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**Re: *CenturyLink Communications, LLC, et al. v. Peerless Network, Inc.*,
Bureau ID No. EB-22-MD-002, Proceeding No. 22-172**

Dear Counsel:

On July 8, 2022, CenturyLink Communications, LLC, as the successor to Qwest Communications Corporation; Level 3 Communications, LLC; WiTel Communications, LLC; and Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc. (collectively, CenturyLink) filed with this Commission a formal complaint against Peerless Network, Inc. (Peerless) under section 208 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), 47 U.S.C. § 208.¹ On July 13, 2022, Enforcement Bureau staff provided notice to all parties of the above-referenced Complaint and the procedural rules and schedule to govern the proceeding.² On July 18, 2022, Counsel for CenturyLink requested that the Bureau extend the date by which it is required to file a reply, from

¹ Formal Complaint of CenturyLink Communications, LLC, as the successor to Qwest Communications Corporation, Level 3 Communications, LLC, WiTel Communications, LLC, and Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc. v. Peerless Network, Inc., Proceeding No. 22-172, Bureau ID EB-22-MD-002 (filed July 8, 2022) (Complaint).

² Letter from Rosemary H. McEnery, Chief, Market Disputes Resolution Division, FCC Enforcement Bureau, to Timothy Boucher and Charles Steese, Counsel for CenturyLink, and Henry T. Kelly, Counsel for Peerless, Proceeding No. 22-172, Bureau ID No. EB-22-MD-002 (dated July 13, 2022).

August 18th until August 24th,³ consistent with the parties' prior agreement to allow CenturyLink sixteen days to respond to Peerless's Answer.⁴ Peerless is in agreement with CenturyLink's request.⁵

In light of the parties' mutual agreement and based upon the specific facts of this proceeding, we grant CenturyLink's request. By August 24, 2022, CenturyLink must file and serve a reply to the answer that complies with 47 CFR § 1.728.

We issue this letter ruling under sections 4(i), 4(j), and 208 of the Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 208, sections 1.3 and 1.720-1.740 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.3, 1.720-1.740, and the authority delegated in sections 0.111 and 0.311 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.111, 0.311.

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³ Email from Charles Steese, Counsel for CenturyLink, to Sonja Rifken, Attorney, Market Disputes Resolution Division, FCC Enforcement Bureau, Proceeding No. 22-172, Bureau ID No. EB-22-MD-002 (July 18, 2022, 16:12 EDT).

⁴ Email from Charles Steese, Counsel for CenturyLink, to Anthony DeLaurentis, Special Counsel, Market Disputes Resolution Division, FCC Enforcement Bureau, Proceeding No. 22-172, Bureau ID No. EB-22-MD-002 (July 8, 2022, 13:05 EDT).

⁵ Email from Henry T. Kelly, Counsel for Peerless, to Sonja Rifken, Attorney, Market Disputes Resolution Division, FCC Enforcement Bureau, Proceeding No. 22-172, Bureau ID No. EB-22-MD-002 (July 19, 2022, 9:47 EDT).