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NOTICE OF EX PARTE

December 19, 2013

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Re: *In the Matter of AT&T Petition to Launch a Proceeding Concerning the TDM-to-IP Transition*; *Petition of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association for a Rulemaking to Promote and Sustain the Ongoing TDM-to-IP Evolution*, GN Docket No. 12-353

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 18, 2013, Matt Beal, Aaron Jones, Justen Davis, Carolyn Hammack, Lisa Hensley Eckert and Melissa Newman of CenturyLink met with Jonathan Sallet, Patrick Halley, Tim Stelzig, Lisa Gelb, Bill Dever and Henning Schulzrinne of the IP TDM Transition Task Force to discuss the above-captioned proceeding and the attached slides.

CenturyLink is a relatively new entrant to the IP world. The IP networks of today are made up cable networks, competitive provider networks and incumbent networks, and none should be considered an 'incumbent' in this space.

CenturyLink is very supportive of conducting and participating in trials. The trials and what we can learn from them are critical, and we stressed the importance of letting them proceed without pre-judgment. Importantly, CenturyLink wants to ensure that customers have a positive experience during these trials.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), this ex parte presentation is being filed for inclusion in the records of the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,

/s/ Melissa Newman

Copy via email to
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Tim Stelzig
Lisa Gelb
Bill Dever
Henning Schulzrinne

December 18, 2013

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Voice Evolution Strategy

CenturyLink – Our Vision

Improve lives, strengthen businesses and connect communities by delivering advanced technologies and solutions with honest and personal service.

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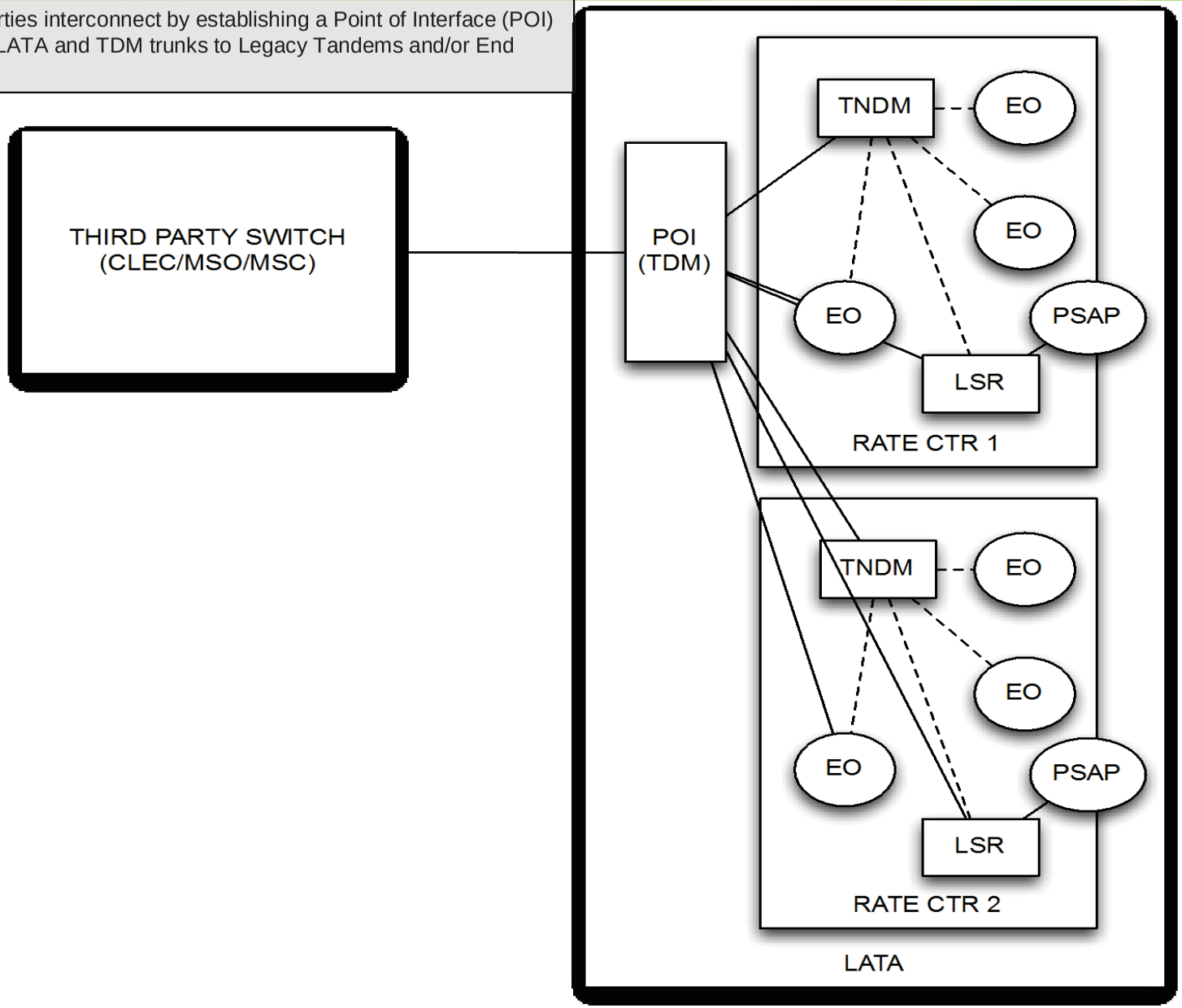
Traditional Third Party Interconnection

