## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint Application of	) Application No. 17-03-016 ) (Filed: March 22, 2017)
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Level 3 Communications, LLC (U-5941-C);	)
Level 3 Telecom of California, LP (U-5358-C);	)
WilTel Communications, LLC (U-6146-C);	)
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For Approval of Transfer of Control of the	<u> </u>
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THE OFFICE OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES, THE UTILITY REFORM NETWORK, THE GREENLINING INSTITUTE, AND THE JOINT APPLICANTS' MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS UNDER SEAL (EXHIBIT B)

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Pursuant to Rule 11.4 of this Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and D.16-08-024, (a) Broadwing Communications, LLC (U-5525-C), Global Crossing Local Services, Inc. (U-5685-C), Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc. (U-5005-C), IP Networks, Inc. (U-6362-C), Level 3 Communications, LLC (U-5941-C), Level 3 Telecom of California, LP (U-5358-C), and WilTel Communications, LLC (U-6146-C) (collectively the "Level 3 Operating Entities"); CenturyLink, Inc., the post-merger ultimate parent of the Level 3 Operating Companies; and Level 3 Communications, Inc., the current ultimate parent of the Level 3 Operating Entities (all

applicants collectively referred to as the "Joint Applicants"), and (b) the Office of Ratepayers Advocates ("ORA"), The Utility Reform Network ("TURN") and the Greenlining Institute ("Greenlining") (collectively referred to as the "Consumer Advocates"), respectfully submit this Motion for Leave to File Under Seal Confidential Exhibit B attached to their Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement filed with the Commission on this same date.

The designated information contained in this Confidential Exhibit B (the "Confidential Exhibit") includes confidential, competitively-sensitive information provided to the Consumer Advocates during the course of this proceeding regarding, among other things, the Joint Applicants' networks, infrastructure, facilities' costs, outage information, on-net building counts, fiber miles and capital expenditures in California, and national expectations of synergies that will occur after the consummation of the transaction. This information is not otherwise publicly available and contains information which, if disclosed, could place the Joint Applicants at an unfair business disadvantage. In addition, the Joint Applicants note that certain information regarding their networks constitutes (a) trade secrets and is otherwise protected by Evidence Code Section 1061 et seq. and (b) information about critical infrastructure and is protected from disclosure pursuant to state and federal law including but not limited to 6 U.S.C § 133 and Cal. Gov't Code §§ 6250 et seq. Moreover, all such information was provided in the context of settlement discussions and thus is protected by Commission Rule 12.6.

Accordingly, the Confidential Exhibit is appropriately designated as confidential under, among other provisions, Commission Rule 12.2, General Order 66-C, (Section 2.2(b)), Evidence

Code Section 1061, and 6 U.S.C § 133 and Cal. Gov't Code §§ 6250 et seq. and should not be disclosed pursuant to the General Order and Public Utilities Code §583.

The Joint Applicants and the Consumer Advocates submit that sufficient good cause exists for the Commission to apply the protective mechanisms set forth in the Commission's Rules, GO 66-C and D. 16-08-024 to the Exhibit identified in this Motion. Therefore, the Joint Applicants and Consumer Advocates request that the Commission enter an order protecting this confidential information from public disclosure. This information has been designated and marked as confidential and has been filed under seal as an attachment to this motion pending a Commission ruling on this request.

In addition to the confidential version attached to this Motion, the Joint Applicants and Consumer Advocates have prepared a public version of the Motion from which all confidential information has been redacted. The Joint Applicants and Consumer Advocates have also filed the public version with the Commission and will serve it on the appropriate service list.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the Joint Applicants and Consumer Advocates respectfully request that the Commission grant this Motion to place the Confidential Exhibit under seal and otherwise enter an order protecting it from public disclosure. A proposed order is attached to this motion.

Signed and dated this 30th day of June, 2017. Respectfully submitted,

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