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NOTICE OF DOMESTIC SECTION 214 AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

WC Docket No. 18-154

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) grants, pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03, the domestic section 214 wireline application (Application) listed in this notice. On May 22, 2018, the Bureau released a public notice requesting comment on the Application.¹ No comments were filed in opposition to a grant of the Application.

The Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that grant of the Application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity and therefore grants the requested authorizations.² Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.103, the consent granted herein is effective upon the release of the Public Notice. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice.

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Acquisition of Certain Assets of CenturyLink, Inc. by FirstDigital Communications, LLC, WC Docket No. 18-154, Public Notice, DA 18-536 (WCB May 22, 2018).

Effective Grant Date: June 22, 2018

¹ CenturyLink, Inc. and FirstDigital Communications, LLC, Joint Application for Consent to Assignment of Assets, WC Docket No. 18-154 (filed May 15, 2018) (Application) (requesting approval for the transfer of certain assets of CenturyLink, Inc. (CenturyLink) located in the Tucson, Arizona Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) that had previously been operated by Level 3 Communications, Inc. (Level 3) prior to CenturyLink's acquisition of Level 3).

² See 47 U.S.C. §214(a); 47 CFR §63.03; see also Applications of Level 3 Communications, Inc. and CenturyLink, Inc. for Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations, WC Docket No. 16-403, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 32 FCC Rcd 9581, 9583, para. 3, 9588-90, paras. 17-18 (2017) (finding that the transfer of control of Level 3 to CenturyLink, subject to certain conditions and the divestiture of Level 3 fiber and other assets in three MSAs as specified in a consent decree between the parties and the U.S. Department of Justice, is in the public interest).

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