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



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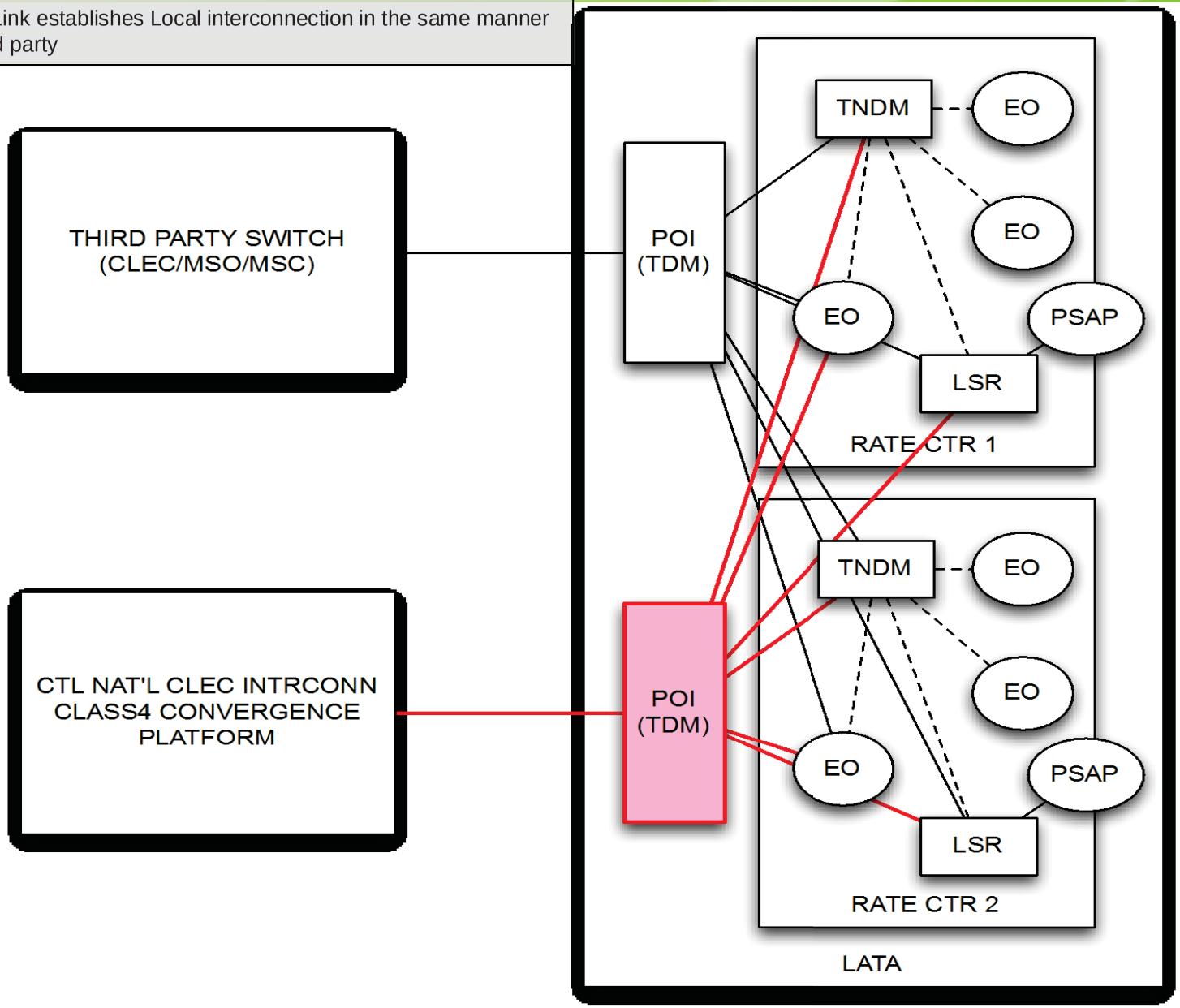
CTL National CLEC Interconnection

