

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Application of)

Level 3 Communications, LLC)

For Approval of Merger)
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Case No. TM-2008-0203

FIFTH STATUS REPORT

Level 3 Communications, LLC, in response to the Commission's *Order Directing Level 3 Communications, L.L.C. to file a Status Report* of March 24, 2008 and its *Order Modifying the Schedule for Level 3 Communications, L.L.C. to file Status Reports* of July 9, 2008, states as follows:

This merger is a multi-state transaction requiring approval of numerous regulatory bodies and involving ancillary matters which must be coordinated and completed before the merger can be closed. Level 3 continues to do everything within its power to complete the merger as soon as possible. Although the necessary steps continue to progress, the merger transaction has not yet been completed.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been served electronically on the General Counsel's Office and the Office of the Public Counsel this 1st day of August 2008.

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