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Re: CenturyLink, Inc. and Level 3 Communications, Inc. Consolidated Applications for Consent to the Transfer of Control of Licenses and Authorizations (WC Docket No. 16-403)

Dear Counsel:

By letter dated June 9, 2017, the Wireline Competition Bureau advised you that it was pausing the Commission's informal 180-day clock for review of the above-referenced transaction as of that date. The letter indicated we would restart the clock once the Commission had had an adequate opportunity to complete its review of additional, supplemental materials supplied by the Applicants pursuant to our information requests.

By letter dated Friday, October 6, 2017, Applicants informed the Commission that they have fulfilled their obligations to provide responsive information to the Commission in connection with its requests in this docket, and because most of the supplemental materials had been provided before then, we were able to complete our review of those materials on that date. Accordingly, we are restarting the informal 180-day clock as of Friday, October 6, 2017, making that date Day 170 of the Commission's review.

¹ See Letter from Yaron Dori, Counsel to CenturyLink, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 16-403, at 1 (filed Oct. 6, 2017).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Terri Natoli at (202) 418-2732 or Michael Ray at (202) 418-0357.

Sincerely,

Kris Monteith

Chief

Wireline Competition Bureau