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



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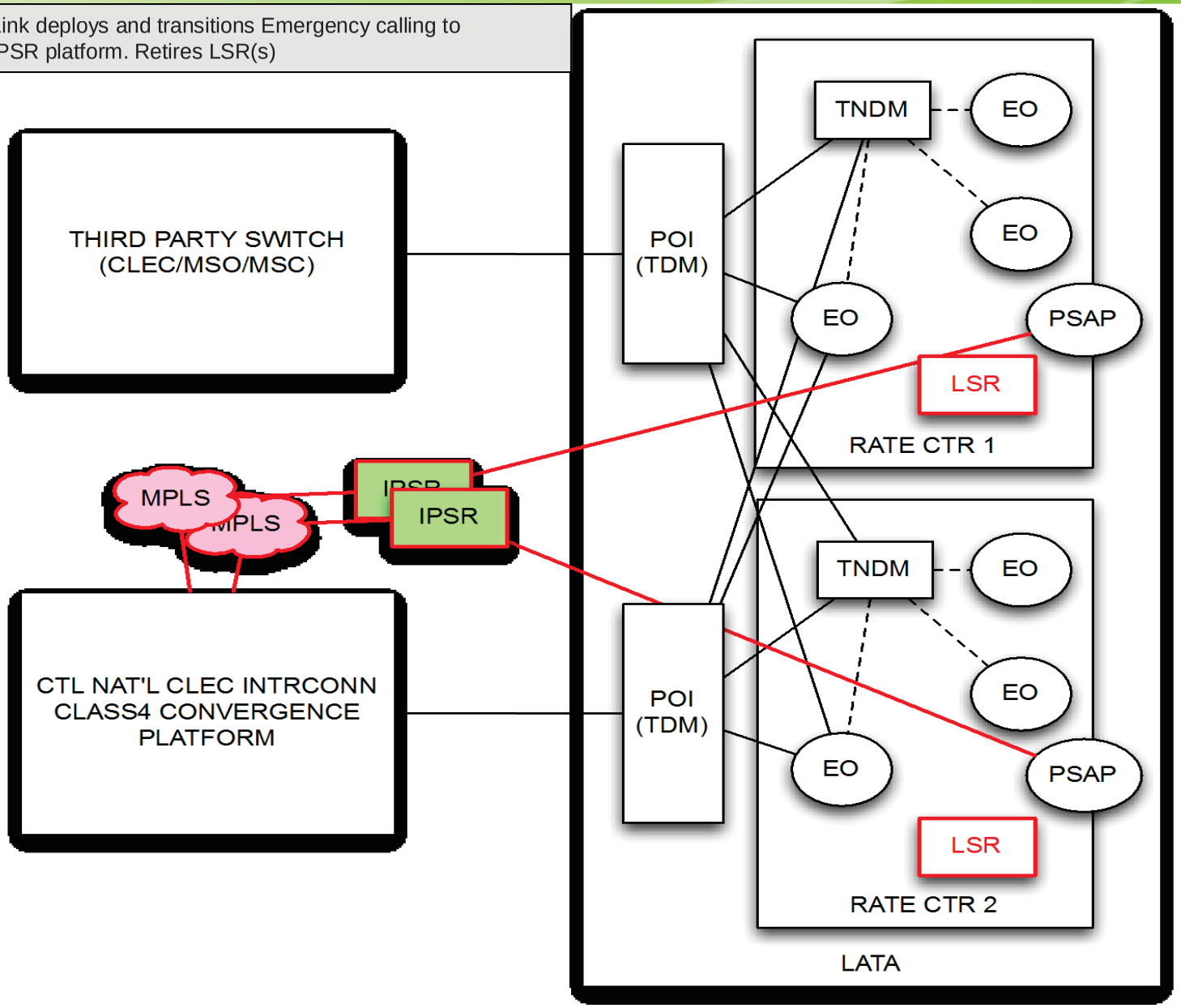
CTL NG911 Integration

