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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON CENTURYLINK, INC.  
PETITION FOR WAIVER OF SECTIONS 51.907 AND 51.915 OF THE COMMISSION'S  
RULES**

**WC Docket No. 15-324**

**Comment Date: January 21, 2016**

**Reply Comment Date: February 5, 2016**

On December 18, 2015, CenturyLink, Inc. (CenturyLink) filed a Petition for Waiver<sup>1</sup> requesting “a waiver, to the extent required, of sections 51.907 and 51.915 of the Commission’s rules to facilitate a *pro forma* internal restructuring plan whereby CenturyLink will undertake to merge some or all of its ILECs in states in which it has multiple ILECs to reduce the number of Study Areas in the state.”<sup>2</sup> CenturyLink states that the waiver is sought “to ensure that the Transitional Access Rates and eligible recovery of its ILECs can be consolidated in each jurisdiction and calculated on the basis of each surviving Study Area in a state.”<sup>3</sup>

Pursuant to section 1.419 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR § 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated above. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. Comments and reply comments may be filed by paper or by using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments and reply comments may be filed electronically via ECFS: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail.
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<sup>1</sup> Petition of CenturyLink, Inc. for Waiver of 47 C.F.R. §§ 51.907 and 51.915, WC Docket No. 15-324 (filed Dec. 18, 2015).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 1.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 4.

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For further information, please contact Robin Cohn, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-2747 or via email at [Robin.Cohn@fcc.gov](mailto:Robin.Cohn@fcc.gov).

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<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 *et seq.*