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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW, Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: CenturyLink/Level 3
WC Docket No. 16-403
ITC-T/C-20161212-00344
ITC-T/C-20161213-00345
ITC-T/C-20161212-00346
ITC-T/C-20161212-00347
ITC-T/C-20161212-00348
ITC-T/C-20161213-00343**

**SCL-T/C-20161212-00022
SCL-T/C-20161212-00023
SCL-T/C-20161212-00024
SCL-T/C-20161212-00025**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The U.S. Department of Justice, with the concurrence of the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“collectively, “the Agencies”), requests that the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) defer action on the above-referenced proceedings. The Agencies currently are reviewing these matters for any national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues but have not yet completed that effort. We therefore request that the Commission defer action until such time as the Agencies notify the Commission of the completion of their reviews and, based on the results of such reviews, request appropriate action by the Commission.

The Agencies will advise the Commission promptly upon completion of their review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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