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



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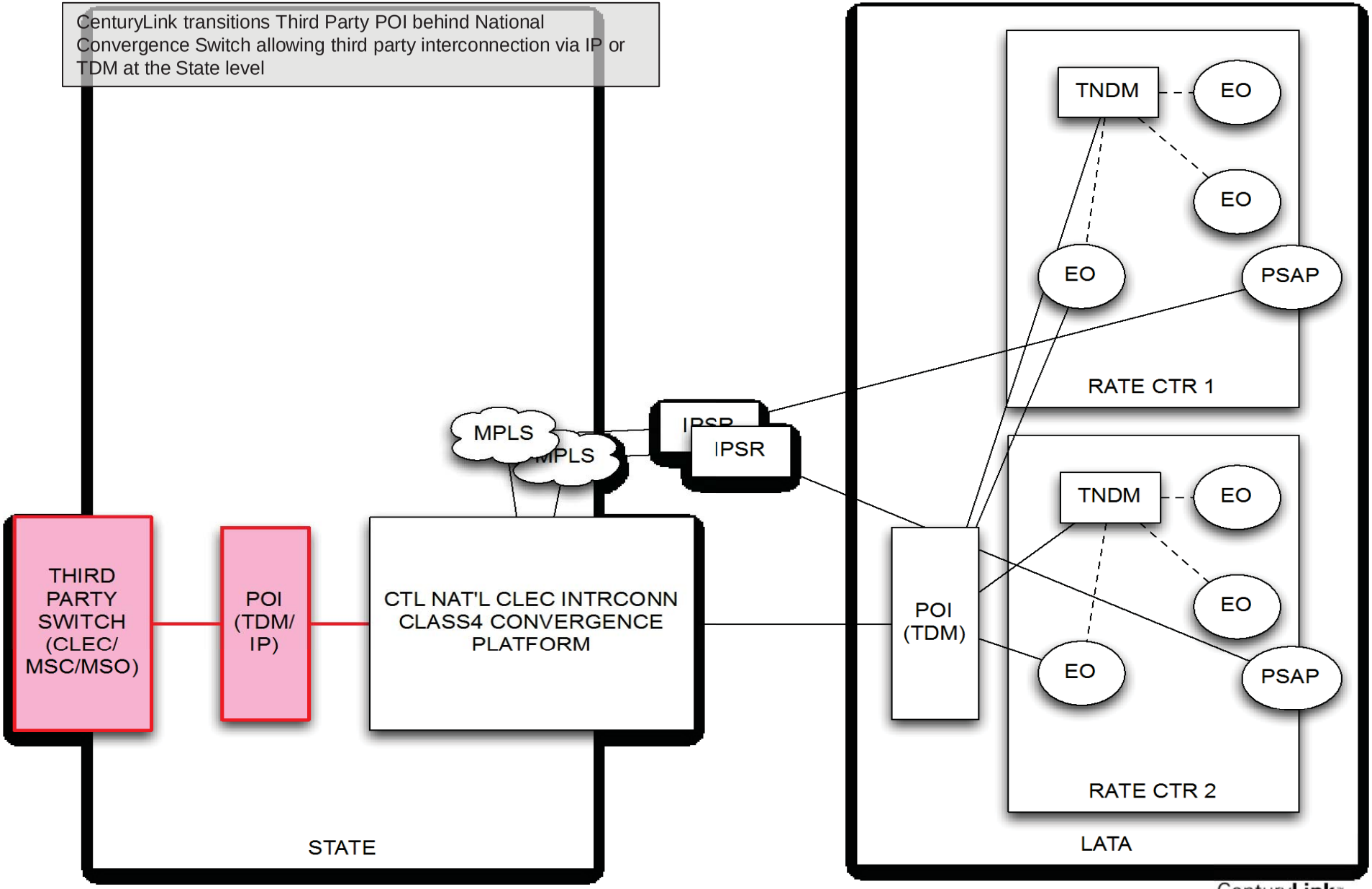
Transition of Third Party POI



