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COMMENTS INVITED ON SECTION 214 APPLICATION TO GRANDFATHER DOMESTIC NON-DOMINANT CARRIER TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WC Docket No. 26-220

Comments Due: September 11, 2026

Unless otherwise specified, the following procedures and dates apply to the application(s) (the Section 214 Discontinuance Application(s)) listed in the Appendix.

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau), upon initial review, has found the Section 214 Discontinuance Application(s) listed herein to be acceptable for filing and subject to the procedures set forth in Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules.¹ The application(s) request authority, under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,² and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules,³ to discontinue, reduce, or impair certain domestic telecommunications service(s) (Affected Service(s)) in specified geographic areas (Service Area(s)) as applicable and as fully described in each application.

In accordance with section 63.71(f) of the Commission's rules, the Section 214 Discontinuance Application(s) listed in the Appendix will be deemed granted automatically on **September 27, 2026**, the 31st day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies any applicant(s) that their grant will not be automatically effective.⁴ We note that the date on which an application for Commission authorization is deemed granted may be different from the date on which applicants are authorized to discontinue service ("Authorized Date"). Any applicant whose application has been deemed granted may discontinue their Affected Service(s) in their Service Area(s) on or after the authorized discontinuance date(s) specified in the Appendix, in accordance with their filed representations. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(f), and the terms outlined in each application, absent further Commission action, each applicant may discontinue the Affected Service(s) in the Service

¹ 47 CFR § 63.71.

² 47 U.S.C. § 214.

³ 47 CFR § 63.71.

⁴ See 47 CFR § 63.71(f)(1) (stating, in relevant part, that an application filed by a non-dominant carrier "shall be automatically granted on the 31st day... unless the Commission has notified the applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective."); see also *Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, WC Docket No. 17-84, Order, DA 25-251, para. 6 (WCB Mar. 20, 2025) (granting blanket authority for carriers to grandfather any legacy voice or data service covered by sections 63.71(k)-(l) and waiving the associated requirement to file an application pursuant to the Commission's discontinuance rules) (*Grandfathering Waiver Order*).

Area(s) described in their application on or after the authorized discontinuance date(s) listed in the Appendix for that application. For purposes of computation of time when filing a petition for reconsideration, application for review, or petition for judicial review of the Commission's decision(s), the date of "public notice" shall be the later of the auto grant date stated above in this Public Notice, or the release date(s) of any further public notice(s) or order(s) announcing final Commission action, as applicable. Should no petitions for reconsideration, applications for review, or petitions for judicial review be timely filed, the proceeding(s) listed in this Public Notice shall be terminated, and the docket(s) will be closed.

Comments objecting to the application(s) listed in the Appendix must be filed with the Commission on or before **September 11, 2026**. Comments should refer to the specific WC Docket No. and Comp. Pol. File No. listed in the Appendix for the Section 214 Discontinuance Application. Comments should include specific information about the impact of the proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). *Electronic Filers*: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Web site for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket number.⁵

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 courier, or by the U.S. Postal Service. **All filings must be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.** Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary are accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by the FCC's mailing contractor at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial courier deliveries (any deliveries not by the U.S. Postal Service) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. Filings sent by U.S. Postal Service First-Class Mail, Priority Mail, and Priority Mail Express must be sent to 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

This proceeding(s) shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding(s) in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁶ Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of

⁵ Please note that Commission staff may share filed comments with the applicant(s), along with the commenter's contact information, in order to allow applicant(s) to identify affected customers in the proposed discontinuance area and fully respond.

⁶ 47 CFR § 1.1200 *et seq.*

electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (e.g., .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding(s) should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530.

For further information, please see the contact(s) for the specific discontinuance proceeding you are interested in as listed in the Appendix. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/general/domestic-section-214-discontinuance-service>.

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Appendix

**1) Applicant: CenturyLink Communications, LLC and Level 3 Telecom⁷ (CenturyLink)
WC Docket No. 26-220, Comp. Pol. File No. 2177**

Link – [https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/results?q=\(proceedings.name:\(%2226-220%22\)\)](https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/results?q=(proceedings.name:(%2226-220%22)))

Affected Service(s) – Contact Center Services; Lumen Unified Communications and Collaboration (UC&C) Services; UC&C Solutions and Services for Cisco/WebEx; and UC&C Solutions and Services for Zoom⁸

Service Area(s) – in all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico

Authorized Date(s) – on or after October 1, 2026

Contact(s) – Kimberly Jackson, (202) 418-7393 (voice), Kimberly.Jackson@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau

Note – CenturyLink states that it plans to grandfather the affected service as follows: on or after October 1, 2026, the Affected Services will no longer be available for new orders for new or existing customers and will no longer be available for renewal for existing customers. Current subscribers will continue to be supported until the expiration of the applicable service term pursuant to contract. CenturyLink states that it will only accept move, add, or change orders (MACDs) in limited scenarios (e.g., disconnects, and MACDs required by contract). If affected services are subject to contractual auto-renewal provisions, the Affected Services will terminate at the conclusion of the current service term.

⁷ This Application was filed by the following competitive local exchange carrier subsidiaries of Lumen Technologies, Inc.: CenturyLink Communications, LLC; Level 3 Telecom Data Services, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of Alabama, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of Arizona, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of Arkansas, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of California, LP; Level 3 Telecom of Colorado, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of D.C., LLC; Level 3 Telecom of Florida, LP; Level 3 Telecom of Georgia, LP; Level 3 Telecom of Hawaii, LP; Level 3 Telecom of Idaho, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of Illinois, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of Indiana, LP; Level 3 Telecom of Kansas City, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of Kentucky, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of Louisiana, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of Maryland, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of Minnesota, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of Mississippi, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of Nevada, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of New Jersey, LP; Level 3 Telecom of New Mexico, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of New York, LP; Level 3 Telecom of North Carolina, LP; Level 3 Telecom of Ohio, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of Oklahoma, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of Oregon, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of South Carolina, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of Tennessee, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of Texas, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of Utah, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of Virginia, LLC; Level 3 Telecom of Washington, LLC; and Level 3 Telecom of Wisconsin, LP.

⁸ Only legacy voice and data services that are not covered by 47 CFR § 63.71(k)-(l) are currently subject to the Commission's discontinuance rules for grandfathering services. See *Grandfathering Waiver Order* at para. 6. Accordingly, the applicant states that, although some of the Affected Services listed in the application are covered by the *Grandfathering Waiver Order* and are, therefore, exempt from the Section 63.71 filing requirement, they may be bundled with other services that are not subject to the waiver, therefore CenturyLink has included them in the Application to avoid customer confusion.