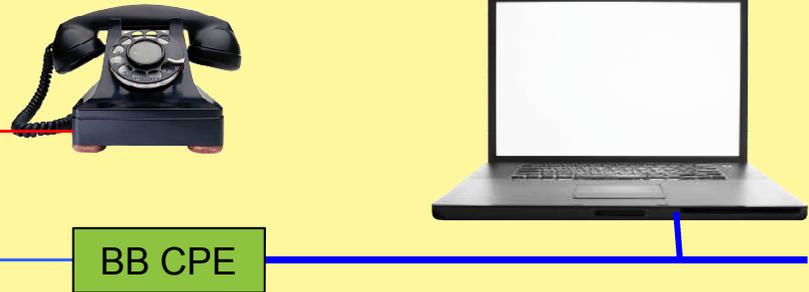
- Voice
- Data
- Both



Business as Usual



POTS emulation requires physical migration to voice gateway behind splitter



POTS Emulation

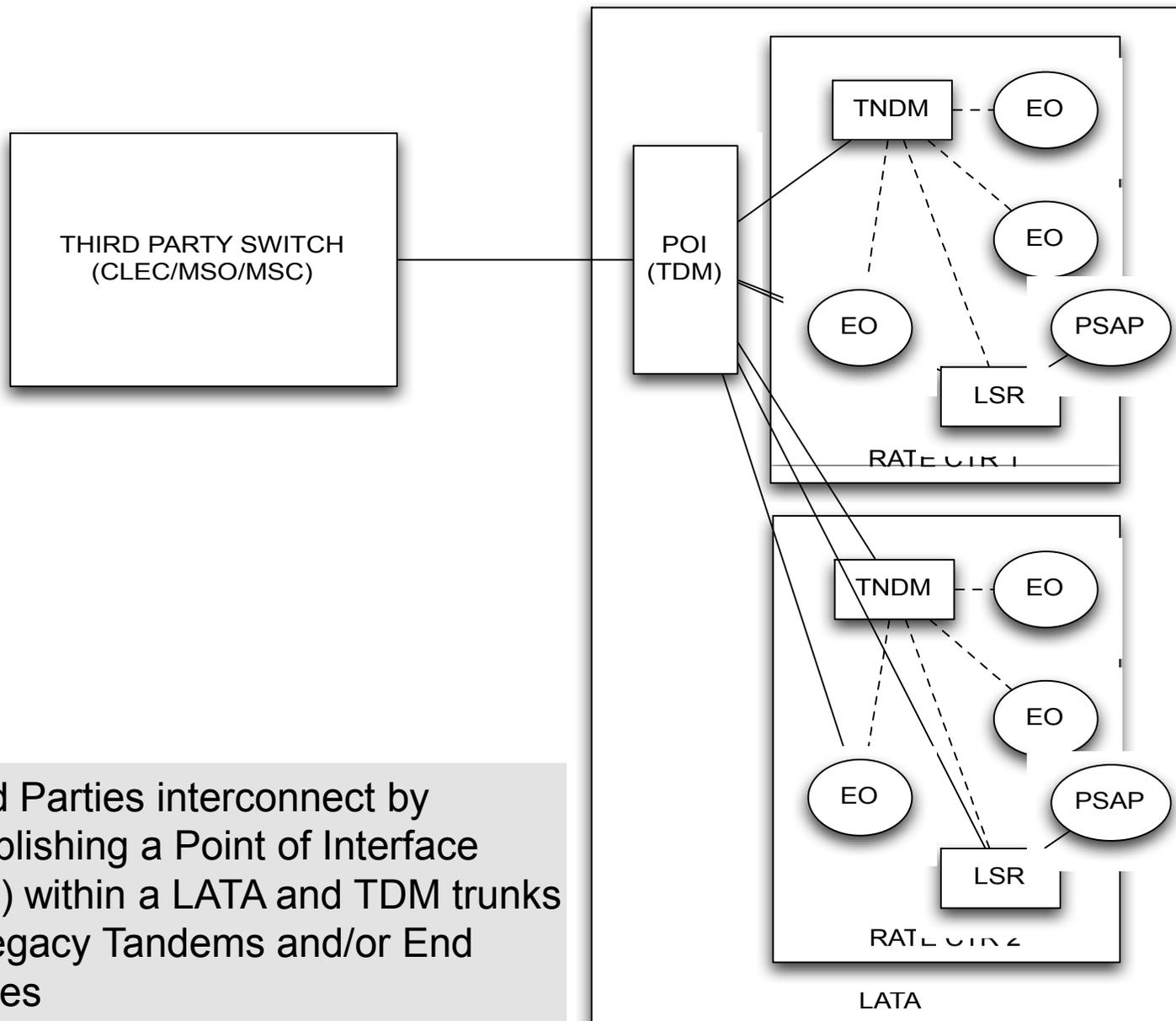


Splitter



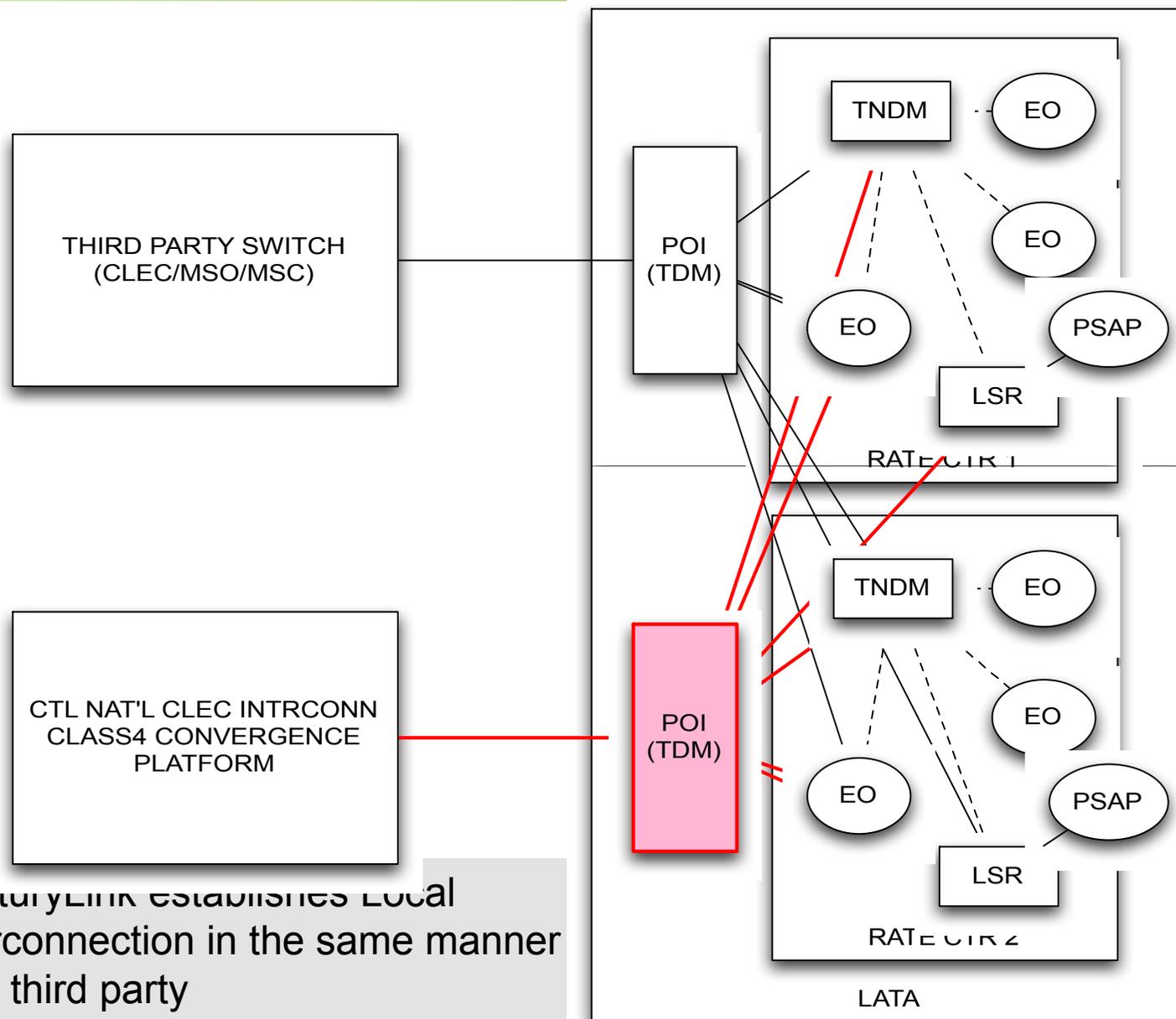
CenturyLink **Customer**