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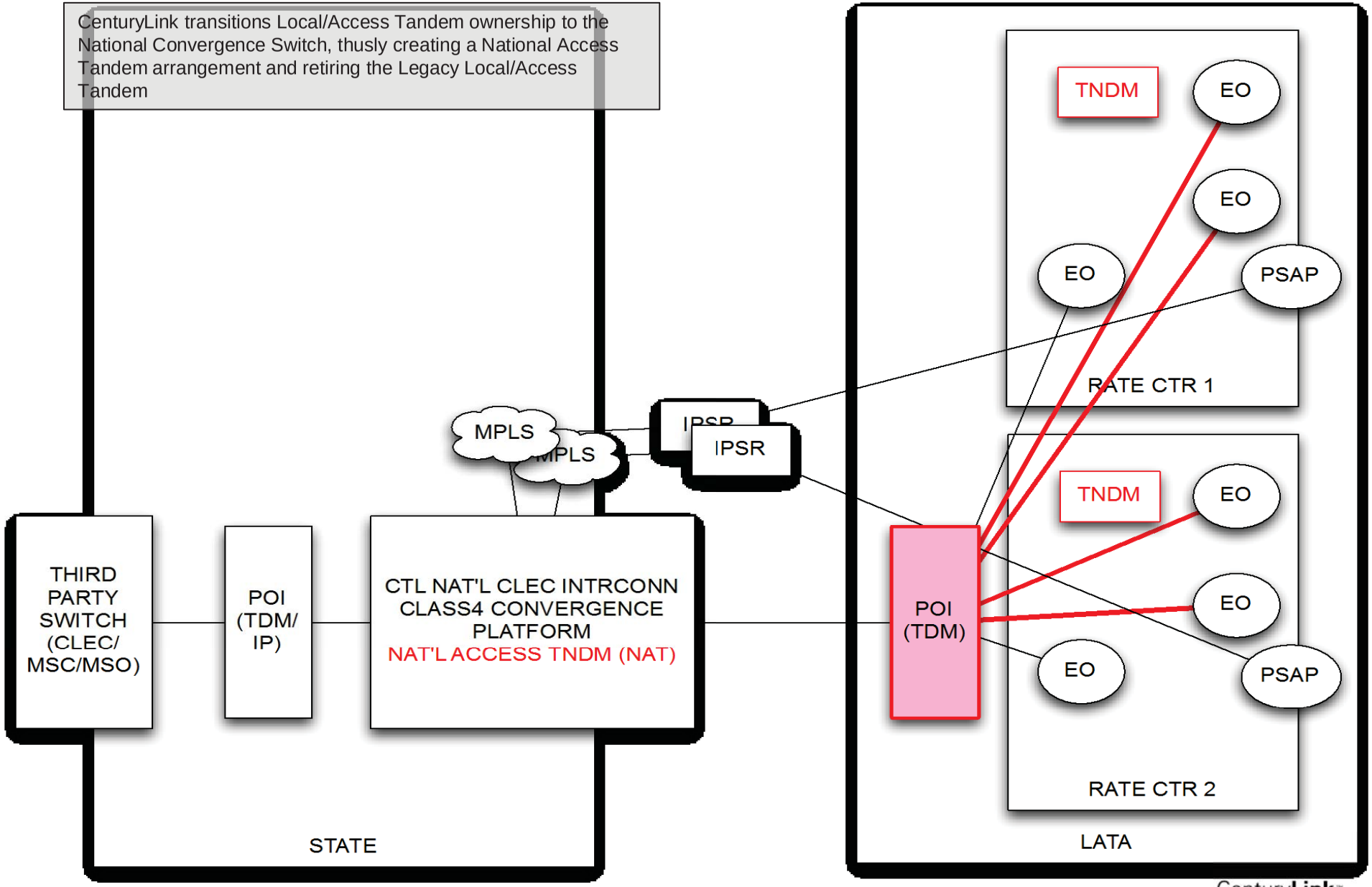
Tandem Convergence/Retirement



