



2017 Winter Convention Grand Mound, WA

RESOLUTION #17 - 15

“COMMENTS ON THE CENTURYLINK AND LEVEL 3 MERGER”

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties, Executive Orders, and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise to promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and tribes in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of the ATNI; and

WHEREAS, the CenturyLink and Level 3 have proposed a merger to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC); now

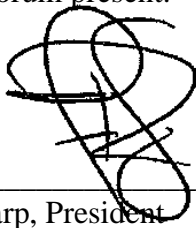
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby submit comments on behalf of its member tribes that support continued Tribal Engagement, better access to broadband

services, that funding be allocated to the continued expansion of broadband under the Connect America Fund II funding allocation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI and its member Tribes submit comments to the FCC regarding the CenturyLink merger with Level 3.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2017 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, Washington January 23 – 26, 2017, with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary