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Via ECFS

August 25, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 17-180, *Section 63.71 Application of CenturyLink, Inc. f/k/a CenturyTel, Inc. For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to Discontinue the Provision of Service*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

CenturyLink submits this letter to amend the Section 63.71 application of CenturyLink, Inc. f/k/a CenturyTel, Inc. filed in the above-referenced docket.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, CenturyLink amends the above-referenced application to remove its Program Audio services.

CenturyLink is filing an amended version of the application for the Commission's convenience. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Craig J. Brown

Enclosure

cc: Kimberly Jackson, FCC (via email)

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<sup>1</sup> The Section 63.71 application, as filed on June 30, 2017, was publicly noticed on July 14, 2017. Public Notice, "Comments Invited on Section 214 Application(s) to Discontinue Domestic Dominant Carrier Telecommunications Services," WC Docket No. 17-180, DA 17-680, Comp. Pol. File No. 1391 (rel. July 14, 2017). Comments were due on Aug. 14, 2017. Three sets of Express Comments show in WC Docket No. 17-180 in ECFS; all three sets of comments are topically relevant to issues in the *Restoring Internet Freedom* docket (WC Docket No. 17-108), are not responsive to the CenturyLink application, and appear to have been inadvertently filed in WC Docket No. 17-180.

Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of	)	
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Section 63.71 Application of	)	WC Docket No. 17-180
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CenturyLink, Inc. f/k/a CenturyTel, Inc.	)	
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For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of	)	
the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,	)	
to Discontinue the Provision of Service	)	

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION (as amended)**

CenturyLink, Inc. f/k/a CenturyTel, Inc.<sup>1</sup> (referred to herein as “CenturyLink”) hereby applies for authority pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission’s (“Commission”) rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, and Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, to discontinue its wholesale interstate Metallic, Telegraph, Narrowband, Wideband Analog, Wideband Digital and Analog Video services (collectively “analog and low-speed data services”) in the legacy CenturyTel territory, which are offered through CenturyLink’s FCC Tariff Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8.<sup>2</sup> CenturyLink requests authority to discontinue these analog and low-speed data services as of September 22, 2017. There are no customers for any of these low-speed analog services.

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<sup>1</sup> CenturyLink, Inc. submits this application on behalf of its legacy CenturyTel subsidiary entities that are incumbent local exchange carriers operating in the states listed in Paragraph 3.

<sup>2</sup> At this time, CenturyLink is not seeking to discontinue the low-speed analog services offered in the legacy Embarq and Qwest Corporation territories through CenturyLink’s FCC Tariff Nos. 9 and 11, respectively, but intends to do so in subsequent filings.

CenturyLink submits the following information in support of its application:

**1. Name and address of carrier**

CenturyLink  
100 CenturyLink Drive  
Monroe, LA 71203

**2. Date of planned service discontinuance**

As of September 22, 2017, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained, CenturyLink will no longer offer these analog and low-speed data services.

**3. Points of geographic areas of service affected**

CenturyLink seeks authority to discontinue the provision of these analog and low-speed data services in Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

**4. Brief description of the type of services affected**

A Metallic channel is an unconditioned two-wire channel arranged to transmit direct current and capable of transmitting low-speed varying signals at rates up to 30 baud. This channel is provided by metallic or equivalent facilities. Metallic channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub or hubs where bridging functions are performed. Metallic Special Access Services are typically used for applications such as alarm, pilot wire protective relaying, and DC tripping protective relaying.

A Telegraph Grade channel is an unconditioned channel capable of transmitting binary signals at rates of 0-75 baud or 0-150 baud. This channel is furnished for half- duplex or duplex operation. Telegraph Grade channels are provided between customer designated premises or

between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub or hubs. Telegraph Grade Special Access Services are typically used for applications such as teletypewriter, telegraph grade control/remote metering, telegraph grade channel, telegraph grade extension, and telegraph grade entrance facilities.

An Analog Video channel is a channel with one-way transmission capability for a standard 525 line/60 field monochrome, or National Television Systems Committee color, video signal and one or two associated 5 or 15 kHz audio signal(s). The associated audio signal(s) may be either diplexed or provided as one or two separate channels. The provision and the bandwidth of the associated audio signal(s) is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer. Video channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub or hubs.

Wideband Analog and Wideband Digital facilities are two-point and are furnished between Customer Designated Locations or between a customer designated location and a Telephone Company designated hub wire center where multiplexing is offered. The three types of Wideband Analog and Wideband Digital facilities are:

- (A) Group band facilities with a bandwidth from 60 kHz to 108 kHz for the transmission of a 12 circuit frequency division multiplexer ("FDM") group.
- (B) Supergroup band facilities with a bandwidth from 312 kHz to 552 kHz for the transmission of a 60 circuit FDM supergroup.
- (C) Mastergroup band facilities with a bandwidth from 564 kHz to 3084 kHz for the transmission of a 600 circuit FDM mastergroup.

CenturyLink is seeking to discontinue these services due to a lack of demand. There has been no demand for these analog and low-speed data services for at least a year and a half.

**5. Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers**

There are no customers for any of these analog and low-speed data services, therefore obviating the need for any customer notice.

**6. Dominance of carrier with respect to the service to be discontinued**

CenturyLink is a dominant carrier with regard to these analog and low-speed data services.

**7. Service**

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a), CenturyLink has mailed a copy of this application to the Governor and public utility commission of each of the affected states identified in Paragraph 3 above as well as to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

CenturyLink

By:



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**DATE:** August 25, 2017

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Marjorie Herlth, do hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing **SECTION 63.71**

**APPLICATION (as amended)** to be:

- 1) Filed with the Secretary of the FCC via ECFS (WC Docket No. 17-180);
- 2) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Governors of the States listed on the attached service list;
- 3) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Public Utility Commissions listed on the attached service list; and
- 4) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.

  
Marjorie Herlth

August 25, 2017

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