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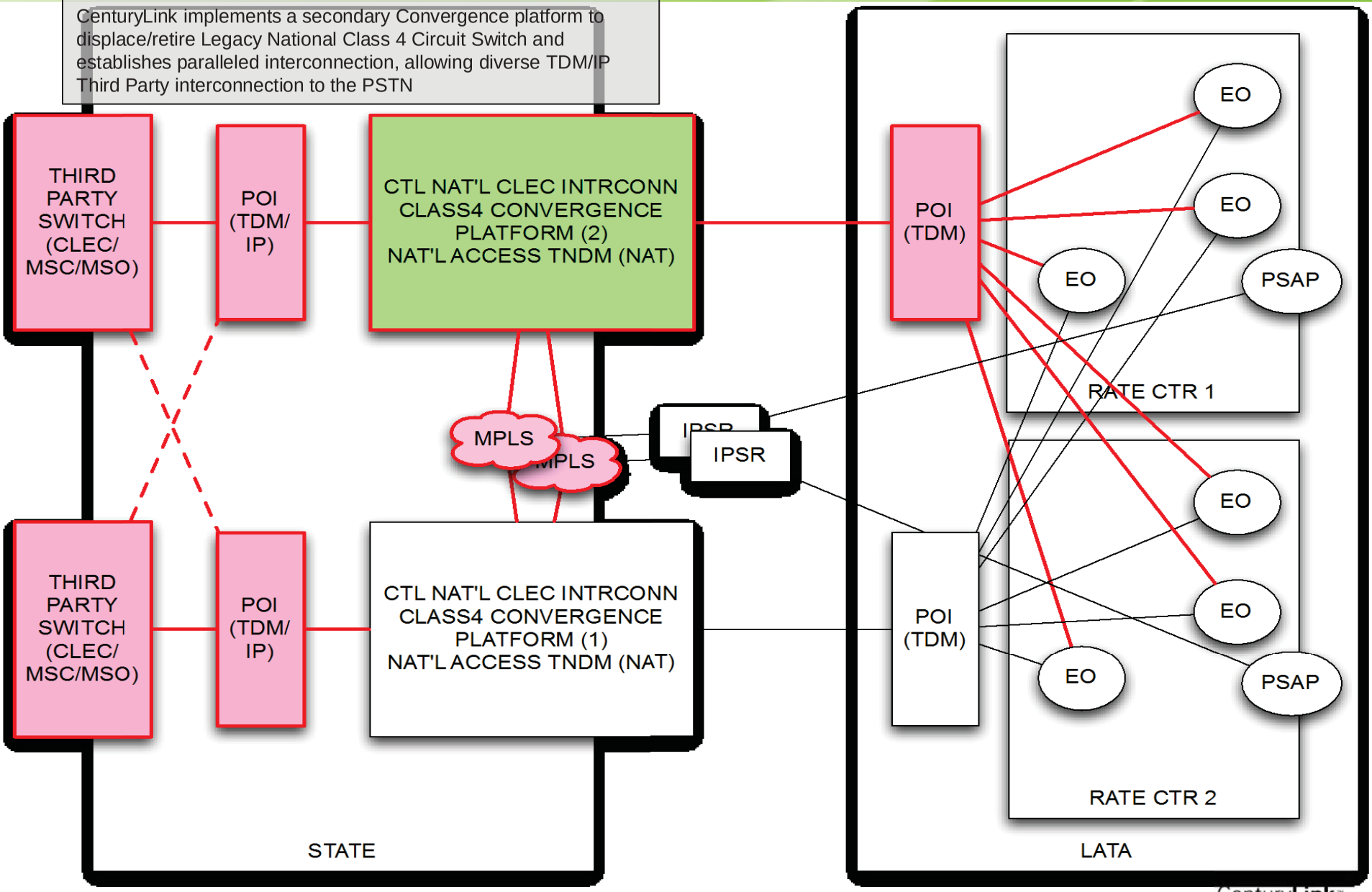
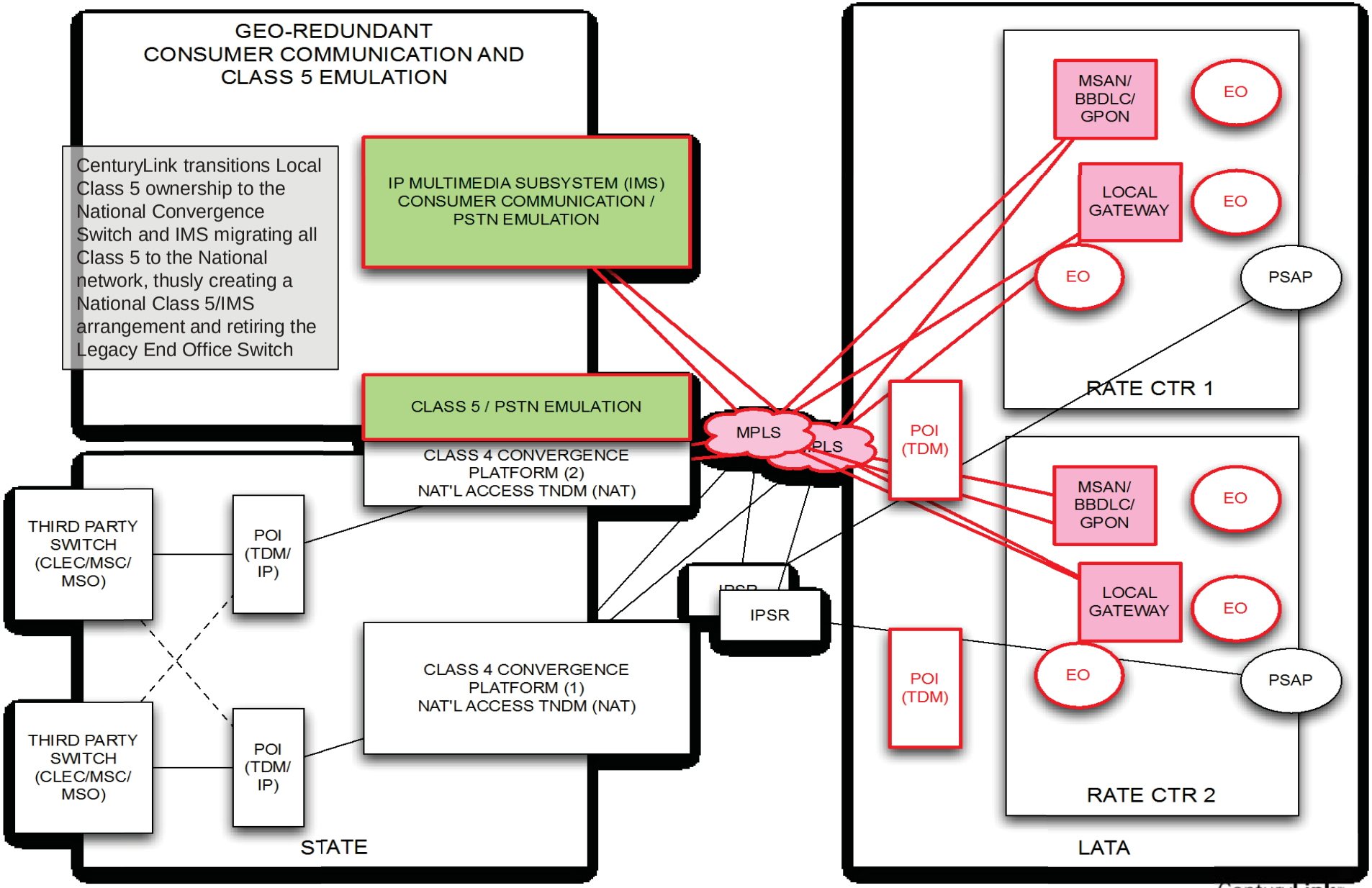
Paralleled National Access Tandem

