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## **WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU GRANTS CONSENT FOR ACQUISITION OF ASSETS OF LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC BY CENTURYTEL FIBER COMPANY II, LLC D/B/A LIGHTCORE**

**WC Docket No. 03-209**

Pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) approves the application of CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC d/b/a LightCore (LightCore) to acquire certain regional, long-haul, wholesale telecommunications network assets and the associated customer base of Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3).<sup>1</sup> No comments or petitions to deny were received in response to the public notice announcing that the application had been accepted for filing.

The Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that the proposed transfer will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity, and therefore grants the requested authorization.<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 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 C.F.R. §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice.

For further information, please contact Tracey Wilson, at (202) 418-1394 or Dennis Johnson, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-0809.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for Acquisition of Assets of Level 3 Communications, LLC by CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC d/b/a LightCore*, WC Docket No. 03-209, Public Notice, DA 03-3155 (rel. Oct. 9, 2003).

<sup>2</sup> See *Joint Applications of Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. and Chorus Communications, Ltd. For Authority to Transfer Control of Commission Licenses and Authorizations Pursuant to Sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act and Parts 22, 63 and 90 of the Commission's Rules*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 15293, 15296-99 (CCB/WTB 2001) (authorizing transfer of control involving an incumbent LEC and in-region provider of local exchange and exchange access services primarily to business customers where overlap was limited and transaction overall resulted in pro-competitive benefits).