

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CENTURYLINK, INC.

and

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-02028-KBJ

STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS Plaintiff United States of America filed a Petition for an Order to Show Cause Why Defendant CenturyLink, Inc. Should Not Be Found in Civil Contempt (“Petition to Show Cause”) on September 2, 2021;

AND WHEREAS Plaintiff United States and Defendant CenturyLink n/k/a Lumen Technologies, Inc. (“CenturyLink”) have agreed upon a resolution of this matter without any admission or determination of wrongdoing by CenturyLink and without any findings or adjudication with respect to any issue of fact or law;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the undersigned parties that:

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and each of the parties to this action.

2. The parties hereby consent to the Court's entry of the proposed Settlement Agreement and Order in the form attached to this Stipulation, and without further notice to any party or any proceeding.
3. Entry of the proposed Settlement Agreement and Order will discharge and resolve any and all claims of the United States against CenturyLink arising out of CenturyLink's alleged violations of Paragraph IV(L)(2) of the Amended Final Judgment, as described in the Petition to Show Cause.
4. Neither this Stipulation nor the proposed Settlement Agreement and Order shall be construed to preclude the United States from bringing an action against CenturyLink for any violation of the Amended Final Judgment other than the alleged violations described in Paragraph 3, above.
5. In the event the United States withdraws its consent, or if the Settlement Agreement and Order is not entered pursuant to this Stipulation, this Stipulation shall be of no effect whatever, the making of it shall be without prejudice to any party in this or any other proceeding, and it shall not thereafter be used in this or any other action, or for any other purpose.

Dated: September 2, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

PLAINTIFF UNITED STATES:

DEFENDANT CENTURYLINK, INC:

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