CenturyLink implements a secondary Convergence platform to displace/retire Legacy National Class 4 Circuit Switch and establishes paralleled interconnection, allowing diverse TDM/IP Third Party interconnection to the PSTN



Class 5 Convergence/Retirement



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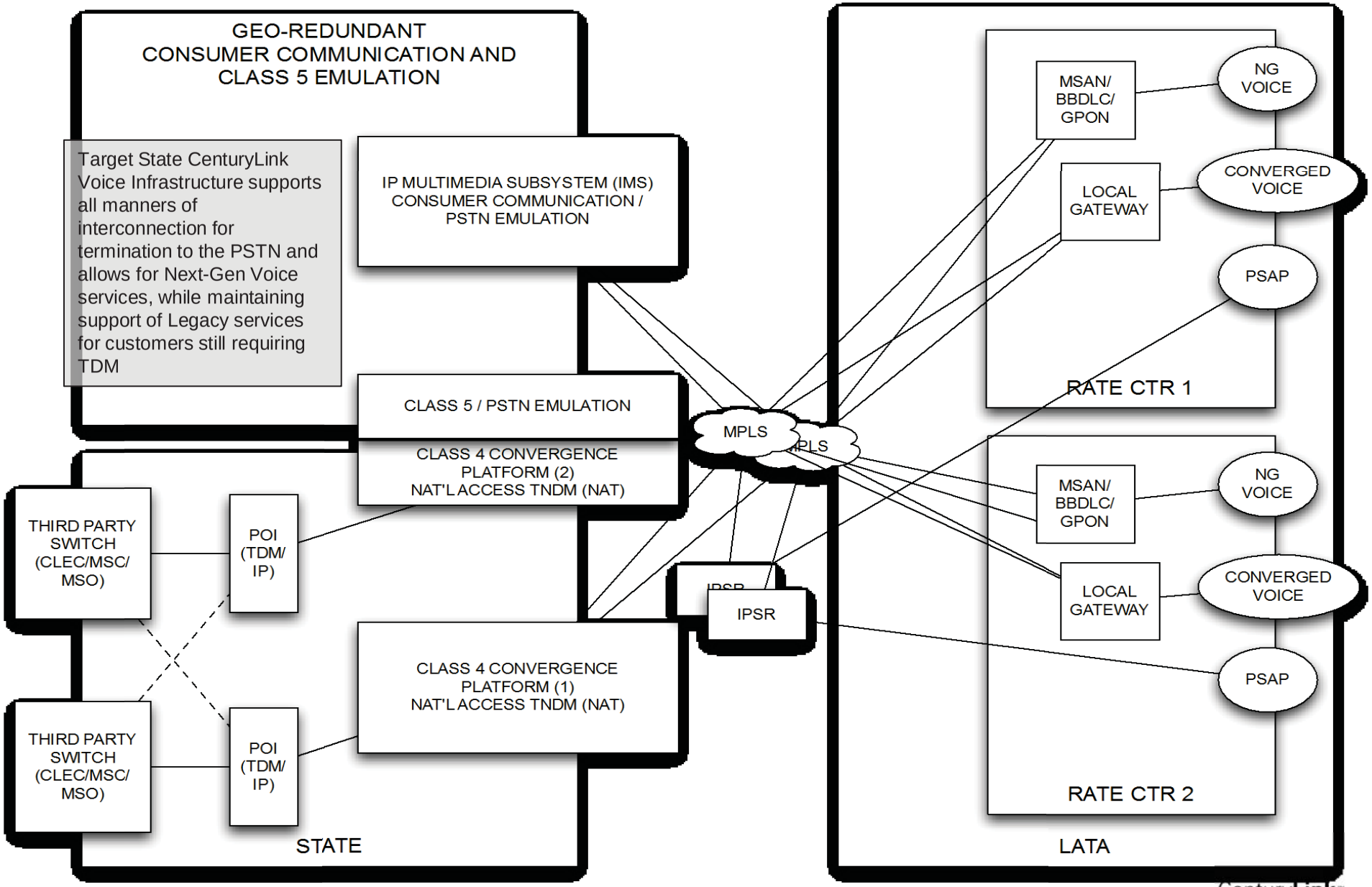
Target State Packet Switched Network