Traditional Third Party Interconnection



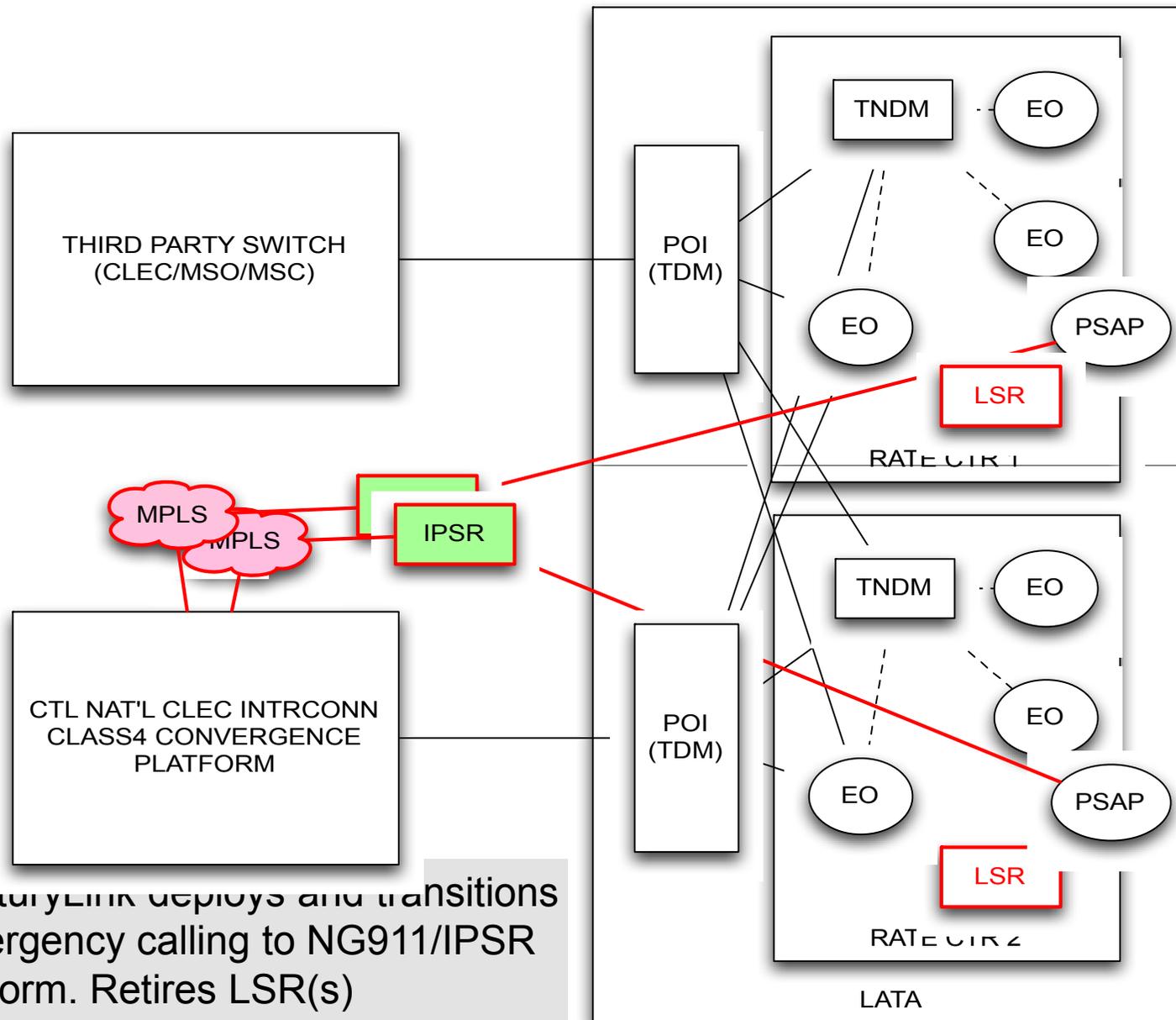
Third Parties interconnect by establishing a Point of Interface (POI) within a LATA and TDM trunks to Legacy Tandems and/or End Offices

CTL National CLEC Interconnection



CenturyLink establishes local interconnection in the same manner as a third party

CTL NG911 Integration



CenturyLink deploys and transitions Emergency calling to NG911/IPSR platform. Retires LSR(s)

Transition of Third Party POI

Tandem Convergence/Retirement

Paralleled National Access Tandem

Class 5 Convergence/Retirement

Target State Packet Switched Network

CenturyLink State Level Interconnection