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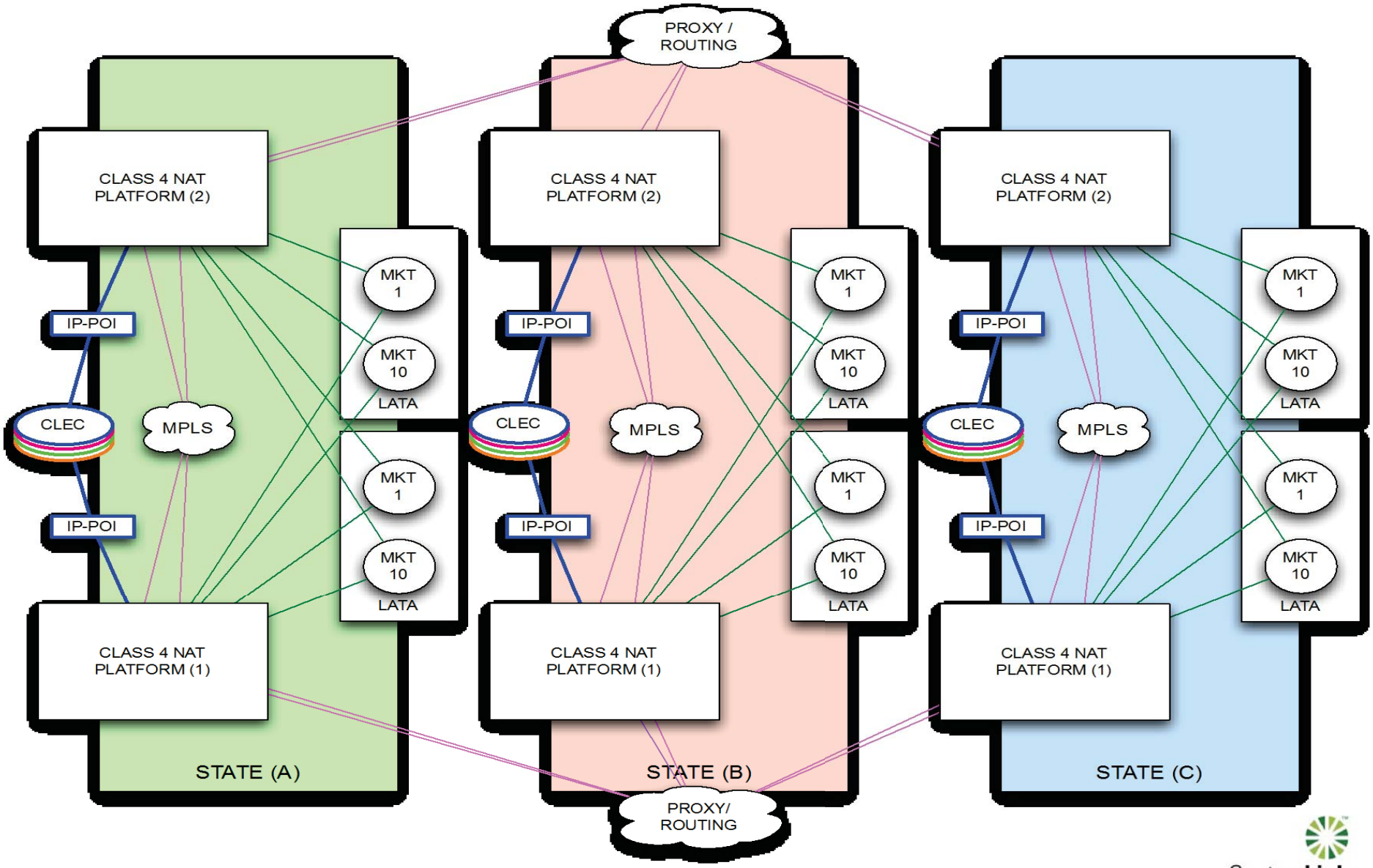
CenturyLink State Level Interconnection



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